



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, February 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, Board Member Hersh, Board Member Everett, Board Member Beaver, Board Member Murphy and Board Member Stevens

Absent 1 - Board Member Parsotan

Also Present

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director and Staff Liaison Tricia Wisner, Aquatic Supervisor Devon Poulos, and Recording Secretary Amanda Baker

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Ms. Wisner introduced Mr. Poulos, who provided an overview of his background and experience.

Discussion took place regarding improving the customer flow at the concession stand windows.

5. Approval of Minutes

[22-2275](#)

Approval of Minutes for the January 20, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

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

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

Absent: 1 - Board Member Parsotan

6. New Business

[22-2088](#)

Discussion and Possible Action to Elect a Chair for 2022

Chair Scheidel announced the item and requested nominations for Chair.

Board Member Beaver nominated Chair Scheidel to continue as Chair. Board Member Stevens seconded the nomination.

The nomination of Chair Scheidel to continue as Chair carried on the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Board Member Parsotan

[22-2089](#)

Discussion and Possible Action to Elect a Vice-Chair for 2022

Chair Scheidel announced the item and requested nominations for Vice Chair.

Chair Scheidel nominated Board Member Everett as Vice Chair. Board Member Hersh seconded the nomination.

Board Member Everett nominated Board Member Beaver as Vice Chair. Board Member Murphy seconded the nomination.

Discussion took place regarding the nomination process, Board Member Hersh being nominated, policy regarding attending meetings virtually, and the role of the Vice Chair position.

The nomination of Board Member Everett as Vice Chair carried on the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Board Member Parsotan

[22-2090](#)

Discussion and Possible Action to Nominate a Representative to Serve as the North Port Representative on the Parks and Recreation Council.

Chair Scheidel announced the item and requested nominations for Representative.

Discussion took place regarding the council's purpose, meeting times and locations, current representative, and the process of being on the council.

There was consensus to nominate Board Member Hersh to continue as Representative.

[21-1950](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Apps to Promote Park Information

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the "North RePort" app and the park finder section of the app.

Discussion took place regarding ease of finding parks on the app, possible avenues to review to assist with implementing a parks app, using community-submitted pictures for campaigning purposes, pictures and reviews in Google Maps, and conducting a Google Maps search to locate City parks.

[22-2086](#)

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

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding the recent meeting with the Jockey Club, utilizing the available funds for park improvements, Commission ability to suppress Jockey Club's vote, plans for use of City-owned parcels adjacent to the park, and obtaining community feedback with examples of potential ground-covering materials.

[22-2216](#)

Discussion Regarding Recent Items at the City Commission Meetings.

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to Phase 1A of the Warm Mineral Springs project, grant funding for swimming lessons at the Aquatic Center, Commission decisions regarding Veterans Park name and design plan, Surtax IV and community feedback regarding use, Dallas White Park Public-Private Partnership development ideas, East Italy Avenue parcel ideas including a small dog park and master plan rental community, and an agreement between the City and Hampton Inn to offer discounted admission to Warm Mineral Springs and the Aquatic Center for overnight guests.

[22-2217](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Annual Advisory Board Goals.

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Ms. Wisner provided a presentation packet including list of last year's goals, updating the Board Member picture, projects and initiatives, Ordinances, current projects, successful Board-involved projects, and spoke to changes to the goals for FY 22-23, deadline for submitting goals, when the goals are submitted to Commission, and Board participation at the March 22, 2022 Commission meeting.

Discussion took place regarding adding goals including promoting drowning prevention programs.

Mr. Poulos spoke to drowning statistics, Float for Life program, swimming lessons held at the Aquatic Center, staff education regarding water safety, and community outreach.

Discussion continued regarding local drowning statistics and lethal and non-lethal drownings, City-sponsored May Day anti-drowning expo, May being drowning prevention month, actionable steps behind goals, methods for promoting public anti-drowning education, promoting community involvement to visit Wellen Park area, streets within Wellen Park being West Villages Improvement District-owned, identifying opportunities to promote unity between North Port and Wellen Park, adding walking paths similar to the walking paths along U.S. 41 by North Port Boulevard and Pan American Boulevard, and fundraising standards and options.

There was consensus to leave the goals as is and add the drowning prevention program.

[22-2218](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Annual Report to Commission.

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the report being brought to the March 22 Commission meeting.

[22-2244](#) Discussion and Possible Action to Nominate 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 the Veterans Park Advisory Committee meeting time and location, how long the meetings last, and the role of the liaison member.

Board Member Hersh nominated Chair Scheidel to serve as liaison member on the Veterans Park Advisory Committee. Board Member Everett seconded the nomination.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Board Member Parsotan

[22-2270](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Art Advisory Board's Skate Park Proposal

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the current state of the skate park and the Art Advisory Board's plans for improvements.

Discussion took place regarding funding for improvements, manageable upkeep and maintenance, current issues with graffiti and vandalism, current concession building, tabling the artwork until the concession building becomes staffed, skate park promotional events, types of bikes and skates allowed, the Art Board's vision to be submitted to Commission, and vending machines being installed at the fire and police departments across from the skate park.

7. Updates

[21-1946](#) Tricia Wisner: Update Regarding Upcoming Events

Ms. Wisner spoke to updates including the Welcome Back Braves bash, Movie on the Green, Kids Day Out, Citywide Yard Sale, and CPR class.

Discussion took place regarding Woofstock participation, vendors, and adoptions, and changing the venue to Dallas White Park for next year's Woofstock.

[22-2087](#)

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

Chair Scheidel announced the item.

Board Member Hersh provided an update regarding the Legacy Trail construction.

Discussion took place regarding Board ideas to submit to the Council, the Legacy Trail construction plan, and Snook Haven improvements.

[22-2214](#)

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

No discussion took place.

[22-2215](#)

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

Ms. Wisner provided updates regarding increased Aquatic Center and Warm Mineral Springs Park participation.

8. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include Warm Mineral Springs Park plan and phases, and a recap of the annual goals presentation.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Scheidel adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

By: _____
James Scheidel, Chair

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