



**AGENDA  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2025  
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 January 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes (Approval Of Minutes)
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. STAFF COMMENTS**
  - 6.1 Staff Update (Review Projects And Programs)
- 7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 8. 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, January 14, 2025, 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 Curry, Member Gunn.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 December 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes (Approval of Minutes)  
Vice Chair Cocchi – motion to approve. Second by Member Mountjoy; All Aye.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Caesar Gonzales, Regina Albert

**6. PRESENTATION**

- 6.1 Croquet Court (Mr. Stan Jackson, Interest in installation of Croquet court.  
Stan Jackson presents his croquet court proposal

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 7.1 Election of President and Vice President - Member Spaulding nominated Tom Camera for Chair. Tom Camera accepted the nomination. Vice Chair Cocchi motion to approve.  
Seconded by Member Mountjoy. All Aye  
Member Curry nominates Member Mountjoy for Vice Chair. Member Mountjoy accepted the nomination. Member Gunn nominated Vice Chair Cocchi for Vice Chair. Vice Chair Cocchi conceded to Member Mountjoy. Vice Chair Cocchi motion to appoint Member Mountjoy as the Vice Chair. Chair Camera seconded. All Aye
- 7.2 MLK Sprinkler Mitigation and Opportunities from EOC (requested by Vice Chair Cocchi)  
Consensus to approve and send to legal to research grants

**8. STAFF COMMENTS**

- 8.1 Staff Update  
Director Scott Mikelson provided Parks and Recreation project updates

**9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Playground closure per DCF, limiting parades on major holidays, policy on pole banners

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Camera adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm

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

Chair, Thomas Camera

## Project Updates: 2/4/2025

### **Projects:**

- 1) Beach Access 30: **Complete**

Notes:

- 2) Beach Access 5N (Fire Damage): **Complete**

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- 3) Second Phase of Skatepark Rehabilitation: Four ramps complete. Final two being fabricated.

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- 4) Beach Access 28: Commencing Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, access to be closed.

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- 5) Atlantic Recreation Center Façade Repairs: Commencing, Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

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- 6) Atlantic Recreation Center Window Replacement: Waiting on start date.

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- 7) Hickory Street Park Bathrooms: Date of completion goal, end of April.

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- 8) Skatepark, Design for Expansion: Conceptual drawings and cost, receiving shortly.

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- 9) Batting Cage at Central Park: Bids received, Commission Agenda item 2/18/2025, formal approval. County grant/Babe Ruth funded.

Notes:

- 10) All our new AED's will be deployed by the end of February, we will do a social media post.

Notes:

- 11) Men's locker room at Atlantic Recreation Center: Out to bid in early February

### **Programs**

- 1) Please view Community Connection

Notes:

## **Upcoming Special Events:**

- 1) Montessori Chili Cookoff: February 8<sup>th</sup>, Downtown
- 2) Classic Motorsports Kick off: March 7<sup>th</sup>, Main Beach Greenspace
- 3) Hangar Charity Concert: March 8<sup>th</sup>, Fernandina Beach Airport
- 4) Concours D'Elegance: March 7<sup>th</sup>, Centre Street

Notes:

## **Commission Items:**

- 1) Master fee schedule update: 2/18/2025
- 2) North Beach boardwalk redeck: 2/18/2025
- 3) Batting cagers at Central Park: 2/18/2025

Notes:

## **On The Horizon:**

Discussions:

- 1) Waterfront play feature
- 2) Special event process/application
- 3) Public art application/process
- 4) Columbarium
- 5) Peck Field
- 6) FY26 Budget

## **Next Meeting:**

- 1) March 11, 2025



**FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, PARKS & RECREATION EDITION  
(1/29/2025)**

For more information, visit [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us)

**SPORTS**

**WINTER ADULT PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBIN** at Central Park Courts Register January 1st through January 31st at the Atlantic Center. \$30 team registration fee. Round Robin will take place on Saturday February 8th. Contact Cassie Smith for more information: [casmith@fbfl.city](mailto:casmith@fbfl.city); 904-310-3353.

**OUTDOOR/INDOOR WALKING CLUB**

Outdoors (1, 2, and 3 miles routes) Monday – Thursday from 9:00-10:00am. Meeting locations: Mondays – MLK, Jr. Center parking lot; Tuesdays – Central Park west parking lot; Wednesdays – Egans Creek Park; Thursdays – Main Beach parking lot. Indoors at Peck Gym Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00-1:00pm. For more information, contact John Coverdell: [jcoverdell@fbfl.org](mailto:jcoverdell@fbfl.org); 904-310-3351.

**OPEN ADULT PING PONG** at the Atlantic Center.

Tuesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm and Thursdays from 4:30-7:00pm in the Atlantic Center Auditorium. All skill levels welcomed. Open recreation format; official ping pong serving and scoring rules shall be followed. Loaner paddles and ping pong balls provided. For more information, call/text Don Hughes (904-415-0667) or Richard Stratton (904-321-2239).

