



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Thursday, July 18, 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** 7 - Chair Robin Short, Vice-Chair Melina Frederick, Board Member Maureen Coble, Board Member James Scheidel, Board Member Gail Stevens, Board Member Cheryl Williamson, and Board Member Grayce Oney

### Also Present

Jonathan Wheatley, Recreation Supervisor, 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. [19-0735](#) Minutes of the June 20, 2019 Meeting

*A motion was made by Board Member Williamson, seconded by Board Member Stevens to approve the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board June 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

### 6. New Business

A. [19-0770](#) Discussion regarding potential parkland

Mr. Wheatley distributed and reviewed a map of City owned parcels, suggested that Members review the map for discussion regarding future park locations and agreed to provide Members the zoning definitions as reflected on the map.

*A motion was made by Board Member Stevens, seconded by Board Member Coble to request Members review the land usage map for discussion at a future meeting for possible additional park land locations. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

### 7. Updates

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

Mr. Exner announced that the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championship will be held at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota from July 24 - July 28, 2019 and provided maintenance updates at Awater Park, George Mullen Activity Center, Dallas White Park, Butler Park and Narramore Sports Complex, and read a letter from the President of the North Port Little League acknowledging the maintenance efforts and accommodations at Atwater Park.

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

Mr. Wheatley provided updates including "Rec-On-Wheels", "Freedom Festival", Parks & Recreation Facebook page, potential sponsors for the Aquatic Center, upcoming events including "Binglo", "Game On" in recognition of Parks Month, Summer Camp, "Arts On the Green" and clarification on the YMCA pool closing and the Al Gore Center.

Discussion ensued regarding Dallas White Park including the Dallas White Park Master Plan, Commission direction regarding the park, public/private partnership for the development of the park and feed back and parking issues for the Freedom Festival.

A Poster contest will be held for the November, 2019 "Arts on the Green" event flyer and Members were requested to judge the poster art at their scheduled meeting in September.

***A motion was made by Vice-Chair Frederick, seconded by Board Member Williamson to approve Board Members judging the submitted student poster art work for the "Arts on the Green" event flyer. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

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

Mr. Wheatley provided updates on the Aquatic Center, Warm Mineral Springs renovations, Greenway Trails and Butler Park playground.

Discussion ensued regarding Blue Ridge Park proposed second entrance and parking lot issues.

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

It was noted that there were no Parks and Recreation items scheduled.

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

Mr. Wheatley reported that volunteer opportunities include "Trick or Treat at City Hall".

**F. [19-0166](#) Robin Short: Sarasota County Park Advisory and Recreation Council Meeting**

Chair Short provided an update including Legacy Trail, Sarasota County Land Acquisition Fund and North Port land nominations.

Discussion ensued regarding potential camp ground developments.

**G. [19-0780](#) North Port Canine Club Maintenance**

Mr. Wheatley provided an update on the repairs and maintenance completed at the Canine Club.

Discussion ensued regarding reference to the dog park in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, maintenance at the Canine Club, private/public partnership for funding of dog park renovation. scope of work for renovation and maintenance, possible sponsorship program for the dog park, previous North Port Parks assessment, North Port dog friendly parks, suggested signage at the Canine Club listing the dog friendly parks and West Villages dog park.

***A motion was made by Board Member Coble, seconded by Vice-Chair Frederick to request that staff contact City Manager Lear regarding items in the Master Plan referring to the dog park and provide an update on those items. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

### 8. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda items include Aquatic Center Tribute Wall, updates on the Canine Club Master Plan, Dallas White Park, Boca Chica Park, discussion regarding City owned parcels, Board goals and objectives and Master Plan priorities.

***A motion was made by Board Member Coble, seconded by Board Member Oney to include on the Agenda for the next meeting the Parks Master Plan priorities. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

***A motion was made by Board Member Coble, seconded by Board Member Williamson to include information and updates on the plans for Dallas White Park. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

***A motion was made by Board Member Coble, seconded by Board Member Stevens to add to the next Agenda Board goals and objectives. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

### 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 10. Adjournment

Chair Short adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Robin Short,  
Chair

Minutes were approved at the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.