



City of Pensacola
Parks and Recreation Board
UPDATED – Agenda

October 17, 2019

8:00 am

Whibbs Conference Room

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Name Tennis Court – Brian Sakey

DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Member Park Visitation Program

OPEN FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

**City of Pensacola****Parks and Recreation Board****Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

September 19, 2019

8:00 am

Whibbs Conference Room

Members Present: Paul Epstein (Chairperson), Antonio Bruni, Alejandra Escobar-Ryan, David Forte (in at 8:10, left at 8:45), Gabriela Garza, Rand Hicks, Maranda Sword

Members Absent: David Del Gallo, and Leah Harrison

City Staff Present: Brian Cooper (Parks and Recreation Director), Lawrence Powell (City Neighborhoods Administrator), Heidi Thorsen (Assistant to the Director), and Michael Ziarnek (Transportation planner – Complete Streets)

Others Present: Betty Douglas, and Krista Hobgood

CALL TO ORDER – 8:01 am

ROLL CALL – An oral roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Sword made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting. Member Bruni seconded. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS (None)

DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES

Director Cooper brought the following updates:

- The budget for the new fiscal year was passed by Council last night.
- The Bayview Community Center construction is underway, hopefully we will be opening by August 2020 or possibly July.
- The Bayview Senior Center renovations are moving faster than expected. We are hoping to be opening before December.
- The playground at Legion Field is being installed today. It will take a couple of weeks to remove the old one and install the new one, then hopefully add a splash pad, T-Ball field, and rebuild the press box.
- We are working with the folks from Magee Field. We have a nice design concept, now looking for funding for the project. It will probably cost around \$800,000.00. Hopefully we will be able to do this project in phases.
- We have had a ribbon cutting at Morris Court. He thanked member Hicks for attending.
- Superintendent Carmody is working with Housing on getting a federal grant for redoing the playground at Kiwanis Park.
- Tierra Verde Park will be getting a new playground soon.

- Several different groups showed up to Woodland Heights for their performing arts night. We are working on getting some feedback and hoping to get children involved.
- The YMCA programs at Vickrey are going really well. We have had one phone-in complaint that has been resolved.
- We are working on getting a demo plan for the old YMCA building at Hitzman Park. We are waiting on permitting, and then we will get bids for the job. The plan is to begin demolishing the building as soon as soccer is complete (Nov. 15). Member Escobar-Ryan suggested getting some information out concerning the plans to keep the public informed. Once the design is complete, the City will put up a sign that will include a website with the plans. The soccer parents have been updated, but the Neighborhood Association has not sent out an update yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Julian Olsen naming update

Chairperson Epstein mentioned that Director Cooper emailed a list of naming options to the Board that were put together by him and Mrs. Douglas. Mrs. Douglas ordered the list as follows:

1. Naming the Bayview Resource Center in honor of Mr. Olsen
2. Having a Julian Olsen Way (a road close to Bayview Park named after him)
3. "The Julian Olsen Event Center" within the Bayview Center
4. A nice bronze plaque inside the building recognizing his legacy and commitment to the Bayview Park and Center.

The Board has previously decided that the name of the Bayview Resource Center will always remain the Bayview Resource Center, so the first option will not be used. Chairperson Epstein asked if there might be other suggestions in addition to the remaining three. Member Hicks suggested having a bronze bust and plaque at the top of the hill in conjunction with naming the walkway/bike path "Julian Olsen Way", or naming the Amphitheater after Mr. Olsen. Mrs. Douglas really liked his first idea. Further, member Hicks believes that the plaque should include the fact that Mr. Olsen was instrumental in the careers of people such as Cobb, Vickrey, Fricker, Hitzman, etc. Member Hicks asked that Chairperson Epstein be present when the language for the plaque is drafted.

Discussion followed in regards to which paved path or street should be named "Julian Olsen Way". Member Hicks believes it should be the walkway/bike path so that people can stop and reflect on his contributions, and read the plaque, instead of just driving by on the way into the Park. Other members believe that the road from 20th Ave. that goes between the Senior Center and the Dog Park should receive the honor of being called "Julian Olsen Way". The entrance is between Lee and Blount streets. (A Google map is included in the last page of the Minutes showing the proposed location.)

Discussion followed as to where to put the bust and plaque. Some members seem to agree it should be close to the walkway/bike path so that people who walk the park can stop and read the plaque. Director Cooper mentioned that he would be sure it is in the

right location, he will check with Mrs. Douglas, member Hicks, and the Board prior to installation.

Member Forte made the following motion: "That we name that stretch that is north of Lee that connects to the parking lot, as 'Julian Olsen Way', and add a bust and plaque recognizing him for his service, in a prominent location." Member Escobar-Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Director Cooper verified with Streets that that street currently does not have a name. Information is not readily available to figure out where the bust should be placed.

The motion as agreed upon is as follows:

That we make the north entrance to the Centers "Julian Olsen Way", and place a plaque and bust in a prominent location.

