



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Vince Whibbs Conference Room – City Hall
222 W. Main St., 1st Floor
Pensacola, FL 32502

March 21, 2019 8:00 a.m.

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting**
4. **New Business**
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5. **Director/Staff Reports, Correspondence, Project Updates**
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6. **Old Business**
 - Board Member Park Visitation Program
 - Bicycle Advisory Committee update
7. **Open Forum**
8. **Adjournment**

**CITY OF PENSACOLA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Gull Point Resource Center
7000 Spanish Tr.
Pensacola, FL 32504**

February 21, 2019 8:00 am

PRESENT: Paul Epstein (Chairperson), Rand Hicks, David Mayo, and Ed Wonders

ABSENT: David Forte, Maranda Sword

CITY STAFF: Brian Cooper (Parks and Recreation Director), Cheryl Fox (Athletics Superintendent), Alex Odee (Athletics Coordinator), Paul Pipes (Volunteer and Outdoor Pursuits Coordinator), and Heidi Thorsen (Director's Assistant)

CITY COUNCIL: Sherri Myers

CITIZENS: Scott Grissett (NEP football), Krista Hobgood, C.J. Lewis, Phil Nickinson (Pensacola Youth Soccer), and David Werdung (Pensacola Youth Soccer)

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 January 17, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by member Mayo. The minutes were approved.
4. **NEW BUSINESS.**
NEP Football
Director Cooper mentioned that Mr. Grissett is coach of the 9-year-old NEP football. He was honored at the Pensacola Sports banquet for their accomplishments. They were southern regional champs and became national champs.

David Werdung

Mr. Werdung was also recognized at the banquet for his contributions to recreational soccer. He received the 2018 Special Achievement Award, recognizing him for his contributions in the area recreational soccer programs.

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

Introduction of New Employee

Director Cooper introduced Alex Odee. He has been working in the resource centers, but now he is in athletics helping Superintendent Fox. He will be helping with a Pitch/Hit/Run program that Charles Bare is doing.

Volunteer and Outdoor Pursuits Presentation

Coordinator Pipes brought an overview of what he does. He was able to hold a successful summer camp five weeks after he started. He has been able to reach out to some new groups getting them to volunteer for various projects. He is working on planning some overnight camping trips and survival camps. He described the way the two parts of his position integrate. He has four Eagle Scout projects in the works helping with park improvement projects. Chairperson Epstein thanked him for filling Tim Land's shoes. Coordinator Pipes will also be instrumental in getting people walking in the City limits.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

Board Member Park Visitation Program.

Postponed until next month

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) update.

Member Mayo mentioned that the BAC has been suspended, so there is no report at this time.

7. OPEN FORUM.

- Council Member Myers appreciated that fact that this meeting was away from City Hall. She requested holding the meetings at a different time and in different areas of the City. She mentioned that the Council would love to have the Board's advice. She asked that the minutes be sent to Council Executive so that he could disburse them to the other Council members. She is not asking for the minutes from all of the Council appointed Boards and Commissions, but would really appreciate them from the Parks and Recreation Board. Discussion followed about changing the meeting time. This will be put on the next month's agenda for discussion.
- Ms. Hobgood mentioned that she likes having the meetings in other locations. She voiced her displeasure of having the soccer fields at Hitzman Park. She has done research, and everything that was posted on social media was either provided by or obtained from City officials. She would like everything addressed. Director Cooper addressed various issues of misinformation that was on social media – we were getting rid of all of the trees, the soccer fields will impact the disc golf course, the loud noises from the soccer fields, and additional traffic concerns. Noise is an opinion, soccer is a quiet sport, quieter than names coming across loudspeakers from the YMCA, football whistles blowing, etc. He apologized for not getting the neighborhood involved earlier. Right now the concept is just a concept, it's not in the design phase yet. There will be a meeting at Scenic Heights Elementary at 6:00 tonight.
- Mr. Nickinson mentioned that the complex has been properly promoted on social media. We are developing a new non-profit organization to help Mr. Werdung run the soccer program. Director Cooper mentioned that we will have a parent-run program that will help make decisions and run the soccer program.
- Member Hicks mentioned CNAPP (Council of Neighborhood Association Presidents of Pensacola), and put in a plug for Ciclovía on March 23.
- Tours of the renovated facility followed.

8. ADJOURNMENT.