**OPEN ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL** at Peck Gym

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Informal team games on two courts. Teams selected each night. Ages 16 and up (ages 16 and 17 must have Parental Consent form signed by parents and notarized before participating). **\$3/night City resident, \$5 Non-City.**

**OPEN ADULT INDOOR SOCCER** at Peck Gym Fridays from 6:00-8:00pm during the months December through March. Starts December 6th. Informal team games. Teams selected each night. Ages 16 and up (ages 16 and 17 must have Parental Consent form signed by parents and notarized before participating). \$3 City residents, \$5 Non-City.

**OPEN BASKETBALL** at Peck Gym Monday-Friday 11:00am-7:00pm (court closes for school and club practices as well as adult leagues throughout the year, see Peck attendant or call 904-310-3354 for more details) People under the age of 16 must be accompanied by adults of the age of 18 or older. Photo identification must be presented to enter Peck Gym.

**PICKLEBALL** at the Central Park Pickleball Courts. Six (6) lighted courts are available. For more information, including Scheduled Play and Open Play times, view the following link from the City of Fernandina Beach

## CENTRAL PARK TENNIS COURTS

Four (4) lighted hard courts available for open play. Courts 1 & 2 (closest to South 13<sup>th</sup> Street) reserved for instructed play during posted hours. **ROD GIBSON TENNIS**

**SERVICES** at Central Park Tennis Courts 1 & 2 Available instructed programs:

- **Private lessons:** Lessons with head professional - \$60 per hour City residents, \$70 Non-City; \$30/30 minutes City residents, \$35 Non-City. Lessons with staff professional - \$50/hour City residents, \$60 Non-City; \$25/30 minutes City residents, \$30 Non-City.
- **Semi-private lessons:** Lessons with head professional + 2 players: \$35/hour City residents, \$40 Non-City. Lessons with staff professional + 2 players: \$30/hour City residents, \$35 Non-City.
- **Group lessons:** Lessons with head professional + 3 players: \$24/hour City residents, \$27 Non-City; + 4 players: \$18/hour City residents, \$20/hour Non-City; + 5 players: \$14/hour City residents, \$16 Non-City; + 6 or more players: \$12/hour City residents, \$14 Non-City. Lessons with staff professional + 3 players: \$20/hour City residents, \$24 Non-City; + 4 players: \$15/hour City residents, \$18 Non-City; + 5 players: \$12/hour City residents, \$15 Non-City; + 6 or more players: \$10/hour City residents, \$12 Non-City.

To register for Junior or Adult clinics; or private, semi-private, or group lessons, email instructor Rod Gibson, USPTA Certified Elite Tennis Professional, at [rodgibsonstennis@gmail.com](mailto:rodgibsonstennis@gmail.com) or call 904-891-6927. 24 hours cancellation required for Adult Clinics and private, semi-private, and group instruction. Schedule and description of clinics available at the Atlantic Center or on the City's website: [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us)

## OPEN ROLLER HOCKEY at the Main Beach Multi-Purpose Court

- Adult/Older Teens skate: Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00pm (Beginner) and Saturdays from 4:15-4:45pm (Easy) and 4:45-6:00pm (Advanced)
- Family skate: Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm and Saturdays from 3:00-4:00pm

For more information, call Ray Matz: 215-852-7038

## FITNESS AREAS

- **Weight Room/Cardio Area** at Peck Gym, 510 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Free weights, selectorized equipment, Matrix treadmills, Precor elliptical, Cybex Arc Trainer, Matrix recumbent and upright bikes, and Kettler rower. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday - Friday from 11:00am-7:00pm (later hours on Tuesday and Thursday during evening court sports activities)
- **Atlantic Fitness Room** at the Atlantic Center, 2500 Atlantic Avenue  
Precor treadmills and ellipticals; Precor recumbent and upright bikes; Concept 2 rower; Nautilus StairMaster Stepmill; Hammer Strength plate loaded fitness equipment; Magnum Fitness Biangular Series machines; and free weights. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). **Fall hours:** Monday-Friday from 5:30am-

9:00pm (5:00-9:00pm for membership holders only), Saturday from 5:30am-4:00pm; and Sunday from 9:00am-2:00pm (membership holders only on Sunday).

**Daily/monthly fitness area fees: City residents - \$5/day; \$30/month; \$90/four (4) months. Non-City residents: \$10/day; \$38/month; \$113/four (4) months. Daily fees and passes are valid at both fitness areas.**

Couples' rates also available. Fitness/Pool combination passes are also available for use of Atlantic Fitness Room and Atlantic Pool. Information available at the Atlantic Center.

Personal training is available at the Atlantic Fitness Room with Melissa Taylor, certified through International Sports Sciences Association (ISSA). Single one-hour session, 3-pack (3 one-hour

sessions), and 10-pack (10 one-hour sessions) packages available. Contact Melissa ([flexfitnessllc1@gmail.com](mailto:flexfitnessllc1@gmail.com); 904-430-7171) to set up a consultation.

