



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Thursday, April 20, 2023

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Chair Everett, Vice Chair Murphy, Board Member Stevens, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Rosa, Board Member Gray and Board Member Jameson

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Bazan

### Also Present:

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Trish Sturgess and Recording Secretary 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. [23-0675](#) Approval of Minutes for the March 16, 2023 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

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

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Everett, Vice Chair Murphy, Board Member Stevens, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Rosa, Board Member Gray and Board Member Jameson

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Bazan

### 6. New Business

- A. [23-0645](#) Discussion on Potential Areas of Interest for Native Planting

Chair Everett announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess provided a presentation including list of all parks, locations, amenities, staff recommendations, aerial view, type of plantings, and requirements for maintenance, mowing, and budgeting.

Discussion took place regarding visits to LeBrea Park and Hope Park, Hurricane Ian damages, current and potential future signage, park size and location, native trees and plantings, areas and landmarks of interest, community presence, budget and funding requirements, purpose relating to inspiring community, gopher tortoise plantings, Marius Park, North Port High School (NPHS) current park maintenance, the Environmental Conservancy of North Port Inc. and Allamanda Garden Club potential involvement, signage designations for volunteer groups, and Ordinance requirements relating to signage.

Board Member Bazan arrived to the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding possible donors and donation process requirements, park selection, task delegation, requirements for presenting to Commission, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) resources, potential plantings area, and goals.

***There was consensus to focus on Hope Park.***

Discussion continued regarding gopher tortoise signage, designating roles and tasks, volunteer age requirements, and potential grants and funding.

## 7. Updates

- A. [23-0646](#) Update on date of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report Presentation to City Commission

Chair Everett announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess provided the date of the presentation.

Discussion took place regarding time limit, presentation medium, attendance requirements, Board vacancies, and identifying conflicts of interest.

- B. [22-2772](#) Review and discussion of Parks & Recreation Department agenda items for recent and upcoming City Commission meetings

Chair Everett announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to the Warm Mineral Springs (WMS) fee adjustment.

- C. [22-3445](#) Review and discussion of recent and upcoming Parks & Recreation Department events

Chair Everett announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to recent and upcoming events.

## 8. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda Items include discussion regarding possible addition of a wind phone to a City park.

## 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**10. Adjournment**

Chair Everett adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Everett, Chair

These minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.