



FY 24 ANNUAL REPORT

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

2024 Board Members

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Board Roles and 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:

- 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.



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2024 Initiatives

- Contributed to the rewrite of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) with a focus on development and parkland considerations.
- Advocated for improved communication between the Environmental Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Recommended properties for inclusion in the Sarasota County Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition list to enhance community access to green spaces.
- Gained insights into the City's Homeless Outreach Team and its operational framework in North Port.
- Deepened understanding of the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) through active participation in the reaccreditation process.

2025 Goals

- Support the development and implementation of the Park & Recreation Master Plan and Park System Planning initiatives.
- Advocate for the acquisition of land to establish future community and neighborhood parks.
- Stay informed and actively engaged, offering diverse perspectives on Parks & Recreation programs, projects, and initiatives.
- Foster increased collaboration with the Environmental Advisory Board to promote sustainability in park development.
- Raise awareness of native plantings in parks and their environmental benefits, in partnership with the Environmental Advisory Board.
- Support and enhance community events and programs offered by the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Promote and contribute to the Parks & Recreation Department's ongoing accreditation efforts.



