



**AGENDA  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 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 July 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes (Approval Of Minutes)
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. PRESENTATION**
  - 6.1 Friends Of Fernandina Skate Park (Skate Park Future)
- 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - 7.1 Skate Park Discussion
  - 7.2 Public Art Application (Committee Will Review Application And Vote For Recommendation To The City Commission)
- 8. STAFF COMMENTS**
  - 8.1 Staff Report
- 9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 10. 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, July 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., located in Commission Chambers at City Hall 204 Ash Street. Present were Chair Camera, Vice-Chair Cocchi, Member Spaulding, Member Pearlstine, Member Mountjoy, Member Goldman and Member Borrero.

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**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 June 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Paul Lore, Megan Chism, Fred Pugh, Jean Pugh, James Weinsier, Commissioner Ross, Mayor Bean.

**6. PRESENTATION**

6.1 Pétanque (Amelia Island Boules Club)

John Abbot presented: Options for new courts at Central Park and Joe Velardi Field

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7.1 Pétanque -Discussed the placement of the Pétanque Courts

Public Comment – Paul Lore, Megan Chisme, Fred Pugh, James Weinsier, Commissioner Ross, Mayor Bean, Jean Pugh, Doug Boes, Thierry Hubert, Patrick Hoven, James Weinstein, Tom Kane.

Vice Chair Cocchi- motion to support Option C (Central Park), Second, Member Borrero (4 to 2 Vote in Favor).

Member Mountjoy- motion to support Option D (Joe Velardi), Second Member Borrero (4 to 2 Vote in Favor).

**8. STAFF COMMENTS:** Mr. Mikelson provided project updates

**9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Good luck wishes for Poe Pinson

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Camera adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chair, Thomas Camera



THE FUTURE OF SKATING

## THE SKATERS SPEAK

Before  
starting, let's  
hear from the  
kids.



Great, you know, got great friends.



Florida Not For Profit Established 2015

## ABOUT US

Friends of Fernandina Skate Park is a non-profit focused on promoting outdoor activity, fostering community bonds, and boosting youth self-esteem.



## VISION

Fernandina Beach to have a world class skatepark that meets the needs of the community and attracts wheeled sport enthusiasts from all over.



## GOALS

- To construct a world-class skate facility featuring a state-of-the-art concrete design.
- A design that meets the needs of all riders and skill levels.
- Provide ability to host major skate competitions in the future.



## WHO'S IT FOR?

Skateboarding is just as much a family sport as baseball and soccer.

On any given day, you'll find people aged 6 to 60 rolling around the park.

Not just skateboards, it includes all wheeled sports such as scooters, rollerblades, skates, BMX and more

It truly is a sport that brings people together.



SKATING IS NOT  
A CRIME IT'S AN  
OLYMPIC SPORT

SKATING IS  
INCLUSIVE

## BENEFITS

- Safe place for kids to enjoy and a venue for whole family
- Improves physical & mental health
- Promotes self esteem
- Builds bonds
- Teaches important lessons and life skills
- Reduces skateboarding in unauthorized areas
- Attracts families from all over (skating is a destination sport)



SKATING PROVIDES  
CHALLENGES

## PROBLEM

- Current skatepark features are at end of life and metal construction is not durable to elements (See Note)
- Skatepark at or beyond capacity during prime hours
- Skatepark is not lighted which limits use
- Skatepark does not meet competition standards. Local kids who compete travel to Jacksonville to train.

NOTE: Parks is currently re-fabricating existing features. Metal construction has limited lifespan, and these features will need to be addressed again in the future.



## PROPOSAL

Using a phased approach, build a new skatepark and achieve our overall vision for a world class skatepark right here in Fernandina Beach.

- Phase 1 - Begin build of a concrete skatepark on the land parcel just north and adjacent to existing static skatepark.
- Phase 2 - Complete the new skatepark by integrating into the existing skatepark space with low maintenance concrete features.

*NOTE: On June 20, 2023 City Commission approved a vacation of public right-of-way for portion of unimproved Pompano St between Trout St and Dolphin St; whereas, the vacation of right-of-way would support the future improvement and northward expansion of the Fernandina Beach Skate Park (ORDINANCE 2023-23)*

2024



City approved to  
vacate right of way  
for purpose of a new  
skatepark

## DESIGN SCOPE

- Collaborate with all stakeholders to design a facility that will make the community and city proud.
- Skatepark is an above ground design and construction.
- Shotcrete (concrete) construction to minimize ongoing maintenance cost.
- Uses appropriate fencing and/or walling to ensure safe containment of skate area.
- Meets all standards for drainage, environment, and sustainability.
- Design incorporates ample greenspace, landscaping and compliments surrounding area.
- Incorporates shaded viewing areas
- Design meets worldskate.org competition certification for both street and park style skateboard contest.
- ADA Compliance and supports adaptive athletes.
- Fully Lighted (Turtle Safe Compliant) integrated into parks Lights Management System.



Skateparks can  
compliment  
surroundings

## COST ESTIMATE

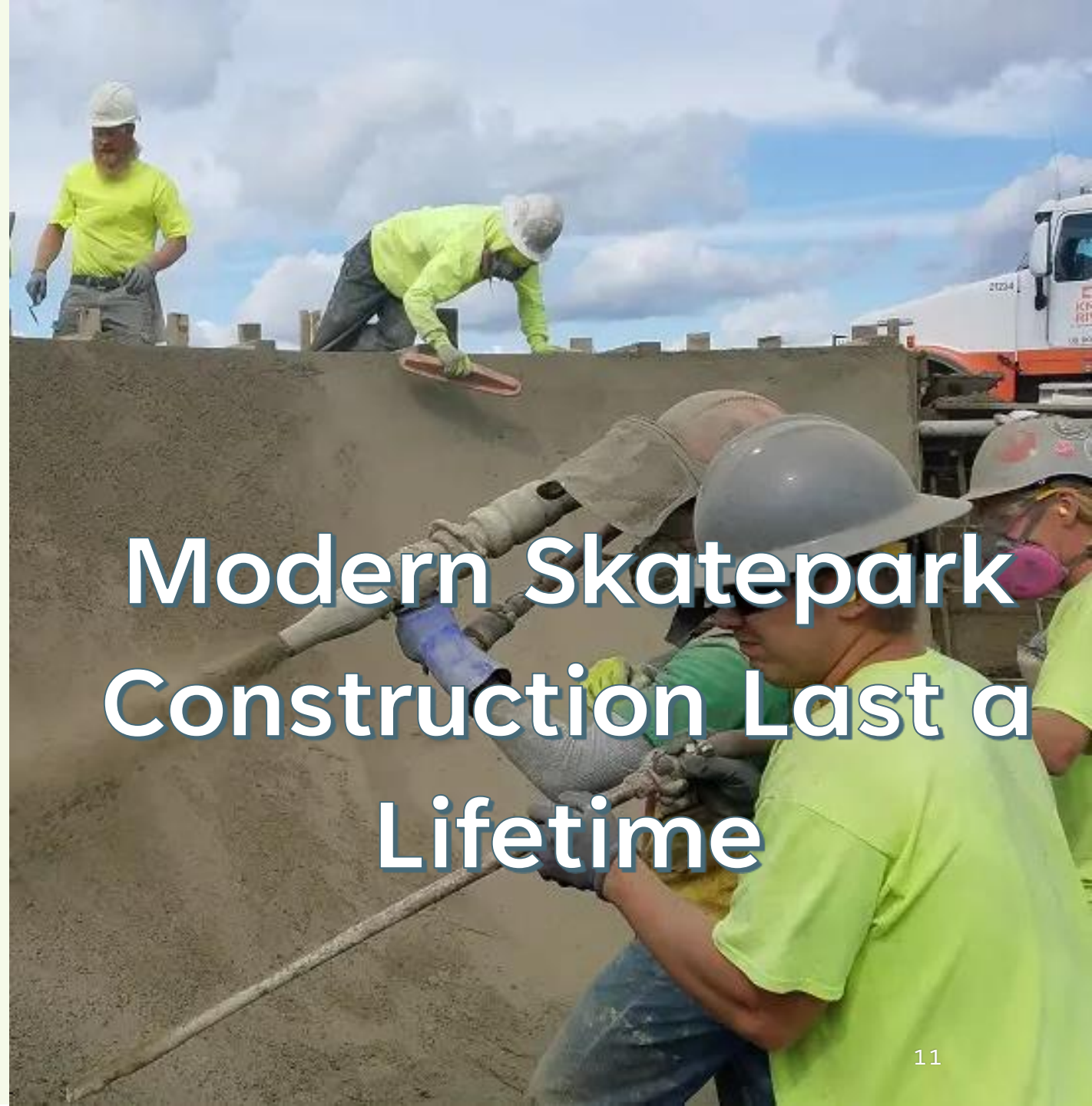
**Phase 1: 15,000 sf above ground shotcrete skatepark is approximately \$1,125,000 (\$75 per sf) Includes:**

