



City of Pensacola
Parks and Recreation Board

Agenda

May 21, 2020

8:00 am

Microsoft Teams/Council Chambers

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

ROLL CALL

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES

Staff Presentation – Tonya Vaden – Summer Programs

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**

February 20, 2020

8:00 am

Whibbs Conference Room

Members Present: Paul Epstein (Chairperson), David Del Gallo, Alejandra Escobar-Ryan (in at 8:04), David Forte, Gabriela Garza (in at 8:09), Leah Harrison, Rand Hicks, and Maranda Sword

Members Absent: Antonio Bruni

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

Others Present: Ronnie Cole (Osceola Golf Course); John Singley (Studio 850)

CALL TO ORDER – 8:02 am

ROLL CALL – An oral roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting. Member Del Gallo made a motion to second. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

(None)

DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES

Director Cooper introduced the newest staff member, Deja Dowdell. She is the new Marketing Coordinator for Parks and Recreation. We look forward to good things coming from her.

He brought the following updates:

- We have about 25 projects currently ongoing.
- We are about to build a new pavilion at Osceola, as well as extend our cart paths where the wear and tear is most obvious. Right now the cart path project is out for bids.
- Bayview Resource Center is still on for being completed by the end of summer. We will wait until after Labor Day to have the grand opening.
- The ribbon cutting at Tierra Verde Park new playground will be on March 14 at 10:00.

- The playground installation at Springdale Park is scheduled for March 3. Right after that the Rev. Durant Park playground will go in.
- East Pensacola Heights Park playground has just been installed.
- Superintendent Carmody is wrapping up Kiwanis Park; she is working with Housing and the Kiwanis Club. A new playground was installed there as well, and a new dog park will be installed as well.
- There is no longer a YMCA at Hitzman Park. The pre-bid meeting for construction of the soccer fields was yesterday (February 19). The bids are due in 9-10 days
- Superintendent Carmody is still working on the Olsen bust project at Bayview Park.

Staff Report

Superintendent Vaden brought a presentation about Recreation.

- We offer after school at four locations – Cobb, Fricker, Woodland Heights, and Gull Point.
- We have a lot of different sports/fitness programs.
- Summer Camps will run 7:00 am - 6:00 pm. The kids will be learning and having fun at the same time. Scholarships will be available.
- The senior programs are all running strong, especially with the newly re-opened Bayview Senior Center. On February 21 will be the Roaring 20's Beauty Pageant at Sanders Beach, crowning Miss Senior Pensacola.
- There is a new program that is being started called Wellness Wednesdays. The goal of the program is to bring wellness/healthcare to the citizens. Several organizations in both the City and County are involved. On Feb 26 at 11:30 at Woodland Heights a doctor will be giving a speech on heart health as well as having a mobile unit setup featuring a mammography unit and primary care physicians. On March 18 at Fricker, the focus will be on nutrition. The program schedule is still being determined, but there will be one other event at one of our Centers. All of the programs are free.
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4. Chick-Fil-A will be a sponsor. There will be over 20,000 eggs, plus free carnival games, bounce houses, and photos with the Easter Bunny, as well as free Chick-Fil-A (while it lasts).
- The ribbon cutting for Bayview Resource Center will be on September 8.
- Scholarships are welcome if the Board members would like to help provide money for children to go to summer camp.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Park Visitation Program

The following parks were presented: Plaza Ferdinand, Mallory Heights #2, Tierra Verde

OPEN FORUM

- The question was raised about who is responsible for cleaning up after special events. The event organizers are responsible for two blocks outside of their event. Usually they hire Keep Pensacola Beautiful to clean up, then the street sweepers come in. All of these items are paid for by the event organizers. Code Enforcement goes the next day to inspect the work.
- Member Hicks brought up the fact that there is a lot of enthusiasm for hiking along the proposed Blueway Paddling Trail. Maybe we can capitalize on active tourism.

- He continued, Ciclovía is coming up on March 28 from 10-3. They are looking for vendors who are open to being active. There are several events going on that day (Science Fest at the Mess Hall, Veg Fest at CMP), and several roads will be closed in the general area. The goal is to encourage attendance at the other events as well as Ciclovía. Also, as part of Ciclovía, the School District will be providing bikes for the kids to participate in a slow ride.
- Member Forte announced that this will be his last Parks and Recreation Board meeting, he is resigning in order to accept a position working with the City.
- Chairperson Epstein also mentioned that after six years, he will be rotating off and will not be seeking reappointment.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:47 am