



**AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023
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 February 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Update on Current and Upcoming Projects.
- 7. STAFF COMMENTS**
- 8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 9. 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 met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 5pm located in Commission Chambers at City Hall 204 Ash Street. Present were Member Chapman, Member Grant, Vice-Chair Cocchi, Chair Camera, Member Mountjoy, Member Norris, Member Pugh.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 January 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Member Chapman made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, Second by Member Norris. Motion passed being all Ayes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comment

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Main Beach Skate Park Discussion

Member Chapman made a motion to support moving forward changing the designation of the property at Main Beach Park to explore the expansion of the skate park. Motion seconded by Member Grant. Motion passed being all ayes.

6.2 Simmons Park

Member Chapman made a motion that they support the mini-nature theater at Simmons Park. Motion seconded by Member Norris. Motion passed being all ayes.

6.3 Department Priority List

Member Grant made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Department should move forward with the entire list of priorities for 23/24, Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Cocchi. Motion passed being all ayes.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Vorrasi thanked the Committee for attending the playground ceremony and gave updates on the playground.

Ms. Vorrasi stated that the pickleball and tennis courts will be resurfaced next year. The department is looking to paint pickleball lines on the MLK, Jr. basketball court for pickleball courts. Also looking to provide inside play for pickleball at the Peck Gym in hopes of reducing the congestion at the courts.

Ms. Vorrasi stated that after evaluation, the preschool program will be discontinued after the 22/23 school year. This program will be replaced with other youth programs.

Ms. Vorrasi gave an update on a potential plan for youth soccer. As an option, the department is currently considering moving the soccer fields to the Hickory field.

Ms. Vorrasi stated that the backstops at Babe Ruth have been completed. Also stated that the Department has approved youth organizations locking the fields in response to pet owners using the fields and not picking up after their pets.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Chapman followed up on his request to have the trash cans at Egans Creek pressure washed. Member Chapman requested signage at the entrance at Simmons Road to inform people that there is a bike fix-it station at that location.

Member Mountjoy commented that Pirate Park maintenance has been improved.

Member Pugh thanked Member Grant for her service as Chair of the Committee. Member Pugh also inquired about the fee discussion.

Member Grant inquired about the reasoning behind rescheduling the February meeting because of Valentine's Day.

Chair Camera stated that the Committee is invited to the Babe Ruth Opening Day event on March 4.

Chair Camera thanked the City for the netting and backstop improvements at the Babe Ruth Field.

Chair Camera commended the contractors that worked on the Babe Ruth project.

Chair Camera stated that the group works well together and task the Committee with providing special projects to the department to address, such as adult sports.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm