



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, August 15, 2019

6:30 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

1. Call to Order

Staff Liaison Tricia Wisner called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 5 - Board Member Maureen Coble, Board Member James Scheidel, Board Member Cheryl Williamson, Board Member Grayce Oney, and Board Member Macy Thull

Absent 3 - Chair Robin Short, Vice-Chair Melina Frederick, and Board Member Gail Stevens

Also Present:

Tricia Wisner, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation, Ed Exner, Sarasota County Liaison, and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Board Member Scheidel, seconded by Board Member Coble, to nominate Cheryl Williamson as Chair Pro-tem. There were no other nominations and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. [19-0835](#) Minutes for the July 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Coble, seconded by Board Member Scheidel, to approve the July 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Updates

A. [19-0902](#) Welcome New Youth Member Mason (Macy) Thull

Chair Williamson welcomed new member Macy Thull and Ms. Wisner provided a brief overview of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, its duties and responsibilities.

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

Mr. Exner provided a review of Sarasota County events including Atwater field #5 upgrades, a new employee at the Atwater sports facility, Mullen football field usage, Butler Park fields remaining closed due to ground saturation and drainage problems,

fields 3 and 4 responding well to remedial measures due to pest issues, relocating adult soccer group from Narramore field to Butler field, cleaning dugouts at Dallas White Park, and soccer leagues at Narramore.

C. [19-0161](#)

Tricia Wisner: Parks & Recreation Capital Projects

Ms. Wisner provided an update on all Capital Improvement Projects including the aquatic center, lifeguard and other staff positions, facility grand opening waiting for filtration building to be finished and final inspections, Myakkahatchee Creek Trail will be completed next fiscal year, Blue Ridge Parking lot improvements, Boundless Playground cameras installed next week along with other finishing touches, disc golf project moving along, new restrooms at Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park, Warm Mineral Springs plumbing redone and will receive further improvements with implementation of the Warm Mineral Springs Master Plan, and the Warm Mineral Springs Quadra-centennial tile monument finished.

After a question, clarification was provided that the Blue Ridge parking problems will be addressed by Public Works. Ms. Wisner will follow up, and due to high cost of Canine Park parking lot improvement, the City plans to redo the project in-house.

D. [19-0162](#)

Tricia Wisner: Parks & Recreation Items Scheduled at City Commission Meetings

Ms. Wisner reported that tribute ideas submitted by the Historic & Cultural Advisory Board along with the Board's ideas are scheduled on the September 5, 2019 Commission Meeting for review, the Request for Proposal for the Butler Park Playground award is out for bid, Phase II of Warm Mineral Springs Master Plan Contract Amendment is under review, and scheduling a meeting with Sarasota County to address Interlocal Agreements and the Legacy Trail.

E. [19-0163](#)

Tricia Wisner: Upcoming Parks & Recreation Volunteer Opportunities

Ms. Wisner explained the upcoming events which need volunteers and requested that Board members who are interested contact the Parks & Recreation Department.

7. New Business

A. [19-0901](#)

Review of Public Work's requested use of Langlais Park Parcel (Yorkshire)

Ms. Wisner distributed a photo of the Yorkshire Street site selected as a potential hurricane debris staging area.

Discussion ensued regarding what a staging area would involve, and it was confirmed there are no environmental concerns at the location.

B. [19-0903](#)

Review of Parks & Recreation Master Plan Needs Assessment in Regard to the Canine Club

Ms. Wisner provided an overview of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Following a question, clarification was provided regarding a letter to the City Manager concerning the dog park priorities and Ms. Wisner will follow-up with the request.

Ms. Wisner spoke to difficulties adding a water feature near a creek, the Ordinance stating explicit park closing times except for fields with lighting, changing the Ordinance

verbiage, being consistent with rules, and addressing issues with the City Manager regarding the Canine Park on page 59 in the Master Plan.

Discussion ensued concerning a second location for a dog park and available land, defining "open space", one premier dog park instead of two, identifying budget funds to address dog park enhancements, looking for grants for dog park upgrades, the easement bordering the dog park belongs to Jockey Club, visiting the dog park individually, and finding the water spigot at the Canine Park.

C. [19-0904](#) Update on the Plans for Dallas White Park

Ms. Wisner provided an update on the Dallas White Park, closing of the Al Goll Center and the YMCA pool, and Commission direction to pursue a Public Private Partnership (P3) for developing the Dallas White Park campus.

Discussion ensued regarding another pool at Dallas White, the future overall development of the site, historical significance of the Al Goll building, the possible P3 development of the area, if not a P3 then using the land for a new dog park, saving the Scout House, and timeline for the P3 document process.

D. [19-0905](#) Discussion Regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Goals and Objectives

Ms. Wisner introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding defining the purpose of the Board, reviewing the park system and making suggestions, community park needs, and how any project moves forward from inception to finished project.

Ms. Wisner spoke to how agenda items are presented to the Commission, and goals and discussion items presented at the Board's last Annual Report to the Commission.

Discussion continued regarding subjects of concern, drafting a letter to the Commission pertaining to park concerns with Board members bringing back suggestions next month.

Ms. Wisner spoke to resident priorities polled a few years ago regarding possible park amenities.

A motion was made by Board Member Scheidel, seconded by Board Member Oney, to continue the discussion regarding the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board goals and objectives. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

E. [19-0906](#) Discussion Regarding Parks Master Plan Priorities

Ms. Wisner provided an overview, noting that Section 4 outlines the Parks & Recreation Master Plan's scope of priorities; some are in process, some in planning, and others needing guidance.

F. [19-0660](#) Discussion regarding a tribute wall at the North Port Aquatic Center

This item was discussed during Agenda Item 6.D. (19-0162) and the final product is scheduled to be on the September 5, 2019 Commission Special Meeting agenda.

8. Future Agenda Items

Agenda items for the next meeting included event updates, and a continuation of issues

discussed tonight.

It was noted that the Arts on the Green is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2019 and will be the same day as the spoonbill sculpture reveal on the Walgreens corner on Sumter and Price Boulevards.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Pro Tem Williamson adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. p.m.

Robin Short,
Chair

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