All of the members present except for Member Hicks agreed with the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

Park Restrooms

Director Cooper put together a list of restrooms (mainly in regional parks) including their condition, and when they are cleaned. Henry Wyer Park is the only neighborhood park that has a restroom. Most of the restrooms on the list are usually opened and closed when the Centers are opened (9-5), or regular business hours.

We are working on putting the restroom information on our website. One of the Board members suggested also including whether or not the restrooms are ADA accessible, and if they have diaper changing stations.

Some discussion followed regarding replacing the bathrooms at Hitzman with port-o-lets until the new soccer fields are complete. It was mentioned that the restrooms look better now than they have in the past five years. Ms. Hobgood mentioned that she prefers the current restrooms instead of port-o-lets.

New restrooms will be included when the upgrades are made to Magee Field. Periodic updates on Magee Field will be provided as the project progresses.

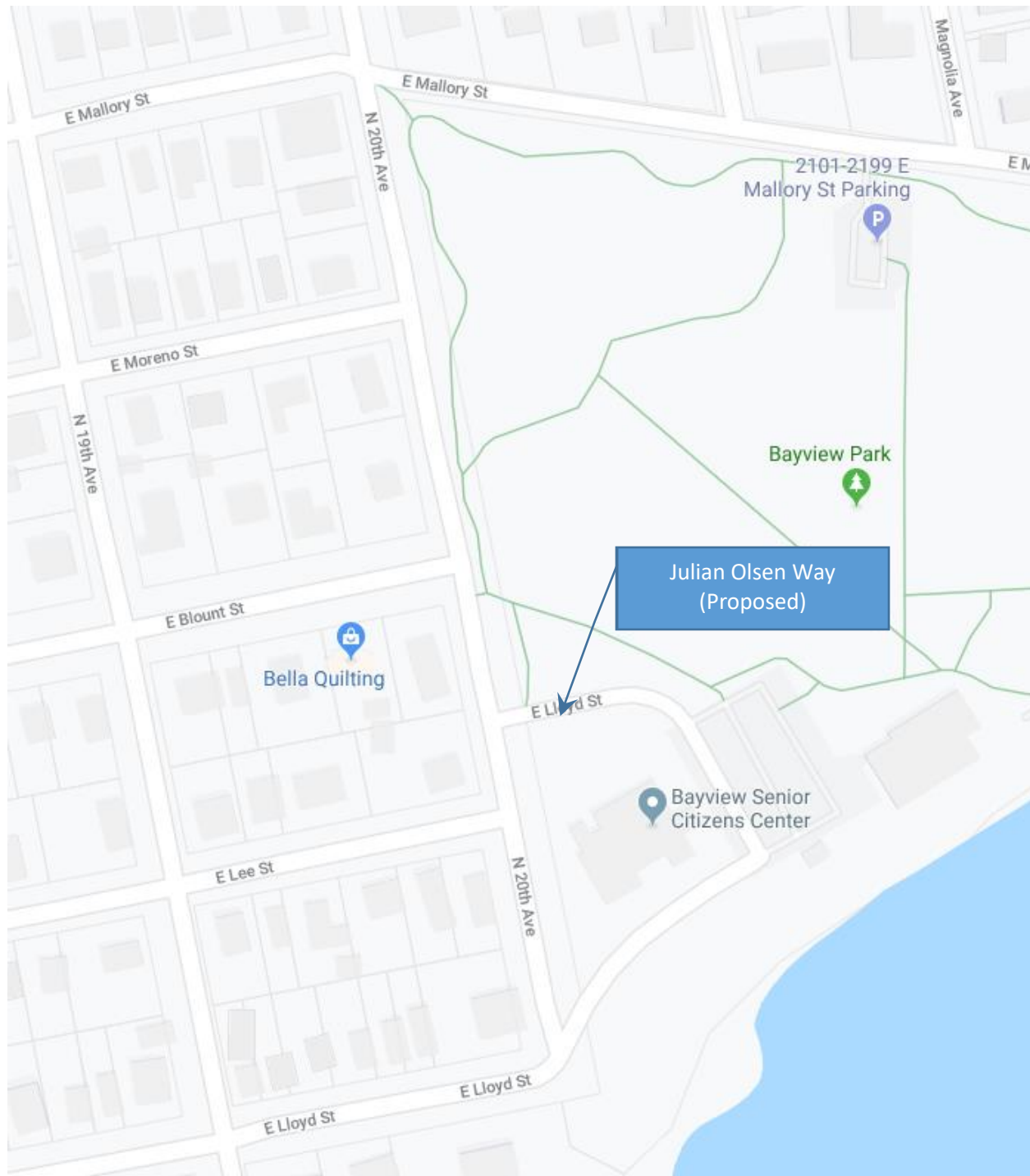
Board Member Park Visitation Program

The following parks were presented: Georgia Square, Miranda Square, Long Hollow, Granada Subdivision Park, Pineglades Park, and Dunmire Park.

