



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Meeting Agenda 4

Parks and Recreation Board

Thursday, September 16, 2021

8:00 AM

Hagler-Mason Conference Room

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person. City Council encourages those not fully vaccinated to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouth.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Attachments: [May 20, 2021 Minutes - Unapproved](#)

4. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Attachments: [August 19, 2021 Minutes - Unapproved](#)

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STAFF REPORTS

6. STAFF PRESENTATION - PAUL PIPES - OUTDOOR PURSUITS AND VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

NEW BUSINESS

7. COMPLETE STREETS AND THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

OLD BUSINESS

8. PARK AMENITY DEDICATION - ELWOOD

Attachments: [Park Amenity Dedication Form - Elwood Zam](#)

9. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD DUTIES

10. BASKETBALL COURT LIGHTS LETTER TO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

11. OPEN FORUM**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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Memorandum

File #: 21-00785

Parks and Recreation Board

9/16/2021

SUBJECT:

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD



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Meeting Minutes 3 - Draft

Parks and Recreation Board

Thursday, May 20, 2021

8:00 AM

Hagler-Mason Conference Room

Members of the public may attend in person; however, there will be limited seating capacity. Consistent with CDC guidelines, attendees will be required to sit at least 6 feet apart and to wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am.

Chairperson Hicks read a statement about how the public could participate in the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

- Present** 7 - Chairperson Rand Hicks, Renee Borden, Antonio Bruni, David Del Gallo, Alejandra Escobar-Ryan, Leah Harrison, and Michael Wolf
- Absent** 2 - Vice Chair Maranda Sword, and Gabriela Garza

BRUCE BEACH PROJECT UPDATE

Attachments: Bruce Beach Master Plan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Attachments: [Unapproved Minutes of 04/15/21 Meeting](#)

Member Borden mentioned that she is not listed as being in attendance when she was. Will be sure this is corrected prior to publishing to the website.

A motion was made by Wolf, seconded by Harrison, that this Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Hicks, Borden, Bruni, Escobar-Ryan, Harrison, and Wolf

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Sword, Del Gallo, and Garza

6. PARK AMENITY DEDICATION - BRYAN PARK

Attachments: [Park Amenity Dedication Form - Ann Davis](#)

Betsy Werre, a member of the League of Women Voters, spoke on behalf of Ann Davis. They would like to place a plaque by a tree that was planted in Bryan Park. Ms. Davis treated the world with dignity and respect. She served as Co-Chair and President of the League of Women Voters. Bryan Park was selected because the League holds its meetings at the Tryon Public Library. The League donated a live oak, which has been planted, but the plaque has not been placed, pending approval by the Parks and Recreation Board, and City Council.

A motion was made by Harrison, seconded by Del Gallo, that this Action Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Hicks, Borden, Bruni, Del Gallo, Escobar-Ryan, Harrison, and Wolf

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Sword, and Garza

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Cooper recognized Officer Bell. He had no new updates, and the Board did not have any questions for him.

There was a structure fire this morning at the concession building at Exchange Park, it started as an electrical fire and spread.

He discussed waterfront damage that happened as a result of Hurricane Sally. When FEMA gets involved, it will take at least a year to resolve. The project worksheets have been submitted to FEMA and most were approved. Several of the key projects will be going out for bid in June with construction to be started in July. Plaza de Luna splash pad will not reopen this year, but Legion Field will be open shortly.

David Forte, Interim Public Works Director, mentioned that we are working on a link with all of the projects and time frame for repairs. It should be available soon.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Interim Director Forte spoke on the Bruce Beach project. On June 22 and 23 there will be a couple of public workshops (both virtually and in person) to get public input on this project.

Allen Benson with HDR went through a handout that was passed out to the Board members. He went through the lifecycle of the project. The object is to keep some of the heritage trees and cabbage palms, incorporate some of the history of the site, provide stormwater treatment, and allow water access. The Audubon Society has already begun planting in the area. The original plan will still happen, but some things have been furloughed until more money can be found to pay for the projects. Both Interim Director Forte and Mr. Benson asked that the Board members encourage the public

to attend the public input sessions so that the citizens voices can be heard.

