



## City of North Port

### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE VETERANS PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE NEW VETERANS PARK AT THE NORTH PORT CITY CENTER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission for the City of North Port, Florida desires to plan and develop a new Veterans Parks on the grounds of the North Port City Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission values the input of veterans and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.06 of the City Charter authorizes the City Commission to appoint advisory committees comprised of citizens qualified to act in an advisory capacity to the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to establish an ad hoc Veterans Park Advisory Committee to collaborate with Veterans organizations and the public to make recommendations about planning and developing the new Veterans Park; and

**WHEREAS**, unless a committee's enabling legislation directs otherwise, Chapter 4, Article I of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida ("City Code") provides for the general makeup and construction of committees, provides for the appointment, qualifications, and terms for membership, and establishes the rules, procedures, and decorum for committee meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code Section 4-3(h) allows an advisory board member to also serve on an ad hoc committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that this resolution serves the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:**

#### **SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS**

1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

## **SECTION 2 – CREATION OF VETERANS PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- 2.01 Pursuant to City Code Chapter 4, Article I, the City Commission hereby establishes the Veterans Park Advisory Committee.
- 2.02 Unless otherwise contained herein, all provisions of City Code Chapter 4, Article I shall govern the Veterans Park Advisory Committee and its proceedings.

## **SECTION 3 – MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.01 The Veterans Park Advisory Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven regular members appointed by the City Commission pursuant to the requirements of City Code Chapter 4, Article I, and representing the following categories:
  - A. Four members from any branch of the United States Armed Services, veteran, or active duty military, with a preference for members coming from the four veterans groups located in the City of North Port;
  - B. Two members of the public at large, with a preference for a youth member, and two alternate members; and
  - C. One member who also sits on the North Port Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

## **SECTION 4 – POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 4.01 The City Commission tasks the Veterans Park Advisory Committee with making recommendations regarding the planning and development of a new Veterans Park at the North Port City Center, at the location identified on the map attached as Exhibit "A."
- 4.02 The Veterans Park Advisory Committee shall, within one year of its first meeting, provide the City Commission with the following recommendations:
  - A. A proposed name and general concept for the design for the Veterans Park and desired amenities. This proposal shall include recommendations from community members and stakeholders;
  - B. Possible funding, sponsorship, and grant opportunities, including recommendations from community members and stakeholders;
  - C. American with Disabilities (ADA) considerations for accessibility, shade, lighting, and other concerns;
  - D. Proposed educational, historical, and cultural opportunities;
  - E. Other ideas for design and monuments within the Veterans Park; and
  - F. Other recommendations related to Veterans Park as the City Commission may direct from time to time.

4.03 The Veterans Park Advisory Committee shall provide input and other recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Department related to initiatives to obtain funding, sponsorships, and donations for the Veterans Park's planning, design, and construction.

**SECTION 5 – REPEAL**

5.01 Unless repealed sooner, this resolution shall be repealed automatically following completion and dedication of the new Veterans Park.

**SECTION 6 – CONFLICTS**

6.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution, in whole or in part, the provisions of this resolution will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 7 – SEVERABILITY**

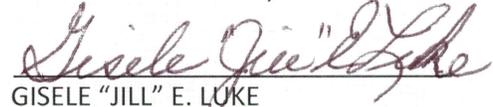
7.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the resolution.

**SECTION 8 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

8.01 This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on March 23, 2021.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA



GISELE "JILL" E. LUKE  
MAYOR

ATTEST



HEATHER TAYLOR, CMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS



AMBER L. SLAYTON  
CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibit "A"

City Hall

