

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board



FY 2015/2016 Annual Report to the City of North Port Board of Commissioners

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Introduction of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members



The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board works with the City of North Port Parks & Recreation Division in supporting their Vision and Mission by:



- Making recommendations to the City Commission regarding public recreation facilities, programs and future projects.
- Exploring various sources of grant funding available for recreational programs/facilities.
- Supporting and promoting opportunities for play and play spaces in the community.
- Being ambassadors in the communication of ideas and projects to the public, and supporting the plans and desires of the City Commission.



FY 2015/2016 Activities

Projects & Initiatives



The Board received and commented on the following projects:

- Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- North Port Aquatic Facility
- Butler Park Field Renovation
- Blueways
- Highland Ridge Park Playground replacement
- Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway land acquisition
- Poinsettia Event review & analysis
- Kayak & Canoe Rental Opportunities
- Boundless Playground



FY 2015/2016 Activities Cont.

Events & Activities

The Board supported and promoted the following events and activities:

- Trick or Treat at City Hall – volunteers
- Tree Lighting & Poinsettia Festival – volunteers
- Poinsettia Parade – volunteers & unit entry; 2016 Parade theme
- Ribbon Cuttings for Atwater Park Splash Pad and Blueways Phase 1
- Great Easter Basket Challenge
- Annual Play Day – volunteers
- Sweetheart Ball - volunteers & sponsors
- Firecracker 5K – volunteers
- Freedom Festival – volunteers
- Community Health & Wellness Fair – event planning



FY 2015/2016 Activities Cont.

Community Outreach

The Board supported and promoted the following programs and initiatives:

- Playful City USA - 7th consecutive year in 2016
- Parks & Recreation Master Plan – presented to Commission April 2016
- National Recreation & Parks Month – July 2016
- Adopt-a-Park – 6 parks adopted by 6 groups
- Tribute – tree, bench and paver donation program
- Youth Scholarship Program

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan



2017 Goals



- Promote and support of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan recommendations.
- Promote and support the Parks & Recreation Scholarship Program, Adopt-A-Park Program and Tribute Program emphasizing paver donations at Atwater Park & Garden of the Five Senses.
- Expand the Tribute Program to include paver donations at the Canine Club.
- Increase community awareness of parks, facilities and events through social media and outreach efforts.
- Promote health and wellness initiatives and opportunities for the community.
- Explore grant opportunities in support of projects and initiatives.
- Remain informed, involved and offer diverse perspective on Parks & Recreation programs, projects and initiatives.
- Support development of a comprehensive park and recreation system to include a regional park and aquatic facility.



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FUTURE SUPPORT**

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Coaching. Connecting. Community.