Bruce Beach has been closed since Hurricane Sally because the walking path is unsafe.

NEW BUSINESS

7. WAYS OF IMPROVING ADVICE TO CITY COUNCIL

Attachments: [City Code -- Parks and Recreation Board Duties](#)

A Council member has asked that the Parks and Recreation Board give them a better definition of duties. In past years the Board used to have more authority than they do now, but due to changes in government and society, the role has been changed.

Chairperson Hicks was asked to provide a Council member with his list of responsibilities, which he provided them as list and in no way is a representation of the rest of the board. Prior to sharing his list with the board, he opened up the floor for discussion.

What kind of policies could the board create? Director Cooper gave an example that the board would create, city staff would adopt, and other staff would enforce. He said that the board members speak to him directly, and he takes their comments and reports them to the Mayor, and thus the board advises the Mayor. They could advise council individually or as a team on various topics.

Director Cooper mentioned that he could not recommend getting rid of parks, but based on the UWF plan, we cannot support 93 different parks. The board could recommend that a park be sold so that it could generate tax revenue, whereas he or a Council member could not recommend that.

Chairperson Hicks mentioned his list. The main point that they review the information they are given and advise not only council, but staff, and the Mayor. His keywords were review, report, and engage as well as advise. More discussion followed.

A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Harrison, that this Action Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Hicks, Borden, Bruni, Escobar-Ryan, Harrison, and Wolf

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Sword, Del Gallo, and Garza

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. OPEN FORUM

Ciclovia would like to organize some walks that would incorporate walking, visiting small businesses, and history lessons about different parts of the City.

Bayview Park playground equipment has been band-aided until it can be replaced.

Hitzman Park retention pond has a problem that would need addressing.

Dottie Dubisson, a well-spoken citizen, has passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

File #: 21-00784

Parks and Recreation Board

9/16/2021

SUBJECT:

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING



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Meeting Minutes 3 - Draft

Parks and Recreation Board

Thursday, August 19, 2021

8:00 AM

Hagler-Mason Conference Room

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Chairperson Rand Hicks, Vice Chair Maranda Sword, Renee Borden, Antonio Bruni, David Del Gallo, Alejandra Escobar-Ryan, and Leah Harrison
Absent 1 - Michael Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. MINUTES FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD JULY 15, 2021

Attachments: [July 15, 2021 Minutes Unapproved](#)

A motion was made by Del Gallo, seconded by Vice Chair Sword, that this Action Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Hicks, Vice Chair Sword, Borden, Bruni, Del Gallo, Escobar-Ryan, and Harrison

Absent: 1 - Wolf

PRESENTATIONS

4. NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (NRDA) PRESENTATION

Attachments: [NRDA FLORIDA RESTORATION PLAN GRANT FUNDING](#)

Funds from BP oil spill will pay for the two projects. Money was allocated originally to the fish hatchery, but the project was cancelled and the funds returned. Funds were granted for the Kayak Fishing Trailhead Project and the Fishing Tournament Marina Projects. Both projects received more than was applied for due to inflation, changes in scope, and Fish/Wildlife for admin of the grant.

The projects must be environmentally friendly with no public marinas, fueling, etc. The project will be audited for 2 years to be sure it is being used as intended. The marina will be able to be handicap accessible.

The Sanders Beach Corrine Jones ramp will be converted to accommodate paddle craft. Marina is 90% designed and will be out for bid soon. The paddling trail will be 9.5 miles. The concept is subject to change.

The estimated time line is that it will be fully permitted in Sept/Oct or later. Construction of the project will also take into account the Sturgeon migration season. Construction should begin next spring with completion expected in 2023. At this point Baars Park neighborhood has voiced some concerns about the park being included on the paddling trail, so a final determination whether or not to include it has not been made.

Parts of these projects are listed on the City's website on the Capital Improvement webpage.

5. HOLLICE T. WILLIAMS PARK AND SKATE PARK DESIGNS

Attachments: [Hollice Williams Park Plan](#)

Matt Posner (RESTORE Program Manager at Escambia County, Florida) and Allen Vinson (HDR Engineering) brought the presentation.

