



**AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2022
5:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 March 2022 Minutes
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. PRESENTATION**
- 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 7.1 Bylaws Discussion
 - 7.2 Dog Park
 - 7.3 Grant Research/Opportunities
 - 7.4 Youth Advisory Committee / Survey Update
- 8. STAFF REPORT**
 - 8.1 March 2022 Staff Report
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 10. NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION**

11. 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).

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
March 8th, 2022

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 5:00pm for a regular meeting. Present was Member Norris, Member Bartelt, Member Ross, Chair Grant, Vice Chair Pugh, Member Chapman, and Member Camera.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Grant at 5:00pm

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 January 2022 Sub-Committee Minutes

Member Ross made a motion to approve January sub-committee minutes 2022 Minutes second Member Pugh; all Aye

4.2 February 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Pugh page two of second paragraph from the top "Chair Grant reminded city residents about tax money." Staff will clean that section up.

Approve February 2022 regular minutes with addition from above Chair Ross moves to approve Second Member Norris; All Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Olivia Rogers 870 Atlantic View Drive Member of The City of Fernandina Beach Youth Advisory Committee

Member Ross made a Motion to approve youth advisory to conduct survey within the Fernandina Beach High School to get a youth opinion / Second Member Camera; All Aye

6. PRESENTATION

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Upcoming Ethics Training in March

Member Camera was notified of ethics training March 25, 2022, 12:30pm-4:30pm through City Attorney Tami Bach's Office.

Member Camera cannot make meeting on March 25, 2022, Member Ross mentioned there is an online option. Scott Mikelson said he would follow up with Member Camera.

7.2 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Procedures

Member Grant provided Roberts rules simplified to help guide her and future members and chairs through this process.

There was a discussion of the PRAC procedures and review of By-Laws. This would be discussed at a sub-committee meeting.

New orientation packet is on a Share point file minute, bi-laws Chair Grant asked for it to be resent to her.

Website still has Member Ross listed as the chair on website Chair Grant asked for this to be changed.

Motion to put on hold the use of the light system until subcommittee meeting Member Ross, second Member Norris; All Aye.

7.3 Commission Presentation of 2021 Accomplishments and 2022 Work

The Presentation will be presented to the City Commission on March 15 2022, Planning to attend are Scott Mikelson, Chair Grant, Vice Chair Pugh and Member Ross.

7.4 Central Park Playground Equipment

Chair Grant included an article for members to consider about inclusive playgrounds.

Chair Grant presented features with Natural elements at central park playground where kids can create their own play.

Scott Mikelson asked, what do we want our parks to be? Do we want something with multiple pieces with different abilities and ages of children to play with? Inclusive ADA compliant area with pour and play for wheelchair accessibility? Do we want a large climbing structure? Any time we talk about inclusiveness we are talking about a lot of money. What does the city want? Is it goal for a large climbing structure with mulch and then a separate area with pour and play with ADA structures?

Scott Mikelson and Chair Grant met with the City Manager and the Leader of the Girl Scouts to discuss how much money should we raise to have all the things we want in a playground or multiple playgrounds. Did not fall on a number but that they would move forward. Told not to Attend PRAC meeting because this is an introduction to what they are doing. Vice Chair Pugh was there a discussion that the city manager would be recommending money for the next budget cycle? Currently in the capital improvement plan for next year there is \$150,000 for playground equipment. Scott doesn't think we are at the point in the budget planning process to know how much money there is to spend. Chair Grant confirmed that the money couldn't be spent either way until October 2022.

Member Camera if people are coming fourth asking how we can help to fray cost and put the equipment out there they should be apart of it including the public, girl scouts or any organization. They should know what we can do based on the parameters and guideline.

Member Chapman recommends to adding natural equipment to Simmons Park.

The baseball fields at central park were discussed.

Babe Ruth will be making a donation of \$20,000 to the City for the backstop which gives the city the ability to put the poles up and redo the fencing.

7.5 Commission Budget Projections

Member Ross Compiled from projections from property appraiser and verified by city comptroller. Reviewed the last commission workshop budget discussion.

Member Pugh asked Scott is there any possibility given what we've seen that department can be asked where you can cut back in addition to what they want to spend.

