



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Thursday, May 16, 2019

6:30 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

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### **MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 06-20-2019 MEETING**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Short called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

#### **2. Roll Call**

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

#### **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**

Public comment was held from 6:33 p.m. to 6:39 p.m.  
Ellen Schubert - Dog Park maintenance issues and request for an alligator warning sign.  
Susan Schoettler - Dog Park landscaping, drinking water and lighting issues.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

**A. [19-0373](#) Minutes for the March 21, 2019 Regular Meeting**

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

**B. [19-0478](#) Minutes for the April 18, 2019 Regular Meeting**

*A motion was made by Board Member Stevens, seconded by Board Member Oney to approve the April 18, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

#### **6. New Business**

**A [19-0420](#) Discussion on Potential Dog Park Locations**

Ms. Wisner distributed a map reflecting the area near Toledo Blade and Price Boulevards

which was suggested for a future dog park noting that the property suggested is privately owned.

Discussion ensued regarding suggestions of other potential Dog Park locations and staff researching other areas which would be appropriate for a future dog park to be discussed at the July meeting.

## 7. Updates

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

Chair Short reported that she was unable to attend the last meeting of the Sarasota Parks Advisory and Recreation Council but would report back to the Board when the minutes for that meeting are posted.

B. [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/future athletic schedules.

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

Ms. Wisner introduced new staff members Lindsey Saller and Patricia Hendrickson, Aquatic Center staff, Laura Ansel, Communications Outreach Coordinator and Jeff Nelson, Parks and Grounds Manager and provided an update including Concert in the Park, Yoga in the Garden, Kids Paint Night, Teen Talk, Summer Camp, Parks & Recreation FY 2019-2020 budget, posted new staff positions, and Parks & Recreation Facebook Page.

Discussion ensued regarding Parks & Recreation proposed FY 2019/2020 Budget and possibility of a new Dog Park .

D. [19-0160](#) Tricia Wisner: City of North Port Parks & Recreation Upcoming Programs and Events

Ms. Wisner provided updates regarding events to include Newcomers Day, Kids to Park Day and Commission Accreditation for Parks & Recreation Agencies team visit.

Discussion ensued regarding the Commission Accreditation for Parks & Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) process and the Chair attending the dinner for the CAPRA team visit.

***A motion was made by Board Member Stevens, seconded by Board Member Oney to approve Chair Short attending the dinner for the CAPRA team visit. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

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

Ms. Wisner provided an update regarding the Aquatic Center.

Discussion ensued regarding swim meets being held at the Aquatic Center and potential revenue, Warm Mineral Springs, and Butler Park Playground.

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

## Meetings

Ms. Wisner provided the items scheduled for the May 28, 2019 City Commission meeting including discussion regarding the current Y.M.C.A. pool and pre-school center, proposed donor wall at the Aquatic Center, Warm Mineral Springs Phase II, and Memorandums of Understanding for the Patterson Reading Foundation and All Faith Food Program Backpack Program.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for adding an item to a Commission Agenda and providing the Commission with information from the Board.

**G. [19-0163](#)**

**Tricia Wisner: Upcoming Parks & Recreation Volunteer Opportunities**

Ms. Wisner provided volunteer opportunities including Newcomers Day, Kids to Parks Day and Freedom Festival.

**H. [19-0519](#)**

**Tricia Wisner: Freedom Fest Planning Update**

Ms. Wisner provided an update including the Festival being held at the Atlanta Braves Stadium, addressing traffic flow issues, and scheduled activities and vendors.

## 8. Future Agenda Items

Discussion ensued regarding alligator warning signs at the Dog Park and inviting Mr. Nelson, Parks and Grounds Manager, to the next meeting.

***A motion was made by Board Member Scheidel, seconded by Board Member Oney for Board Member Scheidel to provide a presentation regarding possible improvements for the North Port Dog Park at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

## 9. Public Comment

Public comment was held from 7:29 p.m. to 7:33 p.m.

Ellen Schubert - Dog Park maintenance and drinking water issues.

## 10. Adjournment

Chair Short adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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Robin Short,  
Chair

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