



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, April 18, 2024

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

- Present** 9 - Board Member Thomas, Board Member Gray, Chair Jameson, Vice Chair Jackomin, Board Member Morgan, Alternate I Spisak, Board Member Murphy, Board Member Gray and Board Member Stevens
- Absent** 1 - Board Member Rosa

Also Present:

Staff Liaison Trish Sturgess and Assistant City Clerk Matthew Powell

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. [24-0534](#) Approval of the March 21, 2024 Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jackomin, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. New Business

- A. [24-0561](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Items to Present at the Sarasota County Parks Advisory and Recreation Council

Chair Jameson announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding no items to present.

- B. [24-0572](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Joint Meeting with the Environmental Advisory Board

Chair Jameson announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to memorandum submission process and potential meeting timeline.

Discussion took place regarding meeting timeline, procedure, and collaboration goals.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jackomin, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to conduct a joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Board during the June 3, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

Discussion continued regarding topics, scheduling conflicts, attendance, and providing public comment at the May 6, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. [24-0573](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Purchase of Kirk Park Adjacent Property

Chair Jameson announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess provided a presentation including property map, location, parcel identification, and purchasing options.

Discussion took place regarding Sarasota County involvement, parking usage, and acquisition potential.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jackomin, seconded by Board Member Morgan, to recommend adding the two properties on Porto Bello Avenue adjacent to Kirk Park to the Sarasota County property acquisition list and to continue to pursue the properties regardless if it is defined as one or two properties in the geographic information system (GIS) Map. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Updates

A. [23-1495](#)

Review and Discussion of Parks & Recreation Department Agenda Items for Recent and Upcoming City Commission Meetings

Chair Jameson announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to park acquisition, surtax usage, park impact fees, and community needs.

B. [24-0552](#)

Review and Discussion of Recent and Upcoming Parks & Recreation Department Events

Chair Jameson announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to recent and upcoming events.

Discussion took place regarding event attendance.

C. [24-0562](#)

Review and Discussion of Parks & Recreation Social Media Performance Reports for October 2023 through March 2024

Chair Jameson announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to social media metrics and participation.

8. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include topics for the joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Board and potential property acquisition recommendations.

Discussion took place regarding Commission role in parkland acquisition, splash pad implementation, and Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Jameson adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

By: _____
Celeste Jameson, Chair