



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, January 15, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Jackomin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Patel and Vice Chair Chavis

Also Present

Assistant City Attorney Coughlin, Police Traffic Officer Maki, Staff Liaison Sturgess, and Board Specialist Lindner.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [26-0278](#) Approve the December 18, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes.

Chair Jackomin announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Board Member Chavis, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Gray, Board Member Patel and Vice Chair Chavis

6. Presentations

- A. [26-0223](#) Presentation of Sunshine Law Training (Presented by the Office of the City of Attorney)

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Coughlin provided a presentation including public meetings definitions, open meeting requirements, penalties for violations and examples, public records definitions, email and text messages, public record requests, retention, penalty examples, Florida Commission on Ethics, prohibited conduct and relationships, voting conflicts of interest, relatives,

penalties, meeting procedures, quorums and motions, alternate members, and requesting information that is not a public record.

There was no discussion.

B. [26-0320](#)

Presentation by North Port Police Department Traffic Regarding E-bikes

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced and spoke to the item.

Mr. Maki and Ms. Sturgess provided a presentation including electric bicycle (e-bike) and motorized scooter classifications and regulations, rights and duties, usage, State Parks and board-managed trails, e-bike policy, signage concepts, restricted speeds, municipal and Sarasota County park ordinance examples, and the Florida municipal ordinance process.

Discussion took place regarding enforcement, State Statutes, Legacy Trail, Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park Preserve Trail, and City Center Green safety concerns, parental discipline and education, enforcement, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) classification comparisons, and registration requirements.

Chair Jackomin requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Board Member File, to recommend to Commission to pursue park signage to enforce speed limits and restricted areas on a short-term basis followed by the pursuit of an ordinance that regulates the use of e-bikes and scooters within parks in the City of North Port.

Public Comment:

Kevin Wallace: Spoke to the need for speed limitation signage in parks.

Discussion continued regarding park signage speed limitations.

A motion to amend was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Chair Jackomin, to include restricted use in specific Environmental Park areas. The motion to amend carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Gray, Board Member Patel and Vice Chair Chavis

The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Gray, Board Member Patel and Vice Chair Chavis

Discussion continued regarding civilian safety concerns in park areas.

7. New Business

A. [25-2977](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Jackomin announced the item and called for nominations for Chair.

Chair Jackomin nominated Board Member Chavis to serve as Chair.

Board Member Chavis declined due to other commitments.

Chair Jackomin asked for any additional nominations.

Board Member Patel nominated Vice Chair Morgan to serve as Chair.

With no additional nominations, Chair Jackomin closed the nominations and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Patel, seconded by Chair Jackomin, to elect Vice Chair Morgan as Chair. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Gray, Board Member Patel and Vice Chair Chavis

Discussion took place regarding Board term rules and regulations.

Chair Jackomin called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Chair Jackomin nominated Board Member Chavis to serve as Vice Chair.

Chair Jackomin asked for any additional nominations.

With no additional nominations, Chair Jackomin closed the nominations and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Chair Jackomin, seconded by Board Member File, to elect Board Member Chavis as Vice Chair. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Gray, Board Member Patel and Vice Chair Chavis

8. Updates

A. [26-0283](#) Review and Discussion of Recent and Upcoming Parks & Recreation Department Events

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and spoke to Swim with Santa, Warm Mineral Springs budget, North Port Aquatics Center impact report, Holiday Parade and Marketplace, Dallas White Park, Boca Chica equipment progress and future ribbon cutting, and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan approval.

B. [26-0284](#) Review and Discussion of Parks & Recreation Department Agenda Items for Recent and Upcoming City Commission Meetings

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and spoke to Rock Run N Roll, Movies on the Green, and Woofstock.

Discussion took place regarding Drug-Free Youth Program (D-Fy) drug re-testing and teen room planning, North Port University, and Wellen Park and Winchester Ranch annex classifications and potential event partnerships.

C. [26-0321](#) Review and Possible Direction Regarding the Dallas White Park Boat Ramp Options

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and spoke to Warm Mineral Springs Park construction assessment, City-wide sponsorship policy changes, Freedom Festival cost concerns, and Red Cross training.

There was no discussion.

9. Future Agenda Items

Chair Jackomin announced the item and queried Board Members regarding items to be placed on a future agenda.

Discussion took place regarding bounce house event sponsorships, City-wide fee ordinances, City Attorney request timelines, Parks and Recreation revenue and general fund clarifications for City events, annual needs survey results, budget amendment funding, capital development, and impact fee use and growth.

A motion was made by Board Member Patel, seconded by Board Member Gray, to ask for the data set of fees regarding the Poinsettia Parade once it becomes available. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Gray, Board Member Patel and Vice Chair Chavis

No: 1 - Board Member Jackomin

Discussion continued regarding advertisement and bid clarifications.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Jackomin adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

By: _____
Joan Morgan, Chair