



Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 8 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Gray, Board Member Patel, Vice Chair Chavis and Board Member Wallace

Also Present

Staff Liaison Sturgess and Board Specialist Lindner.

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

- A. [26-0379](#) Approve the January 15, 2026 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes.

Chair Morgan announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Jackomin, seconded by Board Member Gray, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Gray, Board Member Patel, Vice Chair Chavis and Board Member Wallace

6. Presentations

- A. [26-0501](#) Presentation of the 2025 Parks & Recreation Impact Report

Chair Morgan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess provided a presentation including Warm Mineral Springs, North Port Aquatic Center, sponsorship support results, youth athlete attendance, marketing

assets, Drug-Free Youth Program (D-Fy) revenue, City data software, visitor numbers, summer camp space allocations, and lifeguard awards.

Discussion took place regarding event participation and attendance, millage rates, community growth, and inflation.

7. New Business

A. [26-0506](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Paid Amenities at City Signature Events

Chair Morgan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and spoke to budget reductions, children's zone activities, bounce house cost recovery, Freedom Festival and Trick-or-Treat event amenities, and comparisons with neighboring municipalities.

Discussion took place regarding reduction of free events, cost recovery strategies, Egg Hunt Egg-travaganza costs, event locations, sponsorship policies, traffic concerns, Freedom Festival costs, and alternative facility options.

Chair Morgan requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member File, seconded by Board Member Jackomin, to recommend charging fees for bounce houses at City events.

Discussion continued regarding budget improvement, proposal processes for approval, property tax reductions, possible Parks and Recreation district operation, and taxable entity percentages related to General Fund allocations.

A motion to amend was made by Board Member File, seconded by Board Member Jackomin, to recommend that fees for bounce houses and specialized activities at special events be charged to offset costs. The motion to amend carried on the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Gray, Board Member Patel, Vice Chair Chavis and Board Member Wallace

The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Gray, Board Member Patel, Vice Chair Chavis and Board Member Wallace

Discussion continued regarding membership costs, annual fees, equity, free City events, and targeted audiences.

A motion was made by Board Member Wallace, seconded by Board Member Gray, to recommend the Commission explore sponsorship opportunities. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Board Member Jackomin, Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File, Board Member Gray, Board Member Patel, Vice Chair Chavis and Board Member Wallace

8. Updates

A. [26-0413](#) Review and Discussion of Recent and Upcoming Parks & Recreation Department Events

Chair Morgan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and spoke to community outreach recruitment efforts, Warm Mineral Springs and Atwater Park splash pad fence installation, Rockin' Run N Roll, Morgan Family Community Center (MFCC) teen lounge improvements, Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway Nature Trail, Community Yard Sale, Newcomer Day, Boca Chica Neighborhood Park, Canine Club Dog Park lighting repairs, Shannon Staub Library Storytime, ParkRx Day, Splash into Summer, North Port's Got Talent, and Kids to Park Day.

Discussion took place regarding event participation and attendance.

B. [26-0414](#) Review and Discussion of Parks & Recreation Department Agenda Items for Recent and Upcoming City Commission Meetings

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and spoke to hurricane repairs, fee amendment, playground life expectancy, and Warm Mineral Springs.

Discussion took place regarding upcoming Drug-Free Youth Program (D-Fy) Leadership Conference and neighboring community support, events, and ambassador program.

9. Future Agenda Items

Chair Morgan announced the item and queried Board Members regarding items to be placed on a future agenda.

Discussion took place regarding a Parks and Recreation budget presentation at a future meeting.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

By: _____
Joan Morgan, Chair