- Site evaluation and concept design
- Engineering and construction docs
- Site preparation (i.e., grading, drain lines and landscaping)
- Specialty scope concrete park build

**Phase 2: 2,900 sf above ground park features is approximately \$135,500 (\$45 per sf) Includes:**

- Site preparation (Uses existing concrete foundation)
- Specialty scope concrete feature builds

**NOTE: All above pricing is rough order estimate. Actual pricing is the result of the skatepark concept design process.**



## NEXT STEPS

- Seek funding approval for concept and architecture design phase (90K)

### Output:

- Site Evaluation Report
- Final design Concept
- Architectural Build Blueprints
- Refined Costing Estimate
- Create Architectural and Construction docs late 2024
- City Commission Agenda to seek approval and funding source with 25/26 capital.
- Break ground late 2025

NOTE: To expedite procurement process, leverage pre-negotiated Sourcwell agreements with American Ramp Corporation



## SUMMARY

As Fernandina Beach continues to grow it has become evident that the current skatepark can no longer support the thriving wheeled sports community.

There is an opportunity to build and provide a skatepark that would be a destination facility for enthusiasts of all ages and skills.

The intent is to ensure the park design supports all the requirements inclusive of both usability and competitive elements as well as ADA compliance.

With its proximity to the ocean, the facility offers an experience unlike any other skatepark on the East Coast.

We would love to see a world class skate competition held right here in Fernandina Beach.



# SKATING IS FAMILY

THANK YOU

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Friends of Fernandina Skate Park



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2024





Ocean Pk

Dolphin St

Dolphin Avenue Beach Access

Tarpon Ave

Fernandina Beach Skate Park

Restroom

Parking

Main Beach Park

Multi-purpose court

Tarpon St

Marlin St

Salt Life Food Shack

Riptide Watersports Rentals and Tours

Image © 2021 Arbus

Surf and Sand Fernandina Beach at...

ina Beach, Florida

**CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH  
PUBLIC ART APPLICATION**

The following criteria govern the selection of public art in the City of Fernandina Beach and will be utilized by Arts and Culture Nassau during the process of review, selection, and approval of public art. It is understood that some criteria will have more relevance than others depending on the proposed artwork. This will be considered, and the criteria weighed accordingly. Artists are strongly encouraged to meet with Arts and Culture Nassau or submit to them a preliminary concept application prior to completing this application.

- A. Artistic Quality and Originality:** The strength and originality and creativity of the Artists concept demonstrated skill or craftsmanship.
- B. Context:** The appropriateness of the concept within the proposed architectural, geographical, socio-cultural, and historical context, including use of appropriate scale and materials for the site.
- C. Diversity:** Style, media, and creativity of the art within the context will be considered.
- D. Local Art:** Emphasis will be on local and regional Artists whenever possible.
- E. Feasibility:** Budget, timeline, and probability of success
- F. Design & Construction:** Issues related to fabrication of the installation, its durability, resistance to vandalism, long-term maintenance issues, and weather permanence.
- G. Support:** Demonstrated community agreement/support for the project. ACN may choose to create an advisory group to represent the community in the selection process.
- H. Public Safety:** Meets all applicable building codes for public projects. The artist has shown due diligence in developing appropriate installation plans.
- I. Other:** ACN may adopt other project specific criteria permanent to special considerations of the site, the project, or the Commission's specific intent, provided such criteria are clearly and completely stated.

