



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 19-00322

City Council

7/18/2019

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Sherri Myers

SUBJECT:

REQUIRE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD TO CHANGE MONTHLY MEETING TIME

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council direct the Parks and Recreation Board to change their monthly meeting time from 8:00 a.m. to a time between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in order to allow greater citizen participation.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Currently the Parks and Recreation Board meets the third Thursday of the month beginning at 8:00 a.m.

There has been a citizen request and a Council member request for the Parks and Recreation Board to change its meeting time to allow for the opportunity for greater citizen participation. These requests, while discussed by the Parks and Recreation Board, have not resulted in change.

According to Section 5.05 - City Boards, Commissions and Authorities of the City Charter, "...Unless otherwise provided by law, City Council shall establish or terminate by ordinance, such boards, commission and authorities as it may deem advisable from time to time."

For reference purposes, other City Boards that routinely have greater citizen participation normally take place in the afternoon:

Planning Board - 2:00 p.m.
Architectural Review Board - 2:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3:00 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Board - 2:00 p.m.

Boards that routinely receive less citizen participation have earlier meeting times:

Police Pension Board - 8:00 a.m.
Gateway Review Board - 11:00 a.m.
International Relations Advisory Board - 10:00 a.m.

Due to the number of parks as well as the impact on all citizens, the opportunity for greater citizen participation at the Parks and Recreation Board meetings would be desired.

PRIOR ACTION:

February 11, 2010 - City Council amended Sections 6-2-1 through 6-2-5 of the City Code pertaining to Parks and Recreation

August 9, 2012 - City Council amended Section 6-2-1 of the City Code pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Board

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) None

PRESENTATION: No