Mr. Vinson walked the board through the conceptual drawings. As many as 200 children practice football during the fall in this area. The players also bring parents and siblings. What will those people do during practices? HDR incorporated a fitness trail and obstacle course.

He continued discussing the park including skatepark and community gardens, places to display art, demonstration kitchen and restrooms, amphitheater, historical landmarks, and vendor booths in the shape of train cars that will be available during events. The project will also include multiple stormwater areas.

Questions included possible how the project will be funded. The plan will be phased in beginning with the skate park. The funding sources will designate what order the different aspects of the project will be completed.

Robyn Tice spoke as a concerned neighbor. She is excited about the project. But she still has a few concerns such as parking, location of parallel parking, noise and lighting issues. Bike lanes for street and sidewalk riders will also addressed as well as shade for the playground.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

* Estramadura and Operto playgrounds have been installed. Granada Square and Longhollow Parks will be next.

- * An architect for the new community resource center has been selected - Carter Quina[Quina Grundhoefer].
- * Playgrounds are being ordered for Sanders Beach and Bayview Parks.
- * The waterfront repairs at Bayview Park are underway. Sanders Beach is not far behind it.
- * Soccer may be starting Monday at Hitzman Park.
- * Roger Scott Tennis Center design is almost complete.
- * Hunter Pool construction will begin later this year.
- * Director Cooper explained that since the inception of the skatepark, the funding for it has changed. He went into details.
- * The Pensacola Police Department (PPD) is being reorganized, and Officer Bell will be transferring to the street and pulled off special projects, such as acting as park ranger. The parks will be added to the beat for regular visitations by PPD. Director Cooper thanked him for everything he was able to accomplish.

STAFF REPORTS

8. PARKS PRESENTATION

Attachments: [Parks Presentation](#)

- Superintendent Bill Kimball brought a brief presentation about Parks.
- * Parks is broken up into three sections - Parks Crew, Tree Crew, and Trash Crew.
 - * Out of the four boat launches that we operate, one is currently open, and another one is being used, the other two are awaiting repairs caused by Hurricane Sally.
 - * Currently we have three dog parks, with a fourth one that will be added soon at Kiwanis Park.
 - * We have added another park with a splash pad, both of which are not currently open.
 - * We remove on average about 80 trees per year, and prune over 200 trees.

7. CITY OF PENSACOLA BASKETBALL COURTS

Attachments: [City of Pensacola Basketball Courts](#)

Director Cooper had asked Assistant Thorsen to email the board members a map showing all of the basketball courts in the City limits. Discussion followed. It was mentioned that the basketball courts outside of Woodland Heights Resource Center have been moved to the nearby Calloway Park in order to make space for additional parking. The additional parking has not been built due to a change in Council priorities and the bids coming in way over budget. Only one basketball court has lights. Lights could be added IF the courts are not surrounded by homes, and if parking would not be an issue.

Where else could lights be added? Who is using the courts, how are they getting there, where do they live? Discussion followed. The Board discussed whether to place the lights in the neighborhoods where people live, or ask the Neighborhood Associations where would be a good location. Different parks were discussed. If lights are added, add timers to the lights to turn them off at 7:30 to correspond to Daylight Savings time.

What about Hollice T. Williams. Blair Stephenson - Put in lighting in Operto on timers. Corrine Jones park is used by County. Operto is a neighborhood league. Based on Off Bell. How to get public opinion on the subject? Could we allow them to play until 7:30 pm? Maybe the P&R Brd can poll the NA's they are working with for their input. Can the users give feedback as well? Can the results be reported back to 1 person (HT)? Only place we get complaints is at Operto, and it is due to parking. Question of funding was also raised.

Member Harrison volunteered to draft a plan to reach out to the users of the basketball courts to get their opinions as well.

