



*** AMENDED AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2019
5:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 November Minutes
- 4. DISCUSSION**
 - 4.1 Simmons Park Update
 - 4.2 Master Plan
 - 4.3 Waterfront Park
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 5.1 * Member Application Review
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

All members of the public are invited to be present and be heard. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact the City Clerk at 904-310-3115 or TTY/TDD 711 (for the hearing or speech impaired).

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the City of Fernandina Beach Florida had a meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the City Hall Chambers. Present was Member Ross, Member Pugh, Member Bartelt, Vice-Chair Behan, Member Kegler, Nan Voit, Director and Commissioner Chapman

Absent: Chair Duncan

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairman Behan called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
2. Roll Call.
3. Approval minutes.
Member Pugh questioned the approval of a membership that is not in the minutes. Nan will place it on the agenda after times and dates have been approved. Member Ross made a motion that the minutes from the October 2, 2019 and October 8, 2019 meetings be approved as read. This motion was seconded by Member Pugh. Motion passed being all ayes.
4. Public Comments
Alexandra Lajoux, 646 Spanish Way East: opposed to Simmons Park for conservation reasons.
Sandra Neusse, 1833 Lakeside Drive North: opposed to Simmons Road Park
Chuck Olevah, 2869 W. 6th Street: opposed Simmons Road Park
Robert Wells, 2884 Robert Oliver Avenue: request the CC pull the Simmons Road Park vote from the November 19th agenda and review in 3 months.
Joseph Sulomon, 2696 Ocean Drive; oppose playground at Simmons Road.
Roslyn Hume, 268 S. Fletcher Avenue, Apt. B3: supports a new park, but not a Playground.
Benjamin Morrison, 2107 Whitfield Drive: 8Flags Playscape representative.
Genese Minshew, 2428 Los Robles Drive: opposed to Simmons Park.
Elizabeth Hubin, 4615 Philips Manor Place: opposed to Simmons Park and stated that Vice-Chair Behan should be sustain from voting on park because she lives close to park and the park would benefit her family.
Margaret Kirkland: 1377 Plantation Point Drive, Amelia Tree Conservancy: Would like the City Commission to consider a different location.
Diana Herman, 2116 Belveder Avenue; opposed to Simmons Park.
Cameron Moss, 3411 Sea Marsh Road: support other options for a new park location

Member Kegler made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reconsider the previous recommendation for the approval of the Simmons Road Park and that the committee look at other options. Member Pugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay – Vice-Chair Behan

4. DISCUSSION
5.1 Meeting time/date change and number of committee members; Member Bartelt made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee keep the number of members at 7, for the time being. Motion seconded by Member Pugh. Motion passed being all ayes.

Member Pugh made a motion to move the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. effective in December. Member Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed being all ayes.

5.2 Peck Cross Fit Area Update; Jason Brown and Nan Voit gave a presentation on the Peck Center Field cross fit.

5.3 Waterfront Park Amenities - tabled

5.4 Central Park; Member Pugh presented photos of concerns in Central Park. Nan will follow up.

5.5 Simmons Park; Member Bartelt gave a presentation on concerns about the Simmons Road Park. Member Bartelt made a motion for consideration that the Simmons Road Park not be considered at the November 19th meeting because further study and evaluation needs to be done by Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Member Pugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4 ayes, 1 nay – Vice-Chair Behan

5. ADJORNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm by Vice-Chair Behan.

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SIMMONS PARK PROPOSED PROJECT TIME LINE

December 2019	Submit updated plans to the Technical Review Committee
January 2020	Prepare required permit documents for county right-of-way use and SJRWMD
February 2020	Select playground components and design layout
March 2020	Prepare bid documents for path, parking, restrooms and pavilion
March 2020	Playground equipment placed on commission agenda for purchase approval
May 2020	Award of bid for construction
June 2020	Begin construction
October 2020	Complete project

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS 2019

Renaming Atlantic Avenue

On page 51 of the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) changing the name of Atlantic Avenue to “Avenida de las Banderas” (Avenue of the Flags) is proposed. At the June 13, 2018 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) meeting it was recommended to not change the name of Atlantic Avenue.