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- Ms. Hobgood mentioned that she likes the sign idea for Hitzman Park to keep the neighborhood informed. She feels that the neighborhood should have a say in the design of the soccer fields. She wants everything that is discussed in the soccer workgroup publicized, even if the information is incomplete.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:25 am



(Printed from Google Maps)

October 8, 2019

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Parks and Recreation Department
Pensacola, FL

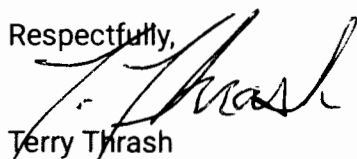
Dear Parks & Rec Board;

The purpose of this letter is to formally request permission to display a court dedication sign on Ct 22 of Roger Scott Tennis Center. The court will be dedicated to Brian Sakey. It is very difficult to put into words what Brian has meant to the Pensacola tennis community. I've personally known Brian since the late 80s. I've played in his tournaments, I've been his teammate on USTA league teams and I've taught tennis lessons alongside him at Scott Tennis Center. Brian's 4+ years of battling cancer while still teaching and sharing his love for tennis is undescrivable. Brian has been the ultimate tennis ambassador for the Pensacola area. Brian has inspired tennis players of ALL ages; he has inspired me, since the first day I've had the pleasure to know him. Brian had a way of getting the most out of everyone he met. He was loved by all that knew him. Brian was honored by over 1000 people at his memorial Service, most of those from the local tennis community. This support from the local tennis community is a testament to what Brian Sakey meant to every tennis player in the area. The Pensacola Tennis Community is a very close knit, large group of friends and Brian was our Patriarch.

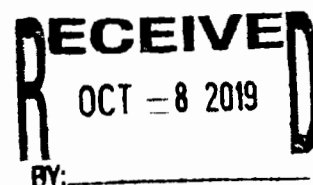
There is also a ladies league team that wants to dedicate a tree and a Memorial plaque in his honor. This letter is requesting permission for this dedication also.

On behalf of the entire Pensacola Tennis Community, I formally request permission to display the court signage and Memorial tree.

Respectfully,



Terry Thrash
Associate Tennis Professional
Roger Scott Tennis Center
Tennis Ambassador - USTA FL
President- Greater Pensacola Tennis Assoc



Sec. 2-3-3. - Naming city property.

- (a) *Intent of criteria.* The criteria provided herein are intended to provide an identifiable process which citizens may utilize to propose the recognition of individuals who have made a significant contribution to the city, region or nation and whose memory may be honored by the designation of their name and achievements associated with a structure, street, park or other public place in the City of Pensacola. Such individuals may be city residents, historic figures, former elected officials or former city employees whose work, actions or life has made a significant contribution to the community or society. Consideration of such recognition will be made by the city council without reference to such immutable characteristics as race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age or disability. These criteria are intended to be flexible so that there will be an opportunity for recognition of any individual deserving of such, who may not meet all of the objective criteria contained herein. In addition, the city council recognizes that many of the facilities of the city have established interest groups such as neighborhood associations or other affinity groups, and it is the intent of the council to solicit input from all such interest groups when appropriate.
- (b) *Criteria.*
- (1) Parks may be named after streets, geographical locations, historical figures, events, concepts or as otherwise determined by the city council.
 - (2) Parks may be named for individuals or groups that have made exceptional contributions to the Pensacola community.
 - (3) Parks may be named for an historical figure or an individual or family or organization that has made a significant land, monetary or service contribution to the acquisition of the property, park system or the community in general. These may include the names of early residents or citizens and/or events of significance to the area's history or development which have directly impacted the park's development.
 - (4) Current elected officials and currently employed city staff shall not be eligible for consideration until they are no longer in office or have been retired from city service for at least four (4) years.
 - (5) In order to accommodate the interest in recognizing or honoring individuals deserving such recognition or honor, the city council may elect to honor individuals by the erection of informational signage or plaques at a particular facility, structure or portion thereof, without naming the entire park, structure or facility after one individual or preempting the opportunity to recognize more than one person's achievements or contributions. However, the renaming of a park, structure or facility from one name to another will be discouraged and accepted only for exceptional reasons.
- (c) *Procedure.*
- (1) Members of council or other individuals or groups that propose to name or rename a park, structure, facility or portion thereof must submit a letter to the city clerk with sufficient information or evidence to support a naming or name change. The clerk shall forward a copy of the letter to the offices of the mayor, the city council president and the director of neighborhood services. If a renaming is being proposed, the letter must document why the existing name no longer holds any historical significance, or otherwise why the existing name is no longer appropriate.
 - (2) If the property or facility under review is within the purview of the parks and recreation board, that board will review such request and discuss the request at a meeting of the board. Following board consideration, the board will make its recommendations to the city council. If the property or facility under review is within the purview of another organization or board, that organization or board will be given the opportunity to consider the request for naming or renaming and make its recommendation to the city council.
 - (3) The city council will make the final decision on all naming or renaming requests.

(Ord. No. 34-14, § 1, 9-11-14)