A motion was made by Del Gallo, seconded by Harrison, that this Action Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Hicks, Vice Chair Sword, Borden, Bruni, Del Gallo, Escobar-Ryan, and Harrison

Absent: 1 - Wolf

NEW BUSINESS

9. PARK AMENITY DEDICATION - DR. PHILIP A. PAYNE

Attachments: [Park Amenity Dedication Form - Dr Philip A Payne](#)

Blair Stephenson mentioned that Dr. Payne began the Bayou Texar preservation foundation and was a big supporter of the storm water fee. Aug 23 will be the 20th year that Council enacted a storm water utility fee. The water quality has greatly improved since that time. The foundation will pay for the plaque and bench in Bayview Park.

A motion was made by Del Gallo, seconded by Harrison, that this Action Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Hicks, Vice Chair Sword, Borden, Bruni, Del Gallo, and Harrison

Absent: 2 - Escobar-Ryan, and Wolf

10. PARK AMENITY DEDICATION - DANNY WILLIAMS

Attachments: [Park Amenity Dedication - Danny Williams](#)

A motion was made by Del Gallo, seconded by Borden, that this Action Item be

Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Hicks, Vice Chair Sword, Borden, Bruni, Del Gallo, and Harrison

Absent: 2 - Escobar-Ryan, and Wolf

11. PARK AMENITY DEDICATION - DENNIS BROWN

Attachments: [Park Amenity Dedication - Dennis Brown](#)

Several people requested to speak regarding the merits of both Danny Williams and Dennis Brown. Both men are highly respected by both the parents and the children that they interact with.

A motion was made by Del Gallo, seconded by Borden, that this Action Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Hicks, Vice Chair Sword, Borden, Bruni, Del Gallo, and Harrison

Absent: 2 - Escobar-Ryan, and Wolf

12. PARK AMENITY DEDICATION - ELWOOD

Attachments: [Park Amenity Dedication Form - Elwood Zam](#)

This Action Item was Postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

13. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD DUTIES

A motion was made by Chairperson Hicks that this Action Item be Postponed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chairperson Hicks, Vice Chair Sword, Borden, and Bruni

Absent: 4 - Del Gallo, Escobar-Ryan, Harrison, and Wolf

14. OPEN FORUM

15. ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

File #: 21-00783

Parks and Recreation Board

9/16/2021

SUBJECT:

STAFF PRESENTATION - PAUL PIPES - OUTDOOR PURSUITS AND VOLUNTEER PROJECTS



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Memorandum

File #: 21-00788

Parks and Recreation Board

9/16/2021

SUBJECT:

COMPLETE STREETS AND THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Memorandum

File #: 21-00708

Parks and Recreation Board

8/19/2021

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Click or tap here to enter text.

SUBJECT:

PARK AMENITY DEDICATION - ELWOOD

RECOMMENDATION:

Dedication of a basket for tennis balls at Bayview Dog Beach to Elwood by Tommie Zam

SUMMARY:

Elwood and his master Tommie were daily visitors to the dog beach until Elwood's recent passing. Tennis balls for the basket will be donated by Roger Scott Tennis Center.



STAFF CONTACT:

Click or tap here to enter text.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Park Amenity Dedication Form - Elwood Zam

Park Amenity Dedication PROPOSAL FORM

The installation of any plaque as a dedication to an individual or group at a City facility must be approved. Please fill out the form below. You will be notified of the decision.

Nominating Party

NAME: Thomas E. Zam
(INDIVIDUAL OR REPRESENTATIVE OF GROUP)

ADDRESS: 7995 Newton Dr.

DAY PHONE: 619-832-3555 EVENING PHONE: Same as Day

E-MAIL: trueSk8boardmag@gmail.com

PERSON/ORGANIZATION/EVENT BEING HONORED

NAME: Elwood - Dog of Thomas ZAM

PARK DEDICATION WOULD BE LOCATED: BAYVIEW DOG
BEACH

DESCRIBE THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE HONOREE:

No significant contribution has been made.
Project would be installed and memorial
designed to give back to the community

SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 6-21

PLEASE FORWARD TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502
Phone: 850.436.5670
Fax: 850.436.5199



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File #: 21-00787

Parks and Recreation Board

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SUBJECT:

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD DUTIES



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Memorandum

File #: 21-00791

Parks and Recreation Board

9/16/2021

SUBJECT:

BASKETBALL COURT LIGHTS LETTER TO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS