



**AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 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 November 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Temporary Restrooms at Hickory Park *(Staff suggests using the operational budget to place temporary restrooms at Hickory Park until further notice.)*
- 7. STAFF REPORT**
 - 7.1 Simmons Park Nature Trail Ribbon Cutting - January 2024 Date TBA
 - 7.2 Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ribbon Cutting - January/February 2024
 - 7.3 Egans Creek Park - Recent Vandalism
 - 7.4 Bosque Bello Cemetery - Gates open from dawn to dusk
 - 7.5 Chair/Vice Chair Election in January
 - 7.6 General Project Updates
- 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 Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 5pm located in Commission Chambers at City Hall 204 Ash Street. Present were Vice-Chair Cocchi, Chair Camera, Member Mountjoy, Member Borrero, Member Pearlstein, Member Goldman.

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2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 October 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice-chair Cocchi made a motion to amend the October 2023 regular meeting minutes item 6.1 to state that all public comment was in opposition to the fence at Peck Field. The committee came to a consensus that there will be no further discussion of a fence at Peck Field. Member Mountjoy seconded motion; All Aye.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comments.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM

6.1 City manager introduction

6.2 Sunshine Laws; Board Rules and Duties

City Attorney, Tammi Bach, made a presentation discussing FL Sunshine Laws and duties.

6.3 Waterfront Concept Presentation by CRAAB

Lisa Finklestein, Executive Director of the Main Street Foundation, presented a waterfront concept plan for lots C & D. The presentation included five elements that the CRA Advisory Board recommended: bandshell/multi-use pavilion with stage, sidewalks for connectivity, restrooms, simple/non-traditional playground area and shade.

Member Mountjoy commented that she would prefer a traditional playground rather than non-traditional.

Catherine Vorrasi, Parks and Recreation Director, requested consensus to support the 5 elements that were presented to them. The Board supported the 5 elements with the change of non-traditional playground to playground.

7. Discussion Items

None.

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8. Staff report

Ms. Vorrasi gave an update on beach access/boardwalks 16, 40, and Seaside Park. She discussed the nature trail and the upcoming Agents of Discovery app at Simmons Park. Kaitlyn Rivera, with Parks and Recreation discussed Black Friday Pajama Party and the Christmas tree lighting. Vice Chair Cocchi requested that Parks and Recreation get the word out on the Christmas tree lighting event since the date has changed.

9. Board member comments

Member Borrero commented that the Right Whale Festival and skate competition was a success and they will be joining the Right Whale Festival next year. Vice Chair Cocchi also shared that she enjoyed the festival as well.

Landscaping on Centre Street was brought up by Member Goldman. He has noticed there is trash that needs to be picked up. Ms. Vorrasi said she would investigate that.

Vice Chair Cocchi mentioned that a sign in the Greenway that may be missing as she had some difficulty navigating it. She also inquired about the appraisal and design concepts for the Ybor soccer fields and time frame.

Member Goldman discussed the vacant lots downtown and wondered if we could put a pocket park in those spaces.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm