



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, June 20, 2019

6:30 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

- Present** 5 - Chair Robin Short, Board Member James Scheidel, Board Member Gail Stevens, Board Member Cheryl Williamson, and Board Member Grayce Oney
- Absent** 2 - Vice-Chair Melina Frederick, and Board Member Maureen Coble

Also Present

Staff Liaison Tricia Wisner, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, Sarasota County Liaison Ed Exner 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. [19-0661](#) Minutes for the May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

Discussion ensued regarding the minutes being the record of the meeting and public record requests.

A motion was made by Board Member Williamson, seconded by Board Member Oney to approve the May 16, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried on a 4 - 1 (four to one) voice vote with Board Member Scheidel dissenting.

6. New Business

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

Ms. Wisner provided an overview including Commission direction regarding a tribute wall at the George Mullen Activity Center and tribute wall/area at the Aquatic Center, request that Members provide suggestions on a tribute wall or other ideas for a tribute area for the Aquatic Center for Commission consideration and renderings were provided for the Aquatic Center to reflect where a tribute wall or area could be developed.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between a Sponsorship Wall and Tribute Wall, consideration of the location for a tribute wall, the Art Board and Beautification and

Tree/Scenic Highway Committee providing suggestions, Commission preference for acrylic animals for the tribute area, application process for a Tribute Wall, direction for providing suggestions, developing a history wall of North Port and Members emailing ideas to Ms. Wisner to be provided at the next meeting for discussion.

7. Presentations

A. [19-0659](#) Presentation from Member Jim Schidel on the Canine Club

Board Member Scheidel provided a presentation regarding dog parks in other areas, the North Port Canine Park and renovation ideas.

Discussion ensued regarding the Board recommendation for a second dog park, City owned property, suggestions to refurbish the dog park, design of a canine splash pad, funding for refurbishment of the dog park and private/public partnership for funding, legal process for sponsorship of parks, process for RFP for required infrastructure to refurbish the dog park, and permitting process for developing a splash pad at the dog park.

A motion was made by Board Member Scheidel, seconded by Chair Short to continue to pursue a local business partnering with the City for developing a splash pad for the dog park. The motion failed on a 3 - 2 (three to two) by voice vote with Chair Short, and Board Members Oney and Williamson dissenting.

8. Updates

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

Mr. Exner provided a review of the efforts of the Sarasota County facility maintenance for the North Port athletic fields and the Girls Softball Tournament.

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

Ms. Wisner provided updates including Newcomers Day, Celebration of North Port's 60th Anniversary at Warm Mineral Springs, North Port Summer Camp, the CAPRA accreditation process and scheduled meetings, and North Port budget meetings..

Discussion ensued regarding Parks & Recreation proposed budget and funding for the maintenance and possible renovation of the dog park.

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

This item was previously discussed under Item 8B.

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

Ms. Wisner reported items scheduled for City Commission meetings include an amendment to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan which will be presented on July 9, 2019 and the Dallas White P3 (public/private partnership) to be presented in September 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding the North Port YMCA pool.

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

Ms. Wisner reported that volunteer efforts are needed at the Bike and Skate Competition, the Freedom Fest and Trick or Treat at City Hall and requested members who are interested in volunteering were requested to contact Ms. Wisner for further information.

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

Chair Short reported the next meeting of the Sarasota County Parks Advisory and Recreation Council is scheduled for July 11, 2019.

G. [19-0519](#) Tricia Wisner: Freedom Fest Planning Update

Ms. Wisner provided an update on the Freedom Festival including the Festival location, transportation plan, vendors, start time, "diamond dig" and live bands and noted Volunteers were requested to start setup with staff at 1:00 p.m.

9. Future Agenda Items

Discussion ensued regarding the need for parks on the east side of North Port, process for developing a new park, Atwater Park proposed Community Center and public school playground accessibility,

Agenda items for the next meeting include discussion regarding neighborhood parks and North Port Canine Club maintenance issues.

10. Public Comment

Public comment was held from 8:00 p.m. to 8:08 p.m.
Ellen Schubcot - water issues at the dog park
Susan Schoettler - maintenance issues at the dog park

Ms. Wisner provided an update on the maintenance issues at the dog park being addressed.

11. Adjournment

Chair Short adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Robin Short,
Chair

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