



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Vince Whibbs Conference Room – City Hall**  
**222 W. Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Pensacola, FL 32502**

December 20, 2018 8:00 a.m.

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting**
4. **New Business**
  - Letter from City Council addressed to all members of City Council appointed Boards, Commissions, and Authorities
5. **Director/Staff Reports, Correspondence, Project Updates**
6. **Old Business**
  - Board Member Park Visitation Program
  - Bicycle Advisory Committee update
7. **Open Forum**
8. **Adjournment**

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
1st Floor City Hall, 222 W. Main St.  
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**November 15, 2018 8:00 am**

**PRESENT:** Paul Epstein (Chairperson), David Forte, Rand Hicks, David Mayo, and Maranda Sword

**ABSENT:** Whitney Voeltz, Ed Wonders

**CITY STAFF:** Brian Cooper (Parks and Recreation Director); Kim Carmody (Recreation Superintendent); and Heidi Thorsen (Director's Assistant)

**CITIZENS:** Dr. David Handley (FFNWF); Robin Olsson (Under the Hill League); Bruce Caton; Alan Gray (First City Development)

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Epstein.

2. **ROLL CALL.** An oral roll call was taken.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Board member Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by member Sword. The minutes were approved.

4. **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Naming of tennis court in honor of Joseph Lovoy**

Robin Olsson spoke about the merits of Joe Lovoy. Mr. Lovoy founded the Under the Hill League. As several tennis courts have closed, Roger Scott Tennis Center became the destination for the tennis community. Mr. Lovoy was instrumental in getting the soft courts at the tennis center.

This is not the first court to be named after someone. Court 23 has already received the designation honoring Bill Kellenberger. The tennis community will pay for the plaque that will be placed on the court.

Member Hicks made the following motion: "I move that we declare that Court 20 at Roger Scott be named in honor of Joe Lovoy for all of his service to the community of tennis." The motion was seconded by member Mayo. The motion was approved unanimously.

Staff will attempt to have this on the December Council agenda.

5. **DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES.**

Director Cooper brought the following updates:

- We have had the ribbon cutting at Bill Gregory. He thanked all that attended.
- Sanders Beach boat launch is almost completed. Hopefully it will be wrapped up soon.
- Bruce Beach has now become a natural park, it's one of ours.

- We are losing Five Flags Park to the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Gull Point renovations are coming along, almost complete. Hopefully by January it will be done.
- Bayview Senior Center renovations will take a little longer.
- At Bayview Community Center, the construction fence is up.
- Legion Field Park renovations design phase is almost complete. Council member Cannada-Wynn had some extra money which will be used to replace the press box. The playground will be replaced and moved. We have put in a fitness court, and may be installing a splash pad and a T-Ball field.
- Morris Court bids will be in by Nov 19. We are progressing on this project contrary to what we hear in Council meetings.
- Playgrounds for Hitzman, Armstrong, Terra Verde, and Parker Circle are shipping.
- We are beginning to work on the Hunter Pool roof replacement. The canopy is beyond repair. We are starting the process to replace the roof.
- The soccer complex was approved by Council. All of the members present voted in favor of it.
- The new Mayor is arriving soon. We'll be updating him on all of our projects, and getting his and the City Administrator's direction on them.
- We have the money designated in LOST funds to put up a handicap ramp on the Miraflores Scout building. That project has not been started.
- Board member Forte asked about park lighting in general. Per Director Cooper, parks are open sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted, we have some that are otherwise posted. There are a couple of UWF studies that some parks do not appear to be safe. We have allocated some money in this next round of LOST to light walking paths, which will be added over the next 8-10 years. Proper lighting can reduce light pollution while still providing security and not hindering wildlife. Sometimes the first line of defense is to call the police to enforce the rules. Member Forte was asking for the purpose of making parks accessible for school children to play in them after school for a few hours.