Subcommittee meeting with the girl scouts. Scott will let everyone know when that is happening.

8.1 January 2022 Report

Update on cost analysis presented by Scott Mikelson

Member Ross asks to include downtown and all it takes to maintain it into a budget

February and March Reports will be reviewed at the April Meeting

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Member Chapman would like to add item for discussion of building a dog park with impact fees to next month's meeting agenda.

Vice Chair Pugh asked for an update on the Assessment plan. Chair Grant will reach out to City Manager for status.

10. NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

11. ADJOURNMENT by Chair Grant at 6:36pm

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

By-Laws

- I. Mission
- II. Membership
- III. Responsibilities
- IV. Rules of Committee Procedure

I. Mission or Purpose:

As Set Forth by City Resolution, Resolution #2005-67, adopted April 5, 2005 created the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee “to recommend plans and programs designed to meet and satisfy the recreational needs of the community, and to make recommendations for improvements to the park system that will attain the goals and objectives set forth in the Recreation and Open Space Element of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.”

Resolution #2009-05 amended Resolution 2005-67 by adding to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's mission “to assist with the long-range Capital Improvement planning of the Parks and Recreation Department.”

Resolution #2020-153, adopted October 20, 2020, amended Resolutions 2005-67 and 2009-05 by removing “ad hoc” from Resolution 2005-67, and adjusting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee’s mission to add “the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee conducts monthly Regular Meetings and Special Meetings as necessary, and make recommendations to the City Commission related to policies, programs, and park design/development to meet and satisfy the recreational needs of the community.”

Parks and Recreation Mission Statement or Purpose:

Therefore as stated by City Resolution, the Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the City Commission related to policies, park design/development, plans and programs designed to meet and satisfy the recreational needs of the community, and to make recommendations for improvements to the park system that will attain the goals and objectives set forth in the Recreation and Open Space Element of the adopted Comprehensive Plan and assist with long-range Capital Improvement planning of the Parks and Recreation Department.

II. Membership:

- A. Members appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee should fairly represent the demographic composition of the City (Resolution 2005-67)
- B. Terms shall be for 3 years.
- C. Members' attendance shall meet the requirements set by the City Commission for all City committees or boards (City Ordinance 2020-14, Effective June 2, 2020).

III. Responsibilities:

- A. Ethical Responsibilities
 - 1. First priority, each member shall represent and advocate for what is best for the City of Fernandina Beach as a whole, putting aside personal or special interests.
 - 2. The Recreation Advisory Board is an appointed board subject to the State of Florida ethics laws, chapter 112, the Government in the Sunshine Laws, chapter 286, and the Public Records Laws, chapter 119.
 - 3. Florida Statutes, Section 112.311 through 112.326 sets forth a code of ethics for public officers and employees.
 - 4. Violations of ethical responsibilities may result in removal from the Advisory Committee by the City Commission.
- B. Committee Responsibilities
 - 1. Adopt bylaws and other rules of procedure to achieve its purposes and functions.

2. Advise the initiation, planning, design, and to recommend a system of parks, facilities, etc., that will accommodate the public's need for parks and recreation activities through a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
3. Implement the goals and objectives of the most recent Fernandina Beach Comprehensive Plan, Recreation and Open Space Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
4. Recommend changes to the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan to the Planning Board to implement the goals and objectives of the Recreation and Open Space Element within the Comprehensive Plan as a whole.
5. Recommend actions which enhance the safety and security of site locations and physical facility standards.
6. Annually advise the City Commission of the Committee's Plan of Work.
7. Shall promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting recreational activities, so that all recreational resources within the City may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare for the citizens of Fernandina Beach.

C. The Chairperson's Responsibilities

1. Preside at all regular and special meetings. Conduct meetings in an efficient manner, focusing on the issues relevant to the functions and mission. A short civility statement shall be read at the opening of each meeting as is necessary.
2. Regulate and facilitate discussion among board members to ensure that all viewpoints are represented. Give each member the opportunity to express ideas and/or concerns on issues that are being considered by the board or commission. The Chairperson shall give due consideration to all board members.
3. Assist in orienting new board members about the function, role and mission of the committee at noticed meetings.
4. Assist in mediating conflicts or disputes between board/commission members.
5. Represent the committee in appearing before the City Commission as designated by the Board.
6. Foster compliance with the "Florida Sunshine Law."
7. Sign all appropriate documents.

IV. Rules of Committee Procedure

A. Election of Officers

1. The election of a Chairperson and Vice Chair shall be held annually at the first regular meeting in January.
2. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall be the presiding officer of the Advisory Committee.
3. Elections may be held at any time due to officer vacancies on the Advisory Committee.

B. General Procedural Rules

1. Parliamentary procedure in Committee meetings shall be informal. However, if required to keep order, Committee meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Action of the Advisory Committee shall be made by motion, nominated, and seconded. Approval of the motion shall be by majority vote of those members present. Failure to receive a majority vote shall act as a denial of the proposed motion.
3. Approved actions taken by the Advisory Committee shall be recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting.
4. The Chairperson may limit the amount of time allowed for each person wishing to make public comment at an Advisory Committee meeting.
5. Special or Subcommittee meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by any three members of the Committee.
6. General procedural rules may be suspended during special meetings or subcommittee meetings.
7. Special Committees or Subcommittees are subservient to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and report their recommendations to the Advisory Committee for review and action. The Parks and Recreation Committee may overrule any recommendation of any subservient committee.

C. Agendas

1. Permanent agenda items for All Regular Meetings shall contain:
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Roll Call
 - d. Approval of the Minutes
 - e. Public Comments Not on the Agenda
 - f. Staff Report
 - g. Other Business
 - h. Notice of Communication
 - i. Adjournment
2. Additional Agenda Items and Due Dates
 - a. Committee members and Department members may submit additional agenda items to a designated Parks and Recreation Department representative prior to publication deadlines which are generally 7 days before the meeting.
 - b. A Parks and Recreation Department representative shall notify all Committee members of agenda deadline dates seven (7) days in advance of agenda's deadline of publication.
 - c. Committee members may submit informational items related to published agenda items 5 days prior to a published scheduled meeting.
 - d. The Chairperson shall approve items to be placed on the agenda prior to publication.
 - e. All items on the agenda for presentations must include the topic of discussion and the speaker's name. Related presentation materials and handouts shall be placed in the agenda packet.¹

¹ Approved January 11, 2022

ORDINANCE 2020-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES; AMENDING SECTION 2-122 TO STANDARDIZE START AND END TERMS FOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fernandina Beach appoints citizens to serve on boards, commissions, and committees to conduct the business of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Clerk manages these appointments; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to standardize when the terms of these appointments begin and expire.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2-122 of the City's Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-122. - Appointment, term of office, and filling board vacancies.

(a) *Appointment, term, attendance.*

- (1) All members and alternate members ~~shall be~~ are appointed by the city commission;
- (2) Each board ~~shall have~~ has the opportunity to review each applicant's resume and may make a recommendation on the appointment;
- (3) All members ~~shall~~ must reside within the city limits;
- (4) Elected officials and employees of the city ~~shall not be~~ are not eligible to serve on city boards or committees, unless otherwise provided herein;
- (5) Each member serves at the pleasure of the city commission;
- (6) The term of office for all regular board or committee members ~~shall be~~ is three years, and a vacancy ~~shall~~ occurs at the end of the three-year term;
- (7) All applicants for a specific board or committee appointments ~~shall~~ will be considered at the time a vacancy occurs;
- (8) A member of a board who is seeking re- appointment ~~shall~~ continues to be a voting member for two months to allow for the finalization of the appointment or re-appointment by the city commission;
- (9) Each appointed member ~~shall~~ will attend all regular and called meetings.

(b) *Officers and subcommittees.*

- (1) Each board or committee ~~shall~~ must have a chairperson, ~~and a vice-chairperson,~~
and a recording secretary; and
- (2) The chairperson and vice-chairperson ~~shall~~ may serve one-year terms. Officers ~~shall~~ may not serve more than two consecutive terms; and
- (3) A board or committee may create whatever sub-committees it deems necessary to carry out its purposes. The chairperson of the board or committee ~~shall~~ will appoint the membership of each sub-committee from the members of that board or committee.

