



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, May 19, 2022

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Ms. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Board Member Hersh, Board Member Beaver, Board Member Murphy, Board Member Stevens, Board Member Thomas and Board Member Parsotan

Absent 2 - Chair Scheidel and Vice Chair Everett

Also Present

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director and Staff Liaison Tricia Wisner and Recording Secretary Amanda Baker

Due to the absences of Chair Scheidel and Vice Chair Everett, the Board elected Board Member Beaver to officiate the meeting.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

[22-2816](#)

Approval of Minutes for the April 21, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

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

Yes: 6 - Board Member Hersh, Board Member Beaver, Board Member Murphy, Board Member Stevens, Board Member Thomas and Board Member Parsotan

Absent: 2 - Chair Scheidel and Vice Chair Everett

6. Unfinished Business

[22-2244](#)

Discussion and Possible Nomination of a Member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Act as a Liaison Member on the Veteran's

Park Advisory Committee

Board Member Beaver announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the item.

Discussion took place regarding the roles and responsibilities, meeting time and location, and length.

Board Member Murphy nominated Board Member Thomas to act as liaison member on the Veterans Park Advisory Committee. Board Member Hersh seconded the nomination.

The nomination of Board Member Thomas to serve as the liaison member on the Veterans Park Advisory Committee carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Board Member Hersh, Board Member Beaver, Board Member Murphy, Board Member Stevens, Board Member Thomas and Board Member Parsotan

Absent: 2 - Chair Scheidel and Vice Chair Everett

[22-2777](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Status of the Expansion of the Canine Club Dog Park

Board Member Beaver announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding tabling this item for the next available meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Hersh, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to table Item No. 22-2773 to the next available meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Board Member Hersh, Board Member Beaver, Board Member Murphy, Board Member Stevens, Board Member Thomas and Board Member Parsotan

Absent: 2 - Chair Scheidel and Vice Chair Everett

7. New Business

[22-2772](#)

Discussion Regarding Recent and Upcoming City Commission Meetings

Board Member Beaver announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the upcoming fee schedule changes, Board presentation to Commission, weather alert systems, awards, memorandum of understanding with the Patterson Foundation, department presentation, and skate park mural.

There was no board discussion.

[22-2773](#)

Discussion Regarding the Displays at the Cyclorama at Warm Mineral Springs Park

Board Member Beaver announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the upcoming bid opening, site tours, renovation phases, and provided a handout including pictures of the current interior and exterior of the building.

Discussion took place regarding timeline of renovation, bid opening date, previous

ownership, decline of upkeep, and current plumbing issues.

[22-2776](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding North Port Land Nominations Submitted to Sarasota County's Neighborhood Parkland Program and Environmentally Sensitive Land Program

Board Member Beaver announced the item.

Ms. Wisner provided a handout including a nominated lands map for the programs.

Discussion took place regarding acquisition requests, ideas to present to the Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Council, continuing this item for further discussion, and submitting the requests to Commission for review and approval.

[22-2893](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Pending State Bill That If Passed, Will Permit the Prohibition of Smoking in Parks by Municipalities.

Board Member Beaver announced the item.

Ms. Wisner spoke to the item.

Discussion took place regarding implementing prohibition throughout all City-owned parks and level of enforcement.

There was consensus to prohibit smoking in all City-owned parks.

8. Updates

[21-1946](#)

Tricia Wisner: Update Regarding Recent and Upcoming Events.

Ms. Wisner provided an update regarding the Tree Fair, Pet Expo, Mayday at the Aquatic Center, Concert in the Park, Kids' Night Out, North Port's Got Talent, Teen Talk, full operations at Aquatic Center, Memorial Day event, and Summer Camp.

[22-2774](#)

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

Ms. Wisner provided updates regarding the You Are Not Alone event and drowning prevention on social media.

Discussion took place regarding "spotlighting" or "highlighting" a specific park per month on social media.

[22-2775](#)

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

Ms. Wisner provided an update including swim lesson grants and attendance, and revenue and attendance at the Aquatic Center and Warm Mineral Springs.

9. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include the status of the expansion of the dog park and land acquisition nominations for Sarasota County's Neighborhood Parkland Program and Environmentally Sensitive Land Program.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Board Member Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

By: _____
James Scheidel, Chair

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