



**AGENDA  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2021  
10:00 AM  
ATLANTIC RECREATION CENTER (AUDITORIUM)  
2500 ATLANTIC AVENUE  
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PARKS AND RECREATION ACTION PLAN**
  - 4.1 Compilation of Survey Questions
- 5. 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).

## 2015 Survey Questions from the 2015 Master Plan

1. Please enter your home address.
2. Which City parks, open spaces, or recreation facilities do you visit most often? Check all that apply. **(Parks and Recreation Staff populates the list of facilities, parks, and open spaces.)**
3. What do you like most about the parks that you visit? (Open answer.)
4. How would you rate the level of maintenance of the City's parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces?  
Excellent, Good, Acceptable, Fair, Poor
5. What improvements should be made to the parks you visit, and/or any other parks in the City? (Open answer.)
6. What types of parks recreation facilities, and open spaces are most important to you? Check all that apply.  
**(Parks and Recreation Staff updates the choices. Rank them 5 through 1, with 5 being the most important?)**
  - a. Trails and bikeways
  - b. Maintained green space/ open lawn
  - c. Swimming pools and aquatic centers
  - d. Playgrounds
  - e. Boat/kayak ramps
  - f. Fishing piers
  - g. Multi-purpose recreation centers
  - h. Sports courts
  - i. Athletic fields
  - j. None of the above
7. Do you participate in any of the City's recreation programs? Check all that apply. **(Parks and Recreation Staff populates list of recreation programs.)**
8. Do you participate in recreation programs provided by other organizations? (If yes, please list the program(s).)
9. What do you like most about the programs you participate in?
10. What improvements should be made to the City's programs, including any new programs the City may offer?
11. How do you find out about the parks and recreation facilities and programs offered by the City?
12. How could the City communicate to residents about parks and recreation opportunities more effectively?
13. Does the Parks and Recreation Department provide opportunities for all residents to participate in parks and recreation programs and facilities, regardless of gender, race, age ethnicity, disability?
14. How could the City improve opportunities for all residents to participate in parks and recreation programs and facilities?
15. Do you have any other suggestions of how the City could improve the parks, recreation, and open space system?
16. Would you support additional fees, a bond issue, or taxes to pay for improvements to the City's parks, recreation, and open space system?

### Additional questions:

17. When attempting to utilize City recreation facilities, are the hours convenient for you to participate? If not, please state your preferred days and hours of usage and your recreational choice.
18. Would you utilize public transportation to access the beaches and City parks and facilities if offered? If so, how much would you be willing to pay for this service?
19. Would you utilize public transportation to access the beaches and City parks and facilities if it was free?
20. What is your age? Under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-49, 50-64, 65+ (Make this question #2?)

Please select the following options for the following statements:

Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree or Don't Know

21. The name of Atlantic Avenue should be changed to the Avenue of Eight Flags.

22. The Peck Center should no longer house City offices and non-profit organizations. It should become an arts, education, and culture center.
23. The Martin Luther King Center should become a Senior Center offering programs similar to those offered by the Council on Aging.
24. Additional pickleball courts, a splash pad, and a lazy river need to be added to the Atlantic Recreation Center property.
25. The Fernandina Sports Complex at the airport is not owned by the City. Due to lack of ownership, the City should not enhance the existing complex with more amenities such as expanding the restrooms, adding parking, concession buildings, playgrounds, or additional lighting.
26. Rather than build new City recreational facilities to accommodate County residents, participation at existing facilities should be limited to City residents' use when space is limited.
27. The number of parking spaces at the downtown waterfront shall be reduced, and the lots reconfigured as much as possible to remove parking from their proximity to the shoreline.
28. The City should keep the existing ballfields at Central Park rather than move them to the airport property.
29. The Atlantic Recreation Center should be renamed the Atlantic Aquatics Center and house only aquatic uses.
30. A restroom with a water fountain, a larger pavilion and walking path should be added to Richo (Peck) Field to bring it to the same level of service as Egan's Creek Park and Central Park.
31. E-Bikes should be banned from the Greenway.
32. Partial County funding should be required for improvements and maintenance to City parks and recreational programs when County resident participation levels can be shown to be in excess of 50 percent.

