



**AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2024
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 April 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Public Art: Permanent and Temporary Art Process
- 7. STAFF COMMENTS**
 - 7.1 Welcome New Hire: Parks And Recreation Manager, Dionna Sowers
 - 7.2 Project Update
- 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, April 09, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., located in Commission Chambers at City Hall 204 Ash Street. Present were Vice-Chair Cocchi, Chair Camera, Member Spaulding, Member Borrero, and Member Pearlstine. Absent was Member Mountjoy and Member Goldman.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 March 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Cocchi made a motion to approve the March 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Second by Member Borrero; All Aye.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6. DISCUSSION ITEM

6.1 Scott Mikelson, New Parks and Recreation Director

6.2 FY 2024-2025 Budget Recommendation From the Committee (Placed on the Agenda by Chair Camera)
Member Borrero recommended that the Skate Park Features are equipped to accommodate talent and installing lights for the Skate Park.

Member Pearlstine recommended Park improvements such as, trees, vegetation, and beautification. She also mentioned accountability for maintaining the cleanliness of our restroom facilities.

Member Spaulding recommended the beautification of MLK's interior and exterior.

Chair Camera recommended a columbarium, beach walkover improvements and maintenance, and relationships with the Nassau County Athletic Department.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

7.1 Department Updates

1) Tennis courts 1 and 2 renovation: Approved by Commission 4/2/2024

a. This will include the relocation of the lift station that is located nearby.

2) Skate Park Repair: Commencement 4/22/2024

3) Large scoreboard installation at Central Park: In process, getting start date.

4) Installation of Peck softball field with bases: Complete week of 4/8/2024.

PRAC MINUTES

04/09/2024

- 5) Ybor Alvarez Sports Complex Project is still moving forward.
 - a. Commission approved on 2/6/2024 Gillette Associates to move forward with design of new soccer fields and softball fields at MLK. Staff will keep you in the loop.
- 6) We are moving forward with design and pricing of construction of a new women's locker room at the Atlantic Recreation Center pool.
- 7) Peck gymnasium is receiving a new roof coating: Project underway
- 8) We will be installing a city park communication board at Central Park: Completed by end of May.
- 9) Upcoming Special Events:
 - a. Earth Day Turtle Fest 4/20/2024: 10am to 3pm
 - b. Sounds on Centre 5/2/2024: 6pm
 - c. Shrimp Festival May 3rd -5th
- 10) Next PRAC meeting 5/7/2024

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Member Borreo congratulated Scott Mikelson on the Director position and inquired about the application process for special events.

Everyone welcomed Member Spaulding and she expressed how happy she is to be a part of this committee and to have the opportunity to contribute to the community.

Chair Camera discussed Babe Ruth and the success of opening day. He thanked Parks and Recreation for getting the fields ready.

Chair Camera recommended sharing input with Parks and Recreation on potential improvements to assist them in making decisions on the budget spending.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Camera adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Approved by: _____

Chair, Thomas Camera

Project Updates: 5/14/2024

- 1) Tennis courts 1 and 2 renovation: Commencement May 15th.

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- 2) Skate Park Repair: Commencement May 20th, this follows the scheduled skate competition.

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- 3) Large scoreboard installation at Central Park: Scoreboard install week of May 20th. I-Beams are in place.

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- 4) Installation of Peck softball field with bases: Complete

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- 5) Installation of walking track at Peck Field: Grant funded through Nassau County, this project will be moving forward this budget year FY24.

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- 7) Bid Opening May 8th: Women's locker room at the Atlantic Recreation Center pool.

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- 8) Dionna Sowers: Parks and Recreation Manager Hired

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- 9) Upcoming Special Events:
 - a. May 11th: Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival Picnic Concert (Central Park)
 - b. May 17th and 18th: Wild Amelia Nature Festival / Opening of the Beaches (Main Beach)
 - c. May 18th: Isle of 8k Run (Peters Point to Main Beach)
 - d. May 25th: Paws at the Market (Central Park)
 - e. May 27th: Memorial Day Ceremony (Downtown)
 - f. May 31st: Youth Advisory Council Heatstroke Musical Festival in partnership with Parks and Recreation (Parking lots A & B)
 - g. June 1st: NEF 5K Fun Run (Atlantic Avenue)
 - h. June 7th: Sounds on Centre (Centre Street)
 - i. June 8th: Pride Parade and Festival (Central Park)

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- 10) Next PRAC meeting June 11th.

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