Removing Parking from Waterfront

On page 53 of the PRMP it states “Parking will be removed from the river front”. At the June 13, 2018 PRAC meeting it was recommended not to remove all of the parking from the waterfront as this would have a negative impact on the marina operation and the new park when it is built. It was agreed that parking should be reduced and the lots reconfigured as much as possible to remove parking from close proximity to the shoreline.

Central Park

On page 53 of the current PRMP it is proposed that the existing sports fields, known as Buccaneer Field, should be moved to expand the Fernandina Sports Complex (softball and soccer fields). At the September 11, 2018 PRAC meeting a motion was made to recommend keeping the existing ballfields at Central Park with the vote being all ayes. The reasoning was that having the ball fields centrally located at Central Park allows easier access for young players, who can bike or walk to the fields; land would have to be purchased and new facilities built, the cost of which would exceed the value of relocating the fields; and that a plan would be developed for Central Park to address the issues about having ball fields at Central Park, that were raised by the PRMP. At this same meeting it was recommended to incorporate pickleball courts into the existing tennis court area.

Atlantic Recreation Center

On page 54 of the current PRMP it is proposed to change this property to the Atlantic Aquatics Center. It is suggested that a waterslide, pickleball court and lazy river be installed. Also, the existing buildings should be renovated to provide classrooms, concessions, meeting spaces and water related programs. The PRAC recommends removing the Pickleball court from the plan and leaving the buildings in their current use. The lazy river and waterslide can remain as future options. a possibility should a location be determined.

Peck Center

On page 51 of the PRMP it is proposed that the Peck Center could become an arts, education and culture center. The PRAC recommends leaving the center as it is because it is currently occupied by non-profit organizations, city departments, rentals and parks and recreation programs. Should this function change, re-visiting the facility use as an arts, education and culture can occur. According to PRAC, the addition of a walking path around Richo (Peck)

Field, a restroom with a water fountain and a larger pavilion should be considered as part of the proposed plan.

Martin Luther King Jr. Center

On page 51 of the PRMP it is proposed that the MLK Center be used as a senior center. At the December 11, 2018 PRAC meeting it was recommended that the MLK Center maintain its current use as this would be a duplicate service that is already provided by the Council on Aging.

Advisory Board/Committee Application

This application is intended to provide information that will enable the City Commission to select the most qualified Board/Committee members. Please complete all applicable sections and return the form along with your current résumé to the City Clerk's Office.

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City Clerk's Office
204 Ash Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 310-3115

Name	Alexandra Reed Lajoux
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Home Mailing Street Address	646 Spanish Way East
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City	Fernandina Beach
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Zip Code	32034
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Primary Phone	9043103784 (land)
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Secondary Phone	2022557562 (cell)
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Please note that board materials are distributed electronically.

Email to receive board materials	arlajoux@aol.com
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Employer	Capital Expert Services, LLC
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Position Title	Founding Principal
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Business Address	PO Box 724, Historic Post Office on Centre Street
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City	Fernandina Beach
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Zip	32034
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Select the advisory board/committee you are applying for:	Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
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	Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory
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Additional board that you are applying for:

Taskforce

Why are you interested in serving on this Board? Please explain.

I am interested in serving on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee because my family and I benefit from the City's parks and recreational activities, so I would like to give back. As for the CDB Grant Citizen Advisory Taskforce, I would like to help revive it, as grants are a good way of obtaining funds for the City's needs.

Eligibility

Are you a resident of the City?

Yes

Length of time:

Since April 2017

Do you hold a public office?

No

Office name:

Field not completed.

Are you employed by the City?

No

Position:

Field not completed.

Are you currently serving on a Board?

Yes

Board Name:

Isle de Mai HOA

Potential Conflict of Interest:

Have you ever been engaged in the management/ownership of any business enterprise that has a financial interest with the City of Fernandina Beach?

No

Field not completed.

If yes, please provide details:

Major Affiliations:

List community, professional, or other applicable policy-making Boards on which you have served.
Note the length of service and office held (if any):

Isle de Mai Board of Directors, Member at Large - approximately six months
Advisory Board to Campaigns and Elections - approximately five years
Advisory Board to Caux Round Table - approximately six years
Board of M&A Standards - approximately two years

Qualifications:

Please list any specific qualifications, education or experience that would directly relate to the Board for which you are being recommended:

While raising my son in Arlington, VA, I volunteered for youth baseball in a variety of roles including coach for four years. Later, while living in Fairfax Virginia, I volunteered as a mentor to help with recreational activities for teens in foster care. Now I am bringing my grandson to baseball games here in Fernandina Beach (Babe Ruth Black Pirates Advanced T-Ball). Also, here in Florida, I served on my HOA's landscape committee for nearly two years, so am familiar with local soil and vegetation.

Organization or Commissioner sponsoring nomination (if applicable):

Field not completed.

Educational Background: (Check all that apply)

High School, BS/A, MS/A, Ph.D.

Other:

CMAS (certified M&A specialist)

Major areas of study:

Literature, Languages (French, German, Spanish), and Business Management

Florida's Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, states:

"It is the policy of this state that all state, county, and municipal records shall at all times be open for a personal inspection by any person." Your application when filed will become a public record and subject to the above statute. In addition, any appointed member of a board of any political subdivision (except members of solely advisory bodies) and all members of bodies exercising planning or zoning, are required to file a financial disclosure form (Form1) within 30 days after appointment and annually thereafter, for the duration of the appointment as required by Chapter 112, Florida Statutes

I understand that if I am appointed to one of the City's boards, I will be required to file a financial disclosure form - Form 1, as described above, and I am willing to

comply with this requirement.

I understand that any false, incomplete or misleading information given by me on the application is sufficient cause for rejection of this application. I understand and agree that any such false, incomplete or misleading information discovered on this application at any time after appointment to a Board may result in my removal.

I also understand that all board appointments are for voluntary, uncompensated services. Additionally, if appointed, I am able to attend meetings and otherwise fulfill the duties of the office.

Applications are submitted to the City Commission when vacancies occur and are effective for two years from date of completion.

Do you understand the duties and responsibilities of the Board/Committee that you are applying for?	Yes
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By submitting this form, I declare the foregoing facts to be true, correct, and complete.

Date	October 31, 2019
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Applicant's Signature	Alexandra Reed Lajoux
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Zip Code	32034
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Employer	Self
Position Title	Owner
Business Address	2398 SADLER RD
City	FERNANDINA BEACH
Zip	32034

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	None
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Additional board that you
are applying for:

Why are you interested in
serving on this Board?
Please explain.

As a parent of 4 small children who use our parks on a weekly
basis I have a vested interest in our parks and recreational
facilities

Eligibility

Are you a resident of the
City?

Yes

Length of time:

5years

Do you hold a public office?

No

Office name:

Field not completed.

Are you employed by the
City?

No

Position:

Field not completed.

Are you currently serving on
a Board?

Yes

Board Name:

Nassau County Conditional Use & Variance Board

Potential Conflict of Interest:

Have you ever been engaged in
the management/ownership of
any business enterprise that has
a financial interest with the
City of Fernandina Beach?

No

Field not completed.

If yes, please provide
details:

Major Affiliations:

Nassau Conditional Use & Variance Board

List community,
professional, or other
applicable policy-making

Boards on which you have served.

Note the length of service and office held (if any):

Qualifications:

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I have a BA in Public Administration and an MBA in International Management. I have served on the CUVB for several years, and have been involved locally on several civic and volunteer groups including Leadership Nassau, Chamber of Commerce, and others.

Organization or Commissioner sponsoring nomination (if applicable):

Phil Chapman

Educational Background: (Check all that apply)

High School, BS/A

Other:

MBA International Management

Major areas of study:

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Date 10/21/2019

Applicant's Signature Orlando J Avila
