



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Thursday, November 21, 2019

6:30 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 5 - Chair Robin Short, Board Member James Scheidel, Board Member Gail Stevens, Board Member Cheryl Williamson, and Board Member Macy Thull

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Grayce Oney

### Also Present;

Staff Liaison Tricia Wisner, Assistant Director Of Parks & Recreation, Ed Exner, Sarasota County Liaison and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

### 3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [19-1361](#) Approval of Minutes for the October 17, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

*A motion was made by Board Member Coble, seconded by Board Member Williamson to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

### 6. Updates

- A. [19-0158](#) Ed Exner: Sarasota County Athletics Updates

Mr. Exner provided the Sarasota County Athletics maintenance updates including George Mullen Activity Center, Dallas White Park, Butler Park, and Narramore Sports Complex.

Discussion ensued regarding Little League fees.

- B. [19-0159](#) Tricia Wisner: City of North Port Parks & Recreation Program and Activity Recap

Ms. Wisner provided the North Port program and activities updates including the Neighborhood Yard Sale, Sweetheart Ball, Newcomers Day, Arts on the Green,

Gingerbread House contest, Poinsettia Parade and Festival, Swim with Santa, and Rock and Run 5K run.

C. [19-0161](#) Tricia Wisner: Parks & Recreation Capital Projects

Ms. Wisner provided the Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Projects updates including Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway Trail, Spring Haven Land Acquisition, Canal & Creek Blueways, Boundless Playground, Myakkahatchee Creek Disk Golf Course, Environmental Park improvements, North Port Aquatic Center, Warm Mineral Springs Master Plan, Atwater Park Phase IV, Garden of Five Senses walking trail, Butler Park playground and field improvements, Blue Ridge Park improvements, George Mullen Activity Center sound improvements, and Marina Park improvements.

## 7. New Business

A. [19-1305](#) Elect Vice Chair

Nominations were opened with Ms. Williamson nominating Ms. Coble. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

***A motion was made by Board Member Williamson, seconded by Board Member Stevens to elect Board Member Coble as the Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

B. [19-1391](#) Discussion Regarding the Proposed Legacy Trail Extension Connector Bridge at Price Blvd. and Deer Prairie Creek

Ms. Wisner provided an overview and ariel map of the area for the proposed Legacy Trail-Deer Prairie Creek Preserve/Schewe Ranch connectivity and funding opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding funding opportunities for the connector bridge, projected allocation for a bridge connection, projected usage of a bike trail, and approved referendum for the Legacy Trail.

***A motion was made by Board Member Williamson, seconded by Vice Chair Coble to send to the City Commission the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board's support for the grant funding for the Legacy Trail Extension Connector Bridge. The motion carried by voice vote five to one (5-1) with Board Member Scheidel dissenting.***

C. [19-0163](#) Tricia Wisner: Upcoming Parks & Recreation Volunteer Opportunities

Ms. Wisner provided volunteer opportunities including Poinsettia Parade and Festival, and the Rock & Run 5K Run.

D. [19-1306](#) Review Social Media Metrics

Ms. Wisner distributed and reviewed the North Port Parks & Recreation social media metrics for October 23, 2019 through October 29, 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding promoting the Parks & Recreation webpage, and providing ideas for the webpage.

E. [19-1307](#) Review Report on North Port Aquatic Center Admissions and Revenue

Public Comment:  
Jeffrey Scott - North Port Aquatic Center

Ms. Wisner provided a review and update on the Aquatic Center including revenue and economic opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding the concessions, hours of operation, acceptable swim ware, number of attendees, future North Port growth, and Aquatic Center revenues.

**F. [19-1308](#) Review Recap of Trick or Treat at City Hall**

Ms. Wisner provided an update on Trick or Treat at City Hall.

Discussion ensued regarding employee volunteer time and sponsorship support.

**G. [19-1309](#) Discuss Planning for Upcoming Poinsettia Parade and Festival**

Ms. Wisner provided a map depicting the route for the Poinsettia Parade and planned events.

Discussion ensued regarding sponsorship, vendors, gingerbread house contest, and road closures.

**H. [19-1340](#) Select a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to serve as a Poinsettia parade judge on December 7, 2019**

Chair Short requested volunteers to judge the Poinsettia Parade.

Discussion ensued regarding the theme of the parade.

Vice Chair Coble volunteered to judge the parade.

**I. [19-0162](#) Tricia Wisner: Parks & Recreation Items Scheduled at City Commission Meetings**

Ms. Wisner noted that there were no responses for the Letter of Interest for the Dallas White Park improvements and will go before the Commission for further direction along with the American Red Cross Training and the Warm Mineral Springs Master Plan.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

Future Agenda items include Capital Improvements Updates, Recap of Poinsettia Parade and Festival, Aquatic Thanksgiving event update, recap of Commission presentations, approval of the 2020 schedule, and discussion regarding developing a cultural event.

Chair Short provided an update on the Sarasota Parks Advisory and Recreation Council meeting noting that the next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2020.

**9. Public Comment**

Public comment:  
Jeffrey Scott - North Port Aquatic Center.

Discussion ensued regarding process of Board members commenting to those providing public comment.

**10. Adjournment**

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

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Robin Short, Chair

Minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.