**Project Name:**

MURAL ON THE SKATE SHACK

**Installation Type:**

- ☒ Permanent art collection  
☐ Temporary installation (up to 1 year)

**Proposed Location\*:** 25 TARPON ST. FERNANDINA BEACH SKATE PARK SEE PHOTO'S

*\*A map of approved locations is available through the City of Fernandina Beach*

**Artwork:**

Type [e.g., sculpture, mural, etc.]: MURAL SEE PHOTO'S

Artwork Description [include title, fabrication date, current location, medium, dimensions, materials and installation method, life expectancy]

DINA'S SKATE SHACK PAINT JOB, ASAP, STATED ABOVE, MURAL, 10X10 SQUARE, SPRAY PAINT, SKETCH, BASE PAINT + FINISHING SPRAY CAN, 40 YEARS

**Artist/ Applicant:**

Name: Friends of Fernandina Skatepark / BRIAN BARNARD

Address: P.O. Box 1, F.B, FL. 32035

Phone: 904 699-7468 Waldemar Borrero

Email: postoffice@dade@yahoo.com

I understand that approval of art by Arts and Culture Nassau does not automatically denote approval of all necessary City permits for the installation and display of artwork. Additionally, I understand if the artwork is accepted for temporary display, I am solely responsible for all costs and acquiring all necessary permits and overseeing the installation and maintenance of the art. I am responsible for the care and maintenance of the art for the duration of the permitted display period and for the removal of art following the display period. I also understand that all donations of permanent art become the sole property and responsibility of the City of Fernandina Beach.

Signature: [Signature] Date 05/13/2024

The following materials **MUST** be provided with the completed application form:

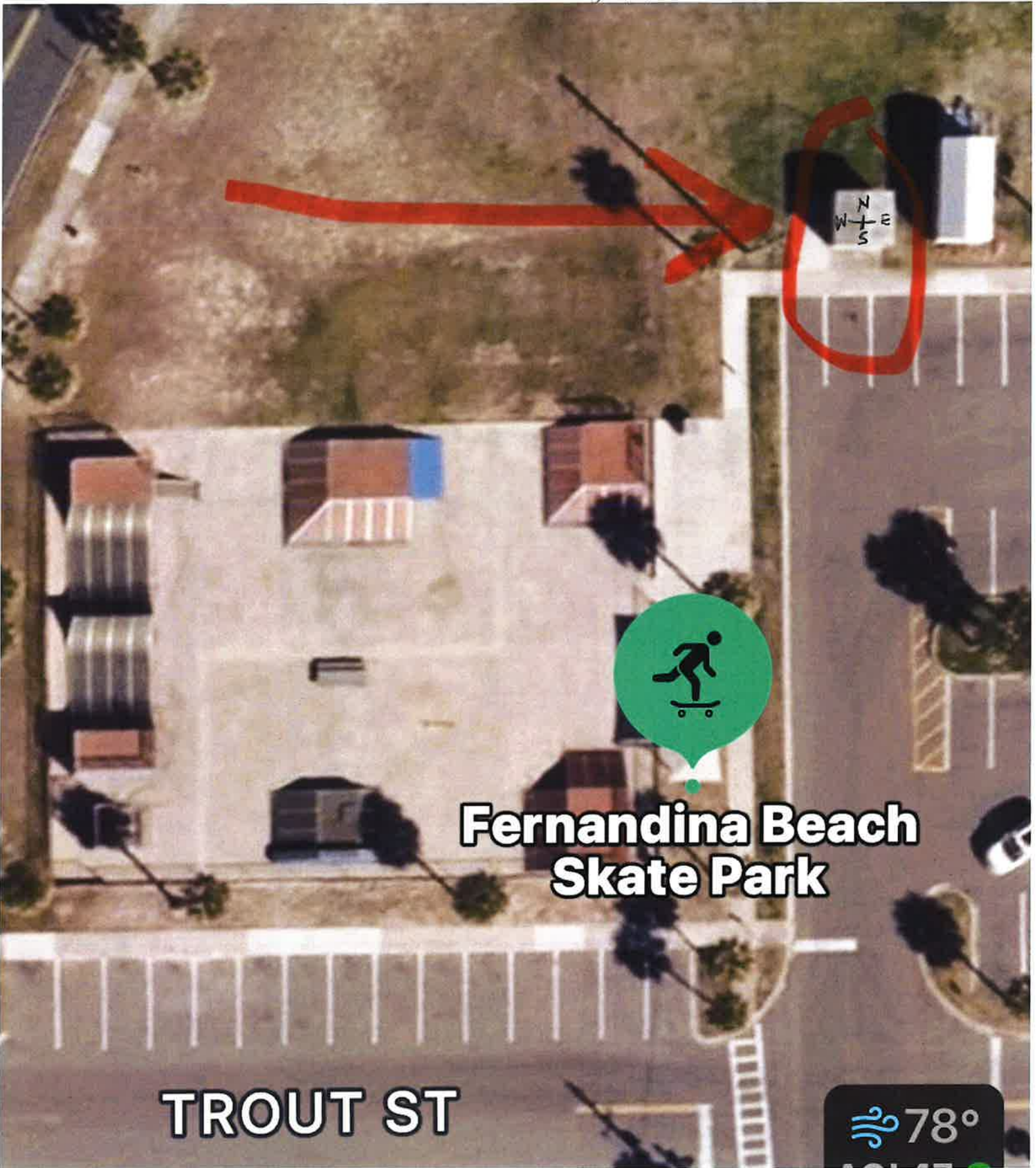
- Project description, including purpose, artist's rationale and/or intention for the proposed work, history provenance of artwork, relationship of project to other community interest and activities, involved individuals and organizations if any.
- Illustrative and/or construction drawings of proposed work; scale model of proposed sculptural work strongly recommended.
- Scaled site plan and color images of proposed installation location and its context.
- Scaled illustrative drawings or model showing artwork in relation to proposed site.
- Description of short-term and long-term maintenance requirements.
- Artist resume, annotated exhibition list, and CD Rom and/or hard copy color images of other works.
- Project timeline, including (as applicable) fabrication, delivery, installation, and removal.

