



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, June 26, 2025

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Jackomin called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Berra and Board Member Patel

Absent 2 - Board Member Gray and Board Member Ferin

Also Present

Staff Liaison Sturgess and Board Specialist Gray.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jackomin.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [25-2277](#) Approve the April 17, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackomin announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Stevens, seconded by Board Member File, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Berra and Board Member Patel

Absent: 2 - Board Member Gray and Board Member Ferin

6. Presentation

- A. [25-2282](#) Presentation Regarding User Fees

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and provided a presentation about parks and recreation including a fee study by Willdan, cost recovery, Warm Mineral Springs, camp programs,

level of service reduction, and cost analysis.

Discussion took place regarding current fees, cost of service, price increase, budget, operational costs, free programs, targeted cost, cost of service, events, and competitive pricing and commissions.

Chair Jackomin requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Patel, seconded by Board Member Stevens, to recommend the implementation of affordable fees for events currently offered free of charge. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File and Board Member Patel

No: 2 - Chair Jackomin and Board Member Berra

Absent: 2 - Board Member Gray and Board Member Ferin

Discussion continued regarding fireworks, attendance, sponsorship, parking, Legacy Trail, Warm Mineral Springs, events on the green, vendor fees, discounts, budget recommendations, the Aquatic Center and various programs.

7. New Business

A. [25-2289](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Holding a Joint Meeting with The Environmental Advisory Board

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and included information regarding the agenda, future timeline, Master Plan timeline, and not canceling the August meeting.

Chair Jackomin requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Berra, and seconded by Board Member Stevens, to approve the joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Board, while maintaining the Board's currently scheduled meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Berra and Board Member Patel

Absent: 2 - Board Member Gray and Board Member Ferin

8. Updates

A. [25-2281](#) Update Regarding Drug Free Youth Program

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding new employee, start date, program invite, and Drug Free Youth (DFY).

B. [25-2283](#) Review and Discussion of Parks & Recreation Department Agenda Items

for Recent and Upcoming City Commission Meetings

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced Item No 25-2284 jointly.

Discussion took place regarding agenda, summer camp, Freedom Festival time and location, events, and fee increase.

C. [25-2284](#) Review and Discussion of Recent and Upcoming Parks & Recreation Department Events

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess noted that this item was discussed under Item No 25-2283.

D. [25-2437](#) Review and Discussion Regarding Neighborhood Park Land Nominations

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms Sturgess introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding parcel nominations, locations, benefits, cost, potential uses, requirements, maintenance, and invasive species.

Chair Jackomin requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member File, seconded by Board Member Patel, to recommend approval to the City Commission for the acquisition of the property located at 14161 Tamiami Trail for the Neighborhood Park Land Nomination. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Berra and Board Member Patel

Absent: 2 - Board Member Gray and Board Member Ferin

Discussion continued regarding auctions and budget.

9. Future Agenda Items

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding bench, Patterson Foundation, options for Warm Mineral Springs, connecting North Port, Wellen Park, schools, master plan, Circle of Honor, landscaping, and Drug Free Youth (DFY).

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Jackomin adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

By: _____
Paul Jackomin, Chair

