



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, March 17, 2022

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Scheidel, Vice Chair Everett, Board Member Beaver, Board Member Murphy, Board Member Stevens and Board Member Thomas

Absent 2 - Board Member Hersh and Board Member Parsotan

Also Present

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Tricia Wisner and Recording Secretary Amanda Baker

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

Ms. Wisner introduced Board Member Thomas.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

[22-2406](#)

Approval of Minutes for the February 17, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair Everett, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Scheidel, Vice Chair Everett, Board Member Beaver, Board Member Murphy, Board Member Stevens and Board Member Thomas

Absent: 2 - Board Member Hersh and Board Member Parsotan

6. Unfinished Business

[22-2086](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Updates to the Existing Canine Club as per Capital Improvement Project

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the letter from the Jockey Club opposing the expansion.

Discussion took place regarding the Jockey Club voting procedure.

Ms. Wisner continued regarding signage at the dog park pertaining to pea gravel, replacing sand, relocating the entryway and large dog side, and gate modifications.

[22-2216](#)

Discussion Regarding Recent Items at the City Commission Meetings

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the March 8, 2022 Commission discussions regarding the Aquatic Center agenda item being continued and developing the remaining 60 acres of Warm Mineral Springs.

[22-2218](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Annual Report to Commission.

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to updating the annual report and board member photos.

Discussion took place regarding striking the seventh page from the report, considerations for goals, board presentation taking place on April 26, 2022, and the Bunny Scramble.

[22-2244](#)

Discussion and Possible Nomination of a Member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Act as a Liaison Member on the Veteran's Park Advisory Committee.

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding Committee meeting time and board members' schedules.

Vice Chair Everett nominated Chair Scheidel to reapply for the liaison position on the Veterans Park Advisory Committee.

The nomination of Chair Scheidel to serve as the liaison member on the Veterans Park Advisory Committee carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Scheidel, Vice Chair Everett, Board Member Murphy, Board Member Stevens and Board Member Thomas

No: 1 - Board Member Beaver

Absent: 2 - Board Member Hersh and Board Member Parsotan

7. New Business

[22-2335](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Current Status and Planned Renovation of Warm Mineral Springs Park

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding the buildings' history, placing Warm Mineral Springs and its buildings on the historic register, renovating the main buildings, current bid package, determining a contractor to renovate the cyclorama, current interior of the cyclorama,

archeological artifacts found in the area, replumbing the main building, renovating the parking lot, installing a connector path from Legacy Trail to Warm Mineral Springs, future connectivity for Legacy Trail through Charlotte County, installing a multimodal path through Deer Prairie Creek, discussion from the March 8, 2022 Commission meeting, possible plans to expand Ortiz Boulevard to accommodate for pedestrian and future traffic, Warm Mineral Springs hotel fire, staffing the park, revenue, Board ideas for the area, renovations being presented to Commission in phases, distributing requests for Letters of Interest (LOI) for community feedback for park ideas, access points into Warm Mineral Springs, and continuing the agenda item to a future meeting.

There was consensus to add the following ideas to the Warm Mineral Springs renovation project:

- 1. Work with Sarasota County to prioritize Ortiz Boulevard to be pedestrian-friendly***
- 2. Potential tram tour throughout Warm Mineral Springs***
- 3. Install an arboretum***
- 4. Create a 50's-style spa***
- 5. Renovate the Fountain of Youth***
- 6. Research Ortiz Boulevard to determine if it is zoned for residential and commercial use***
- 7. Consider having staff run the facility***

Discussion took place regarding making Warm Mineral Springs a destination and the City's identity in the community.

[22-2336](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Location for Woofstock in 2023.

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding using the Dallas White Park softball field, current Public-Private Partnership (P3) with Colliers International, continuing the item to be discussed after the P3 is established, and available venues other than Dallas White Park.

There was consensus to continue Item No. 22-2336 to a future meeting.

Discussion continued regarding the current partnership with Colliers International regarding revamping Dallas White Park and renovating Sabal Trace golf course.

8. Updates

[21-1946](#)

Tricia Wisner: Update Regarding Upcoming Events

Ms. Wisner provided an update on admission at the Aquatic Center, Bingle: Family Game Night at the Mullen Center, Community Yard Sale, Craft Fair, Movie on the Green, Rockin' Run and Roll 5K, Flashlight Egg Hunt, Egnormous Egg Hunt, Doggone Egg Hunt, and Parks and Recreation Day.

[22-2332](#)

Board Member Hersh: Update Regarding the March 2022 Parks and Recreation Council (PARC) Meeting

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding continuing the item.

There was consensus to continue this item to the next available meeting.

[22-2333](#)

Tricia Wisner: Review of Parks & Recreation's Social Media Metrics for February 2022.

Ms. Wisner provided an update on the Clydesdales at Cool Today Park, outreach and engagement progress, volunteer drone, and other methods to increase community interest including blast text messaging.

[22-2334](#)

Tricia Wisner: Review of Parks & Recreation's Monthly Report for February 2022.

Ms. Wisner provided an update on Warm Mineral Springs attendance, in-person summer camp registration sellout, and increasing admission for Aquatic Center.

9. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include continuing Item Nos. 22-2335 and 22-2332, and providing an update regarding Chair Scheidel being appointed as the Veterans Park Advisory Committee liaison member.

Discussion took place regarding an easterly dog park being in the out-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP), potential parcels for more off-leash dog parks, and the Community Interest Survey recap.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Scheidel adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

By: _____
James Scheidel, Chair

These minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 20__.