# Sample Florida Parks and Recreation Master Plans

Comparisons by similar Master Plan and by City Population: City of Fernandina Beach, Florida (Population 13,169, Year 2019, 15.7 square miles)

Cities or Counties with comparable Master Planning production:

1. City of North Port, Florida (Population 66,410, Year 2019)  
Master Plan <https://www.cityofnorthport.com/home/showpublisheddocument?id=17105>
2. Lake County, Florida (Population 367,118, Year 2019)  
Master Plan  
[https://www.lakecountyfl.gov/pdfs/parks/parksmasterplan/parks\\_master\\_plan\\_executive\\_summary.pdf](https://www.lakecountyfl.gov/pdfs/parks/parksmasterplan/parks_master_plan_executive_summary.pdf)
3. \*City of Mount Dora (Population 14,516, Year 2019, 9.2 square miles) Has no Parks and Recreation Department, they have a Director of Leisure Services which includes the library. Has one pool, and limited programs and equipment. Has small parks with good LOS per capita. Concerned about the quality of life.  
Master Plan [http://www.ci.mount-dora.fl.us/DocumentCenter/View/11065/PRINT-FILE\\_Mount-Dora-PRMP-Report\\_FINAL?bidId=](http://www.ci.mount-dora.fl.us/DocumentCenter/View/11065/PRINT-FILE_Mount-Dora-PRMP-Report_FINAL?bidId=)  
They also have a cemetery <https://ci.mount-dora.fl.us/207/Cemetery> .
4. \*South Miami – Incorporated City with active programming for youth, a pool, a Parks and Recreation Department and a Master Plan. [https://www.southmiamifl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3167/Master-Plan\\_09262017-KL-smallpdf?bidId=](https://www.southmiamifl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3167/Master-Plan_09262017-KL-smallpdf?bidId=)

Comparable Florida cities by population:

5. City of Gulfport, FL (Could not find a Master Plan) <https://mygulfport.us/recreation/>
6. Lake City, Florida (Could not find a Parks and Rec Department) <https://www.lcfla.com/>
7. South Daytona, Florida (Could not find a Master Plan)  
<https://www.southdaytona.org/topic/index.php?topicid=15&structureid=18>
8. Goldenrod, Florida (only a census designated place) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldenrod,\\_Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldenrod,_Florida)
9. Elfers, Florida (only a census designated place) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elfers,\\_Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elfers,_Florida)
10. Cypress Lake, Florida (only a census designated place) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cypress\\_Lake,\\_Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cypress_Lake,_Florida)
11. Gladeview, Florida (only a census designated place) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gladeview,\\_Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gladeview,_Florida)
12. \*Key Biscayne- Parks and Recreation Department with one Community Center housing 1 pool, Senior activities and Senior Transportation, basic athletics at the Community Center and at fields. Two playgrounds at parks, it also maintains the playing fields at the Catholic School and Miami-Dade schools within its boundaries.
13. Yulee (only a census designated place) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yulee,\\_Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yulee,_Florida)
14. \*Panama City Beach, Florida – Incorporated City with one pool, kiddie pool, and similar athletic programs, offers seniors programming with a Recreation Department.
15. Jupiter Farms (only a census designated place) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jupiter\\_Farms,\\_Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jupiter_Farms,_Florida)
16. Wilton Manors – Incorporated City with tennis and fitness centers, senior, youth and adult programming. It is run through a digital website called “Leisure Services”.
17. Lakeland Highlands (only a census designated place)
18. Shady Hills (only a census designated place)
19. Holly Hills – Incorporated City with small club house for rent, Community Center used by the Council on Aging, and neighborhood parks.
20. Union Park (only a census designated place)

## Comparable Florida Cities by Population

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| 269 | Cypress Lake       | 12,978 |
| 270 | Gladeview          | 12,977 |
| 271 | Key Biscayne       | 12,915 |
| 272 | South Daytona      | 12,879 |
| 273 | Yulee              | 12,754 |
| 274 | Panama City Beach  | 12,751 |
| 275 | Jupiter Farms      | 12,750 |
| 276 | Wilton Manors      | 12,630 |
| 277 | Elfers             | 12,600 |
| 278 | Goldenrod          | 12,384 |
| 279 | Fernandina Beach   | 12,364 |
| 280 | Gulfport           | 12,335 |
| 281 | Lakeland Highlands | 12,332 |
| 282 | Shady Hills        | 12,252 |
| 283 | Holly Hill         | 12,147 |
| 284 | Lake City          | 12,063 |
| 285 | Union Park         | 12,052 |
| 286 | South Miami        | 12,046 |
| 287 | Orange City        | 11,990 |