(c) *Removal and vacancies.*

- (1) When a position on a board or committee becomes vacant before the end of the term; an alternate ~~shall~~ fills the vacancy;
- (2) When no alternate member is available to fill the vacancy; the city commission ~~shall~~ will appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the duration of the term;
- (3) When the unexpired term is two months or less, the city commission may appoint a new member to fill the unexpired term and the following full term;
- (4) A member who moves outside of the city or no longer meets eligibility requirements ~~shall be~~ is removed immediately;
- (5) Any member who has been absent for three regular meetings in one calendar year ~~shall be~~ is subject to removal; and
- (6) Vacancy ~~shall~~ occurs upon death, resignation, removal, conviction of a felony, or expiration of term.

(d) *Term limits and reappointment.* Term limits do not apply to appointed board or committee members. All terms are effective January 1 of a given calendar year and expire on December 31 of the calendar year ending the term. The city clerk's office ~~shall~~ will provide all board or committee members eligible for reappointment at least ~~30~~ 90 days' notice prior to their term expiring. Board or committee members seeking reappointment must provide the city with updated contact information and statement of interest at least ~~45~~ 60 days prior to expiration of their term. New board or committee members ~~shall~~ must complete an application and provide a résumé and statement of interest to the city at least 15 days before consideration for appointment.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any word, phrase, clause, sentence or paragraph hereof is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding will not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph hereof.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED this 2nd day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH



Caroline Best
City Clerk



John A. Miller
Mayor-Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:



Tammi E. Bach
City Attorney

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 6:00 PM** in the City Commission Chambers, 204 Ash Street Fernandina Beach, Florida to consider the following application:

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Interested parties may appear at said hearing and be heard as to the advisability of any action, which may be considered. Any persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact 310-3115, TTY/TDD 711 or through the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 at least 24 hours in advance to request such accommodation.

IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD/COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH HEARING, S/HE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

For information, please contact the Staff of the City Clerk's Office, 204 Ash Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, (904) 310-3115.

Note:

Please run as a DISPLAY in the May 20, 2020 edition of the News Leader.

Please send proof of publication to:
City Clerk's Office
City Hall, 204 Ash Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
904-310-3115

Dog Park: Prior PRAC Discussions, Information, and Decisions

1. February 11, 2020 PRAC Regular Meeting
Presentation: Mr. Steve Cook, See Item 5.2 (Introduction)
See Video at <https://fernandinabeachfl.new.swagit.com/videos/41974> ,
Start at Item 5.2.
2. March 10, 2020 PRAC Regular Meeting
Item 5.2 Dog Park- Steve Cook
See Video at <https://fernandinabeachfl.new.swagit.com/videos/44297> ,
Start at Item 5.2. Lots of speakers . . .
Continued into Item 6.1.

Dog Waste

Nation Recreation and Parks Association <https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2018/november/dogs-in-parks-managing-the-waste/>

“The stark fact is that only about 60 percent of dog owners pick up after their dogs; 40 percent do not. This seems to hold true with some exceptions on the type of area according to studies done in parks, in urban communities, and in suburban areas.

A 2017 Penn State University study of dog waste for the Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics Center in Open Space and Mountain Parks of Boulder (Colorado) found that **dog caretakers with dogs on a leash were most likely to pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste in receptacles.** However, park visitors with dogs said the infrequent number of pet waste stations made them less likely to pick up and dispose of their dog’s waste.

The problems are not just from the solid waste and nutrients that can wash into local streams and lakes, but also the potential for spreading pathogenic bacteria and viruses, including *E.coli*, salmonella, cryptosporidium and a range of intestinal worms and parasites that can be transmitted to other dogs and mammals. Numerous studies have shown that much of the bacteria in urban waters comes from pet waste.

Tackling the Problem at the Source

Prince George’s County, Maryland, is meeting the problem head on. The county has launched a comprehensive effort to deal with dog waste in its communities and has applied several creative and innovative strategies to get people engaged.

Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, the associated director for sustainability for the Department of the Environment (DOE) in Prince George’s County, says that the catalyst for their initiatives was the granting of the county’s MS4 permit in 2014. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates the conveyances of stormwater into the waters of the United States, and Prince George’s County’s permit contained a requirement that the county reduce harmful bacteria levels in the Anacostia River and Piscataway Creek watersheds.

This requirement coincided with the growing concern residents expressed to the county about pet waste in common areas. “The lack of responsibility by pet owners was a major concern by residents, who wanted us to do something about it,” says Hawkins-Nixon. This led the DOE to begin a comprehensive program of education and awareness intended to change peoples’ behavior. The

scale of the problem is significant, according to Hawkins-Nixon. DOE estimates there are 150,000 dogs within the county that produce 37,400,000 lbs. of waste per year. Since only 60 percent, at best, pick up, this leaves 45,000 lbs. per day that is, essentially, untreated sewage.

Many of these inner Beltway communities in Prince George's County are integrally linked to the stream valley parklands of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), which connects communities to these linear parks by trails and by community and neighborhood parks. MNCPPC also owns five dog parks, which are popular and well-used, within these communities. Reducing the impacts of dog waste pollution from dog parks and within the larger community requires a full effort by county agencies and community organizations.

The bottom line is that the county is improving public health, reducing runoff into streams and waterways, and making communities more of a place to love and appreciate. "It's great to be able to go out to public places and play with your kids safely," Hawkins-Nixon adds."

Noise Concerns:

1. "Neighbors Growling about Dog Park Location" <https://www.mercurynews.com/2012/11/06/neighbors-growling-about-dog-park-location/>
2. "Noise Concerns Threaten Dog Park in Chevy Chase" <https://bethesdamagazine.com/bethesda-beat/government/noise-concerns-threaten-dog-park-in-chevy-chase/>
3. City Closes Dog Park <https://www.marinij.com/2017/11/27/city-closes-dog-park-after-complaints-of-excessive-noise/> "The Burlington Free Press reports that South Burlington decided to close Jaycee Park last week and create a committee to establish new standards before opening dog parks in residential areas."
4. Dog Barking Noise Barrier <https://acoustiblok.com/2018/06/28/dog-park-noise-barrier/>

Dog Fights, Socialization, and Disease:

1. The Dog Park Is Bad, Actually <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/06/smarter-living/the-dog-park-is-bad-actually.html>
2. Aggressive Behavior at the Dog Park <https://www.lakeforestvets.com/aggressive-behavior-between-dogs-at-the-dog-park.html#:~:text=The%20aggression%20that%20we%20witness,easily%20get%20out%20of%20control.>
3. Five Tips for Avoiding Fights at the Dog Park <https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/behavior/avoiding-fights-at-the-dog-park/>
4. Why Picking Up Pet Waste Is Necessary <https://www.shilohsvet.com/blog/a-pooppy-problem-why-picking-up-your-pets-waste-is-necessary/#:~:text=Hookworm%2C%20roundworm%2C%20tapeworms%2C%20and,through%20contact%20with%20pet%20waste.>
5. Socialization Check List <https://www.louisianaspca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Puppy-Socialization-Checklist.pdf>

Resources for GrantsResources for Grants

National

Bridgestone America's Trust Fund

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/company/foundations/community-engagement>

James M. Cox Foundation

Description: The James M. Cox Foundation provides funding for capital campaigns and special projects in communities where Cox Enterprises Inc. does business. The Foundation is concentrating its community support in several priority areas: Conservation and Environment; Early Childhood Education; Empowering Families and Individuals for Success; Health.

<https://www.coxenterprises.com/corporate-responsibility/james-m-cox-foundation/application-process>

KABOOM!

Description: Playground grants to help communities build safe places for kids to play. KaBOOM! has ongoing grant opportunities including Build it with KABOOM!, Build it Yourself and Play Everywhere. Landscape Structures is proud to partner with KABOOM! as their primary supplier of playground equipment.

