



**Parks and
Recreation
Advisory Board**

**FY 2021 - 22
Annual Report**



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Per Applicable Ordinances, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board works with the City of North Port Parks & Recreation Department in supporting their Vision and Mission by:

- Making recommendations to the City Commission regarding public recreation facilities, programs and future projects.
- Exploring various sources of grant funding available for recreational programs/facilities.
- Supporting and promoting opportunities for play and play spaces in the community.
- Being ambassadors in the communication of ideas and projects to the public, and supporting the plans and desires of the City Commission

FY 2021 -22 Projects and Initiatives

Continued support of the accreditation efforts through the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

Efforts for increased awareness of parks, facilities and events through social media and outreach efforts.

Evaluation of vacant properties and consideration for proposed park improvements and an additional off leash dog park.

Promote and support the Parks & Recreation Scholarship Program, Adopt-A-Park Program and Sponsorship opportunities

Evaluate additional opportunities to increase revenue and decrease expenses.

Remain informed, involved and offer diverse perspective on Parks & Recreation programs, projects and initiatives.

FY 2021 -22 Events and Activities

Bunny Scramble Volunteers

Freedom Fireworks Volunteers

Poinsettia Parade and Festival Volunteers

Evaluated and proposed ideas on an additional dog park and potential expansion of the existing Canine Club

Evaluated and provided recommendations on weather alert systems for the North Port Aquatic Center

Evaluated and provided recommendations on the Community Interest Survey

FY 2022 -23 Goals

- Support Community of Unity efforts and programming.
- Support programming and efforts to increase water safety education and drowning prevention.
- Evaluate additional opportunities to increase revenue and decrease expenses.
- Promote health and wellness initiatives and opportunities for the community.
- Explore grant opportunities in support of projects and initiatives.
- Remain informed, involved and offer diverse perspective on Parks & Recreation programs, projects and initiatives.
- Evaluate potential locations and amenities for a proposed additional off leash dog park.

FY 2022 – 23 Considerations

- Evaluation of the adopted Master Plan goals, existing park land and National Recreation and Park Association standards to ensure North Port Parks & Recreation has offerings in line with national standards.
- Support the efforts of Ad Hoc Committee for the new Armed Forces Memorial Park.
- Evaluation and input on prioritizing improvements that provide inclusive activities and reduce ADA barriers within parks.
- Opportunity for involvement in discussions to provide input regarding the development of a possible regional park on land conveyed from the Wellen Park.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will provide support for additional connections from North Port to the Legacy Trail Connection extension.



Questions?