**Applications may be submitted by mail or hand delivered to:**

City of Fernandina Beach Attn: Arts and Culture Nassau 204 Ash Street Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

To schedule a meeting for pre-approval prior to completing this application, please call the City of Fernandina Beach (904) 310-3350 and request to be added to the Arts and Culture Nassau Agenda. At this meeting artists may submit a brief concept proposal and discuss the project with the ACN committee.

DINA'S SKATE SHACK



**Fernandina Beach  
Skate Park**

**TROUT ST**

78°

SOUTH SIDE



SECURITY NOTICE  
THIS PROPERTY  
IS PROTECTED BY  
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE





WESTSIDE



WESTSIDE



EAST SIDE

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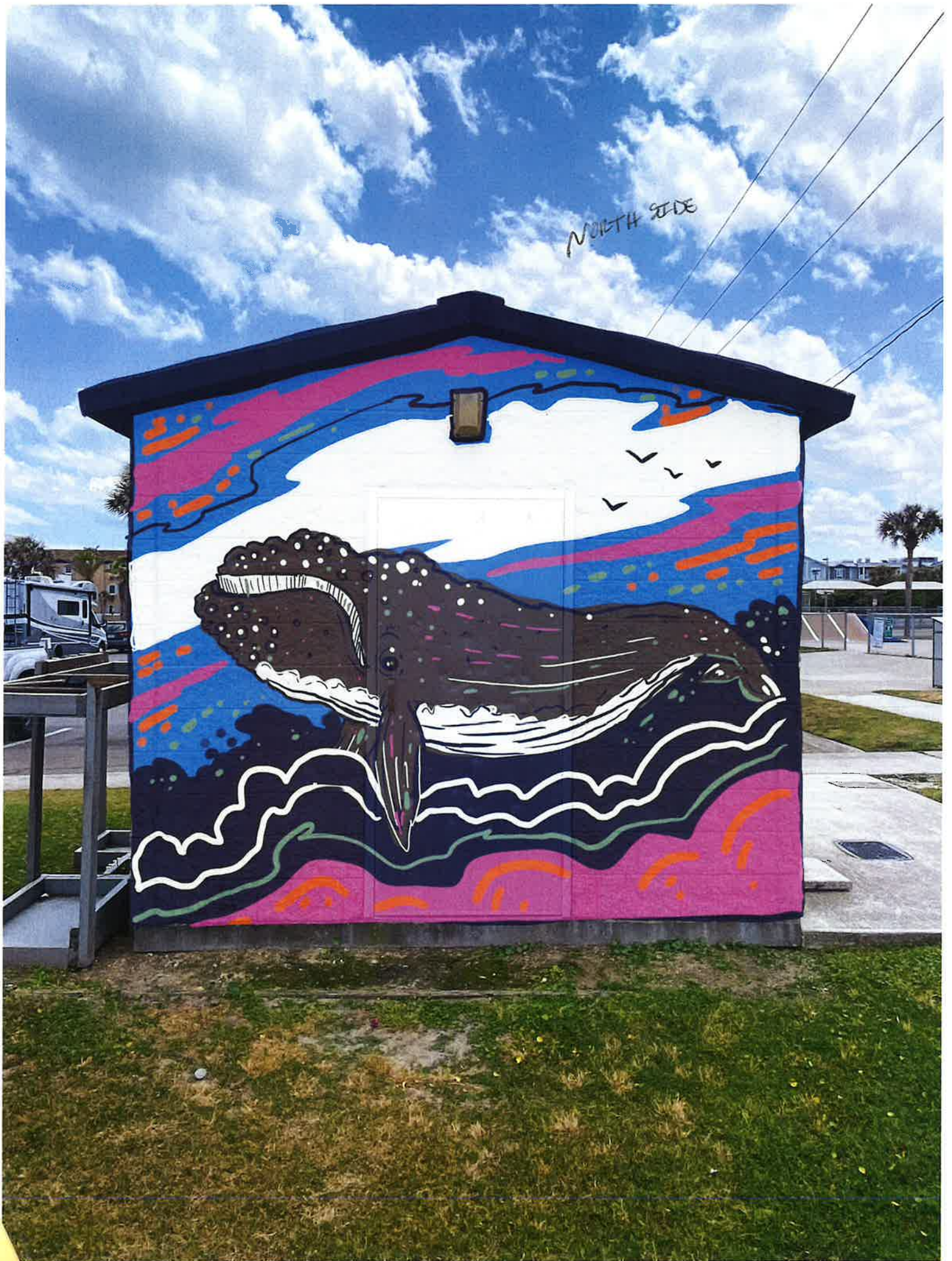


EAST SIDE





NORTH SIDE



Project Updates: 8/07/2024

- 1) Tennis courts 1 and 2 renovation: Completed July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Notes:

- 2) Atlantic Auditorium Painting: Completed July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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- 3) Small Beach Access signs along North and South Fletcher. Completed July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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- 4) Egans Creek Fitness Equipment: Ordered, ship date of August 21<sup>st</sup>. Staff to Install in September.

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- 5) Skate Park Repair: Three ramps are scheduled to be installed the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Notes:

- 6) Installation of walking track at Peck Field: Survey was sent to Committee on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Notes:

- 7) Central Park Gazebo: Will be pressure washed, boards replaced and repainted.  
Estimated completion date: End of August.

Notes:

- 8) Re-surface of MLK Pool: Resurface of existing MLK pool, Commission approval for August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Notes:

- 9) Positions:
- a. Recreation Coordinator (1): Available Position
  - b. Maintenance Technician (1): Internal Transfer

Notes:

- 10) Upcoming Special Events:
- a. August 16<sup>th</sup>: Olympic Homecoming Parade / Parade Route
  - b. August 17<sup>th</sup>: Wheels and Wings / Airport
  - c. August 24<sup>th</sup>: Terry Kelly Skate Jam / Skatepark
  - d. September 6<sup>th</sup>: Sounds on Centre / Downtown
  - e. September 7<sup>th</sup>: Amelia Dance Festival / Central Park
  - f. September 15<sup>th</sup>: Endless Summer Watermelon Ride

Notes:

- 11) Next PRAC meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup>.