



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, March 20, 2025

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Jackomin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent 3 - Board Member Stevens, Board Member Langston and Board Member Collazo

Also Present

Board Specialist Lane, and Staff Liaison Sturgess.

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. [25-2012](#) Approval of the February 20, 2025 Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackomin announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Board Member File, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 3 - Board Member Stevens, Board Member Langston and Board Member Collazo

6. New Business

A. [25-2001](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding the improved park policies, advocating for green spaces, and supporting Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) accreditation in 2024, goals for 2025 include park expansion, sustainability, community

engagement, and adding additional goals.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Chair Jackomin, to approve the annual report with the additional goal to gain a deeper understanding of the economic impact of parks, recreation, and community involvement. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 3 - Board Member Stevens, Board Member Langston and Board Member Collazo

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Chair Jackomin, to send the amended annual report to Commission. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 3 - Board Member Stevens, Board Member Langston and Board Member Collazo

B. [25-2004](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Holding a Joint Meeting with The Environmental Advisory Board

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding Environmental Advisory Board joint meeting, conservation in and around existing parks, future park land, Micro Forest placement, and dates and times to meet.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Board Member File, to have a joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Board to discuss conservation in and around existing parks, future park land, and Micro Forest placement. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 3 - Board Member Stevens, Board Member Langston and Board Member Collazo

C. [25-2005](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Input From Board Members

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding consultants, stakeholder information, endorsement list, and economic impact.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Chair Jackomin, to continue Item 25-2005 to the April 17, 2025 meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 3 - Board Member Stevens, Board Member Langston and Board Member Collazo

D. [25-2006](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Drug Free Youth Program

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding Drug Free Youth Program (DFY), North Port High

School students, Commission meeting, Sarasota County, education, rules, evaluation, Morgan Center, metal detectors in school, and government regulation.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, Seconded by Chair Jackomin, to promote the Drug Free Youth Program. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 3 - Board Member Stevens, Board Member Langston and Board Member Collazo

E. [25-2035](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the User Fee Study Presentation

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding cost of events, Commission discussion, North Port Swim Team, Youth Basketball League, increases, Warm Mineral Springs, fund balance, Morgan Center, Planet Fitness, enterprise fund, fire department, police department, cost recovery for various city services, swimming lessons, saving lives, current user fees, determining the full cost of service provision and proposing adjustments for better cost recovery, importance of Parks and Recreation, and recommendations aiming to reduce these subsidies while maintaining accessibility.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Chair Jackomin, to endorse the fees that are presented in the user fee study and endorse the Parks and Recreation affordable programs for the community by the community. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Jackomin, Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 3 - Board Member Stevens, Board Member Langston and Board Member Collazo

7. Presentations

A. [25-2036](#) Presentation of the 2024 Parks & Recreation Impact Report

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess provided a presentation including the 2024 impact report, Parks & Recreation by the numbers, recognition, and accomplishments.

Discussion took place regarding Commission responses to Parks and Recreation, posting on Facebook, Wellen Park, permit fees, Morgan Center, reputation with the community, and ease of access to documents.

8. Updates

A. [25-2002](#) Review and Discussion of Parks & Recreation Department Agenda Items for Recent and Upcoming City Commission Meetings

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to contract amendment for RecTrac hosting services, a \$2,000 transfer to the Special Event Assistance Program, and awarding a renovation and flood proofing contract for Warm Mineral Springs.

There was no discussion.

B. [25-2003](#)

Review and Discussion of Recent and Upcoming Parks & Recreation Department Events

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to successful aquatics programs, community events, park upgrades, swim and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, a pet festival, a yard sale, sustainability initiatives, maintenance teams improved sports facilities, and park landscapes.

Discussion took place regarding importance of CPR and first aid, sustainability, learning to swim, spreading the word, Greenway Trail, Police endorsing Parks and Recreation within other cities, and television appearance.

9. Future Agenda Items

Chair Jackomin announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding advertising improvements.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Jackomin adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

By: _____
Paul Jackomin, Chair