Contact Info: grants@kaboom.org <https://kaboom.org/grants>

Land & Water Conservation Fund Coalition

Description: The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is America's most important program to conserve irreplaceable lands and improve outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the nation. The program works in partnership with federal, state and local efforts to protect land in our national parks, national wildlife refuges, national forests, national trails, and other public lands; to preserve working forests and ranchlands; to support state and local parks and playgrounds; to preserve battlefields and other historic and cultural sites; and to provide the tools that communities need to meet their diverse conservation and recreation needs. <https://lwcfc coalition.org/orlp>

Meet Me at the Park Play Spaces Grant Program

Description: National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and The Walt Disney Company have come together to improve access to outdoor play through the Meet Me at the Park Play Spaces Grant Program. Thanks to a \$1 million donation from Disney, grant funding is available to provide additional communities with increased access to inclusive play spaces in local parks for children and families. As part of this program, park and recreation agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories are invited to share their best ideas on increasing access to inclusive play spaces for children and families in underserved communities. Agencies with the most innovative, scalable and impactful project ideas will receive grants to build their projects.

This investment supports NRPA and Disney's combined goal of providing one million kids and families with greater access to play.

<https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/partnerships/initiatives/meet-me-at-the-park/>

The Kresge Foundation

Description: Deploying an array of grantmaking and social investing tools – usually in partnership with nonprofit, public, private and philanthropic organizations – to address society's most intractable problems.

<https://kresge.org/>

The Quality of Life Grants Program/Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation

Description: *Description: The Quality of Life Grants Program, created by the late Dana Reeve, strives to empower individuals with disabilities and their families by providing grants to nonprofit organizations that improve quality of life through inclusion, access, independence, opportunities for community engagement, and other life-enhancing endeavors. <https://www.christopherreeve.org/get-support/grants-for-non-profits>*

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Description: The Kellogg Foundation makes grants to organizations that embrace a similar mission of creating communities, systems, and nations in which all children have an equitable and promising future; one in which all children thrive. Our grants will fund programs and projects that support children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

National

Bridgestone America's Trust Fund

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/company/foundations/community-engagement>

PARKS & RECREATION

(March, 2022; Scott Mikelson)

Dune Walkovers

- Relocated the numbered beach access poles along the beach to make them more visible. (Accesses 40 south to 16 north)
- Added extra “No Driving Beyond this Point” signs at the Seaside Park/ Sliders beach access.
- Replaced broken deck boards at beach access 24.

Parks

- Commenced replacing ramps at the skate park at Main Beach. Forty new ramps are being installed.
- Major irrigation repairs at the YBOR Sports Complex are ongoing.
- Completed trimming all 190 palm trees at Main Beach.
- Planted and mulched the landscape beds at City Hall, Peck, and the ARC.
- Delivered barricades, banners, and cones in support of special events.
- Completed weekly clean-up of downtown with the Streets Department.
- Added palm trees to Main Beach and Seaside Park.
- Completed broadcast weed control on all sports fields.
- Pressure washing of the downtown sidewalks is ongoing.
- Installed a bike repair station downtown at the Butterfly Garden/ Depot.
- Built new seats for the pavilions at Main Beach. Installation is in progress.
- Assisted Flowering Fernandina with removing trees from the planted pots and relocated them elsewhere.
- Switched over to our full summer ‘mowing, edging, weed eating and blowing’ schedule in all areas.

Atlantic Recreation Center Activities

- 68 Atlantic fitness memberships, 81% City residents
- 40 pool memberships, 71% City residents
- 36 water aerobic memberships, 72% City residents

- 27 pool/fitness memberships, 83% City residents.
- 1,042 individual uses of the Atlantic fitness center.
- 633 individual uses of the Atlantic pool.
- 592 individual uses of water aerobics at Atlantic pool.

Number of Facility Reservations in addition to our regularly scheduled courses, sponsored events and after school programs

- 17 pavilion rentals
- 6 facility rentals

Bosque Bello Cemetery

- 12 burial permits issued
- 6 monument permits issued
- 26 lots sold
- 5 deeds were processed
- 826 full lots available for purchase

Aquatics

- 5 participants in Lifeguard Recertification Certification Course
- 30 Participants in Homeschoolers Clinic
- 18 Participants in Spring Group Swim Lessons session 1

Special Event Permits

- 2 event permits were issued

Peck Gym Use

- Individual weight room uses: 217 City users, 12 Non-City
- Open adult indoor soccer: 40 City players
- Youth team volleyball – Nassau Elite Volleyball Club: 46 City players, 197 Non-City

MLK Recreation Center

- 94 Individual uses of water aerobics at MLK pool
- 61 individual uses of the MLK pool