



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes - Final Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, March 21, 2019

6:30 PM

North Port City Hall, Room 244

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 05-16-2019 MEETING

1. Call to Order

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Room 244 by Chair Short.

2. Roll Call

- Present** 5 - Chair Robin Short, Board Member Helen Marchese, Board Member Maureen Coble, Board Member James Scheidel, and Board Member Cheryl Williamson
- Absent** 3 - Vice-Chair Melina Frederick, Board Member Kody Parsotan, and Board Member Gail Stevens

Also Present:

Staff Liaison Tricia Wisner, Parks & Recreation Manager; 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

[19-0281](#)

Minutes of the February 21, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Coble, seconded by Board Member Marchese, to approve the February 21, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. New Business

[19-0164](#)

Discuss Park and Parkland Maps for Potential Recommendation of an Additional Dog Park Location

Discussion ensued regarding City owned undeveloped property for an additional dog park, amenities required for a dog park, review of existing parks for a dog park and other parcels which could be purchased for an additional dog park.

[19-0191](#)

Review of Community Health and Wellness Fair Feedback

Ms. Wisner provided a review of the Community Health and Wellness Fair feedback from

vendors and attendees.

Discussion ensued regarding if this event should be scheduled for next year, attendance, purpose of Newcomers Day and the vendors who participate, efforts involved in scheduling the Health and Wellness Fair and incorporating the Health and Wellness Fair with Newcomers Day.

There was consensus to collaborate Newcomers Day with the 2020 Health and Wellness Fair.

7. Updates

[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 current athletic schedules.

Discussion ensued regarding athletic field irrigation issues, access to the football fields at the George Muller Activity Center, internship programs with Sarasota County Parks and Recreation and employment opportunities.

[19-0159](#)

Tricia Wisner: City of North Port Parks & Recreation Program and Activity Recap

Ms. Wisner provided an overview of the Parks & Recreation scheduled events including the number of attendees and maintenance issues at North Port parks.

Discussion ensued regarding maintenance issues at Warm Mineral Springs, length of time for Advisory Board meetings and scheduling the meetings at the current time previously approved.

[19-0160](#)

Tricia Wisner: City of North Port Parks & Recreation Upcoming Programs and Events

Ms. Wisner provided a review of the upcoming Parks & Recreation events including the 2019 Freedom Fest.

Discussion ensued regarding volunteer efforts for scheduled events.

[19-0161](#)

Tricia Wisner: Parks & Recreation Capital Projects

Ms. Wisner provided and reviewed a map of the proposed Legacy Trail options.

Discussion ensued regarding a frisbee golf course update, location of the proposed Butler Park playground, update on the Aquatic Facility, and staffing for the Aquatic Facility,

[19-0162](#)

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

Ms. Wisner noted that the Warm Mineral Springs Master Plan and development of a Sponsorship Program will be on the April 9, 2019 City Commission agenda for discussion and possible action.

[19-0163](#)

Tricia Wisner: Upcoming Parks & Recreation Volunteer Opportunities

Ms. Wisner provided a list of upcoming Parks & Recreation events in which volunteer efforts could be utilized.

Subsequent to noting that this was the last meeting for Board Member Marchese prior to her term expiring, Board members and staff thanked Ms. Marchese for her time serving on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and her volunteer efforts at Parks & Recreation events.

[19-0166](#)

Robin Short: Sarasota County Park Advisory and Recreation Council Meeting

Chair Short reported on parkland opportunities in Sarasota County which will be reviewed and ranked at their next meeting.

Discussion also took place regarding the developed of walking paths to enhance a meditation and peaceful experience.

8. Future Agenda Items

Items for the next Agenda will include all standing items, update on locations for an additional dog park, and possibility of an outdoor shooting range,

Discussion ensued regarding a proposed canoe launch at Dallas White Park.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Ms. Marchese thanked the Board for her time serving as a Board member.

10. Adjournment

Chair Short adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Robin Short,
Chair

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