



City of Pensacola
Parks and Recreation Board
Agenda

January 16, 2020

8:00 am

Whibbs Conference Room

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

1. Blue-way paddling community presentation

DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES

1. Staff Presentation – Cheryl Fox - Athletics

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Member Park Visitation Program

OPEN FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

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

December 19, 2019

8:00 am

Whibbs Conference Room

Members Present: Paul Epstein (Chairperson), Antonio Bruni, Alejandra Escobar-Ryan, David Forte, Gabriela Garza, and Rand Hicks

Members Absent: David Del Gallo, Leah Harrison, Maranda Sword

City Staff Present: Brian Cooper (Parks and Recreation Director), Kim Carmody (Administration & Special Projects Superintendent), Heidi Thorsen (Assistant to the Director), Tonya Vaden (Recreation Superintendent), and Mike Ziarnek (Transportation Planner – Complete Streets)

Others Present:

CALL TO ORDER – 8:05 am

ROLL CALL – An oral roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Forte made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting. Member Bruni made a motion to second. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS (NONE)**DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES**

Director Cooper recognized Superintendent Carmody. She brought an update of the Julian Olsen monument. She has found a local artist to create the bust. She is in the process of looking for an appropriate pedestal. She is hoping to have a contract within the next 30 days. The cost for the bust will be about \$5,600.00. We are not sure who is paying for it at this time since the issue of paying for it was not addressed when it was approved. It will be the first City initiated bust; all other busts and statues have been paid for by other groups. Discussion regarding funding followed. Several of the Board members will ask some Council members to use some of their discretionary funds.

Director Cooper brought the following updates:

- Superintendent Vaden and Director Cooper have updated the project list on the website.
- Highland Terrace parking lot project is underway. We will be moving the basketball court to Callaway Park. We will be adding about 80 parking spots at Woodland Heights.
- The sign at Hitzman Park is up with the plans for the park.

- Demolition of the old YMCA building on Langley has begun. Director Cooper has a meeting on December 20 with the engineer's for the rest of the plans of the park.
- We just finished the playground installation at Legion Field Park. We are working on a new press box, splash pad and t-ball field.
- Bayview Senior Center reopened yesterday. The hours right now are limited due to fewer parking spaces being available during the construction of the new Bayview Resource Center.
- The Bayview Resource Center is progressing nicely, hoping for the end of summer.
- The playgrounds for Springdale, Kiwanis, EPH Lions, Durant, and Miraflores Parks have arrived, and are being scheduled for installation.
- The playground at Tierra Verde Park has been installed, and currently the sidewalks are being installed.
- Magee Field renovations are underway.
- We are getting ready to renovate the restrooms at Bill Gregory Park.
- At Hunter Pool the pool building will be torn down and rebuilt. The building will be more modern and streamlined. We will operate through a shed again this coming year while the building is being rebuilt.
- We are working on the renovations on the Miraflores Building. Superintendent Carmody has met with everyone involved.
- We will be starting some renovations on the EPH Clubhouse building.
- We are going to be spending money to install cart paths at Osceola golf course.

Chairperson Epstein mentioned about Baars Park and the paddling trail. He was asked about it and had no information to give. Director Cooper mentioned that Paul Pipes (Volunteer and Outdoor Pursuits Coordinator) is deeply involved in this project as is Council Member Hill. We want to become a Blue-way Community with paddle stations, using grant funds. Council Member Hill kicked this off with a town-hall meeting to introduce the project. Director Cooper has not mentioned it to the Board yet because the plan is in its infancy. Baars Park has risen as one of nine possible locations from which to launch, but there are many concerns and nothing has been finalized yet. He will bring updates as the plan progresses. In order to apply for the status, a map has to accompany the application. The map will be sent to the Board members and added to our project website.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Park Visitation Program

The following park was presented: Henry Wyer Park.

OPEN FORUM

- Member Escobar-Ryan brought up summer camp and scholarships. It was mentioned that we accept scholarship applications right before school closes for the summer through a few weeks before summer camp starts. Scholarships are based on household income and the number of people in the household. In some cases a letter of need can be submitted.

- Member Garza asked about all of the equipment from the old YMCA, and wonders if it has been gotten rid of. Director Cooper mentioned that most of it was sold at auction, reallocated, or stolen.
- Member Bruni asked about the sidewalks at Tierra Verde, will they will be aligned? Yes and they will be connected to the new playground. Also, there was a rumor that we removed more trees at Hitzman than what were anticipated. Director Cooper mentioned that we removed based on the original plan, about 70 trees, none of which were heritage trees.

We will start back with staff presentations in January.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:50 am