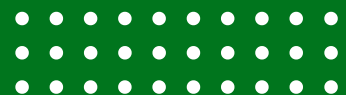


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Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board

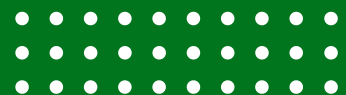


Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Members

Paul Jackomin, Chair
Joan Morgan, Vice Chair
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Gail Stevens, Member
Omy Patel, Student Member
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Staff Liaison:

Patricia Sturgess,
Assistant Director of
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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Roles & Responsibilities

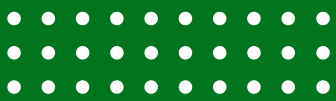


THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDES THIS REPORT TO CITY COMMISSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE, CHAPTER 4, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Sec. 4-7. - Reports.
(a)All boards shall provide verbal or written reports to the city commission to include the previous fiscal year's activities and their goals for the following fiscal year in the first quarter of the calendar year each year. The city commission shall review the annual reports, duties, responsibilities and goals of the boards, and thereafter meet with the boards to address issues if necessary.

THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD WORKS WITH THE CITY OF NORTH PORT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORTING THEIR VISION AND MISSION BY:

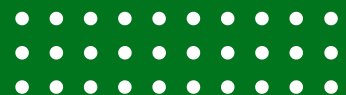
- The parks and recreation advisory board shall advise the city commission on parks and recreation matters.
- The advisory board shall make written and verbal recommendations to the city commission regarding parks and recreation matters within the City of North Port, to include, but not limited to:
- Use and condition of all public recreation facilities and recommend such changes as the advisory board shall deem appropriate;
- Recommend recreational programs to ensure that all public recreational facilities are properly and efficiently operated and each facility is utilized to its optimum to the benefit of all citizens;
- Explore various sources of grant funds that may be available for recreational programs and/or facilities and assist in development of an application for such funds; and
- Recommend a representative from the board to serve as a representative on the Sarasota County Parks Advisory and Recreation Council to the city commission



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 2025 Initiatives



- Supported goals and objectives consistent with CAPRA Accreditation standards, reinforcing best practices across the department.
- Requested a comprehensive presentation on the scope and direction of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
- Recommended implementation of affordable fees for select events currently offered free of charge.
- Enhanced community access and equity by supporting the need for expanded neighborhood and community park access for all residents across the city.
- Supported the integration of the Drug Free Youth (DFY) program under the Parks & Recreation Department and supplied volunteers to assist with program delivery.
- Enhanced inter-board coordination with the approval of a joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Board.
- Postponed parkland acquisition discussions to ensure alignment with the forthcoming Parks & Recreation Master Plan.



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 2026 Goals



- Integration of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan into Board initiatives and goals for 2026.
- Revisit parkland acquisition strategy as outlined within the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
- Evaluate the impacts and recommend implementation pathways for affordable event fees.
- Explore broader cost-recovery strategies to support sustainable programming.
- Continue supporting policies, and operational practices that strengthen future CAPRA accreditation readiness.
- Prioritize strategies that expand neighborhood and community park access for all residents.
- Continue supporting the Drug Free Youth program and other youth-serving initiatives to promote safe, healthy, and prevention-focused services to the community.