Mr. Gray mentioned that PPD had 4-5 officers trained in CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). This is a technique that creates less opportunity for crime through design of buildings, streets, etc. by creating an area that can be easily looked through and viewed by law enforcement. He suggested contacting PPD to get a couple officers to speak to the Board about this. [This will be added to the agenda of the January meeting.] Member Hicks will also invite a social scientist to address the issue.

- Superintendent Carmody mentioned that we will be getting a new parking lot (recover/restripe) at Fricker, a new sound system at Sanders Beach, and also a new floor at Fricker.
- Director Cooper mentioned that he has reached out to several people about a grant from NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) we'd like to apply for, a 10 minute walk program. He has asked member Hicks to help with this. Member Hicks mentioned that 85% of the City of Pensacola is within a 10 minute walk to a park. We have applied for a grant which will bring \$40,000 to promote more activities around the parks. Several agencies wrote letters of support.

WIWF would be willing to air short segments supporting 10 minute walks. Director Cooper was in favor of that idea. Chairperson Epstein suggested maybe have a "Did you know . . ." link on the Play Pensacola website to help promote the program. Member Hicks mentioned that Paul Pipes, Volunteer and Outdoor Pursuits Coordinator, put the grant together.

- Director Cooper mentioned that Coordinator Pipes had about 900 volunteers from Pensacola State, and 1,000 volunteers from Pensacola Christian College show up to help on a volunteer

day, 250 of them came to help in our parks. They worked in Chimney Park, and Carpenter's Creek.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS.**

### **Board Member Park Visitation Program.**

There was a quick discussion of the parks that had been selected by more than one board member. The board members should spend no more than 30 seconds discussing the park that they visited during the month. The members should not include issues to be addressed, just give a quick overview of the park. If they see something that needs addressing, please let Parks and Recreation know.

### **Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) update.**

Member Mayo brought the update. He mentioned that there is a need for more Committee members. In regards to the projects submitted to the TPO, the reality is that there is not enough money for all of the projects. Council was going to have a presentation on Complete Streets, but the item was pulled, FDOT did not come to do the presentation. Hopefully it will be rescheduled soon.

Member Hicks mentioned that he would like Stephanie Powers [Mangus] to serve on the Committee. Assistant Thorsen mentioned that she needs to be sure to fill out the form on the City's website to ask to serve on the Committee.

Member Mayo continued, we need to bring up to the administration that the projects submitted by the BAC are a priority of the BAC, and he would like to see the City fund some of them. Director Cooper mentioned he thinks it prudent at some point after the transition for the BAC chairperson, Director Cooper, and either the Mayor and/or the City Administrator to meet and discuss what the Committee does and things that they have planned, and give guidance. He did reiterate though that the BAC is a Council board and not a Mayoral board, but the Mayor could help get some things funded.

There was some discussion of how TPO funds projects. The TPO board can fund projects depending on how much projects cost. December 12 is the next TPO meeting, with the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting on December 10. There is a possibility of having some citizen support/presentation at these meetings to support the BAC projects.

Member Hicks would like to do some bike tips on WUWF TV and possibly WHBR.

Discussion of promoting public/private partnerships in order to pay for some of the BAC projects arose. If fund raising is not in the charge of the Board, member Hicks mentioned that he could take it through Bike Pensacola.

Member Hicks mentioned that he was asked if we have any statutes in regards to motorized scooters (not designed for disabled individuals) on sidewalks. This is outside the scope of the Board. Member Forte mentioned that FDOT has some statutes on this.

**7. OPEN FORUM.**

- Dr. Handley thanked Director Cooper for the update on ADA ramps on the Miraflores building. They are getting more and more people in the building that really need this. He praised Michael Wolf who is a landscape architect, and civil engineer. Mr. Wolf created the plans for the ramp and did it in such a way as to not detract from any historical nature of the facility, but also ease of maintenance after it's erected. There are several groups that use the building.
- There will be a December meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT.**

Unapproved