

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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## FY 2018/2019 Annual Report to the City of North Port Board of Commissioners

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# Introduction of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

Need Advisory Board Photo

## Per Applicable Ordinances, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board works with the City of North Port Parks & Recreation Department in supporting their Vision and Mission by:



- Making recommendations to the City Commission regarding public recreation facilities, programs and future projects.
- Exploring various sources of grant funding available for recreational programs/facilities.
- Supporting and promoting opportunities for play and play spaces in the community.
- Being ambassadors in the communication of ideas and projects to the public, and supporting the plans and desires of the City Commission.

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*The Board received and commented on the following projects:*

- Accreditation efforts through the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)
- Efforts for increased awareness of parks, facilities and events through social media and outreach efforts
- Capital Improvement Projects including the North Port Aquatic Center, shade at Atwater Park, Boundless Adventures and Blue Ridge Park Playgrounds.
- Activities to celebrate the City's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Evaluation of current park conditions and consideration for proposed park improvements.
- Hosting Freedom Fest at CoolToday Park, including post event analysis
- Evaluation of current offerings and programs with input on changes to Arts on the Green and discontinuation of the Community Health and Wellness Fair.

# FY 2018/2019 Activities Cont.

# Events & Activities

*The Board supported and promoted the following events and activities:*

- Trick or Treat at City Hall – volunteers
- Boundless Adventures Playground Ribbon Cutting - volunteers
- Newcomer Day - volunteers
- Tree Lighting & Poinsettia Festival – volunteers
- Poinsettia Parade – volunteers & 2019 Parade theme
- Annual Play Day – volunteers
- Sweetheart Ball - volunteers & sponsors
- Freedom Festival – volunteers



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# FY19-20 Goals



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- Evaluate the need and community support for a multicultural event.
- Promote and support the Parks & Recreation Scholarship Program, Adopt-A-Park Program and sponsorship opportunities at the North Port Aquatic Center.
- Increase community awareness of parks, facilities and events through social media and outreach efforts.
- Promote health and wellness initiatives and opportunities for the community.
- Explore grant opportunities in support of projects and initiatives.
- Remain informed, involved and offer diverse perspective on Parks & Recreation programs, projects and initiatives.



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# FY19-20 Considerations



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- Evaluation of input from the Community Interest Survey and individual park user surveys with consideration of the Parks Master Plan recommendations to assist prioritization of improvements to existing parks and potential development of new parks.
- Evaluation of current offerings compared to the Park access goals the National Recreation and Park Association and determine opportunities.
- Evaluation of input from the Florida Recreation and Park Association Park Impact Calculator.
- Evaluation and input on improvement prioritization of ADA access barriers within parks.

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