**Text FBGym to 91896 to have updates on gym hours sent right to your phone.**

## **AQUATICS**

**Atlantic Pool schedule through February 28th, 2025:** Monday-Friday - Lap swim and water exercise from 5:30-8:30am; Aqua Aerobics from 9:00-11:00am; closed from 11:00am-12:00pm; lap swim from 12:00- 3:50 pm. Saturdays and Sundays - Lap swim and water exercise from 9:00-2 pm. **\$5/day City residents, \$7 Non-City.** Monthly rates are also available.

**AQUA AEROBICS** at Atlantic Pool, 2500 Atlantic Avenue

Full pool; no separate shallow and deep-water classes. Monday – Friday at 9:00am and 10:00am and shared pool at 4 pm.

**Monthly, 1 class/day:** \$40 City residents, \$75 Non-City residents. \$7/day for one class City residents, \$10 Non-City. 10- admissions' pass: \$60 City residents, \$75 Non-City for 1 class/day.

Aqua Aerobics/Fitness combination passes available (includes use of Atlantic Fitness Room). Inquire at Atlantic Center.

Text FBPool to 91896 to have pool updates sent directly to your phone.

**BEACH WHEELCHAIRS** can be reserved at the Atlantic Center. Four (4) wheelchairs available. Call 904-310-3350 for availability.

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES**

**LEGO CLUB FRIDAYS** February 7,14, 21 and March 7 and 14, 3:00-3:50 PM for ages 6-8 and 4:00-4:50 pm for ages 9-12. Lego helps promote critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, spatial awareness, fine motor skills, planning, creativity, and so much more! \$20 registration fee per child. To register call 904-310-3350 or visit the Atlantic Registration Cener.

**TEEN NIGHT OUT** February 8<sup>th</sup>. Kids ages 12-15 can enjoy an Icemen game with the supervision of trained youth staff. \$30 per ticket; concessions not included. Transportation from Atlantic Recreation Center departing at 5:30pm and returning around 9:30pm depending on duration of game. Call (904) 310-3364 to register. For more information - email [sgolden@fbfl.city](mailto:sgolden@fbfl.city)

**KIDS NIGHT OUT** February 16<sup>th</sup>. Kids in grades K- 5 can enjoy a night at the Rec Center from 6-8:30 pm. Pizza, Valentine Movie, music, games and more. \$15 per child, call (904)310-3350, ext 1 to register.

## **INSTRUCTED PROGRAMS**

**JAPANESE JU JITSU and KENJUTSU** at the Peck Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Instructors' Studio, 516 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Ju Jitsu involves striking, kicking, throwing, and submission through joint locks and finishing techniques. Kenjutsu involves use of the katana (sword) and bokken (wooden sword). Both classes ages 12 and up. Ju Jitsu offered Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30pm and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm: **\$8/class or \$60/month City residents;**

**\$10/class or \$75/month Non-City.** Kenjutsu offered Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm: **\$8/class or \$30/month City residents; \$10/class or \$36/month Non-City.** For more information and to register, contact Sensei Jeff Weisfeld: 443-864-3331; [ameliaislandbushido@gmail.com](mailto:ameliaislandbushido@gmail.com).

**BOOTCAMP CLASSES** at Main Beach

Take part in instructor Charity Ross's Bootcamp at Main Beach (some classes at Egans Creek Park – late fall and winter months). These outdoor workouts will challenge your aerobic and anaerobic capacities and core strength with sprint drills, plyometric exercises, and conditioning circuits. **\$150/month per participant.**

Weekly class schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00-7:00am, 7:00-8:00am, and 5:30-6:30pm; Saturdays from 7:00-8:00am (3 classes per week recommended). Contact Charity via Facebook (Ross Fitness); Instagram (@charityrosspt); or call Charity with questions: 904-729-7965.

**YOGA** at the Atlantic Recreation Center Instructors Studio

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am. Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes. \$20 per person per class. For more information, contact instructor Lynn Aiello ([aster353@msn.com](mailto:aster353@msn.com); 856-904-7160).

**AERIAL SILK DANCE CLASSES** at the Atlantic Center

Ages 9 and older. Students learn movement, flow, and poses using the two strands of fabric wrapped around the body in various ways while suspended in the air to create Aerial Dance. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced skills are taught along with whole body stretching and strength conditioning. Students start by learning the basics and safely master skills to progress in levels while working at their own pace. 1 hour per class. Schedule: Monday – Thursday from 3:00-8:00pm on the Atlantic auditorium stage; and Tuesday only from 3:00-6:00pm in the Atlantic Instructors Studio. **\$180 per month for 8 classes over 4 weeks; \$90 per month for 4 classes over 4 weeks.** Contact instructor Marah Lovequist at 904-556-6957 for available tuition and schedule options.

**HIP HOP ABS ADULT CO-ED EXERCISE CLASSES** at the MLK, Jr. Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm at the MLK, Jr. Center auditorium. Ages 18 and up. Free. Contact John Coverdell for more information: [jcoverdell@fbfl.org](mailto:jcoverdell@fbfl.org); 904-310-3351.

## **LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

**MEET AND GREETs:** 3rd Thursdays of the month from 11:30 – 1:30pm; locations tba (gatherings are done quarterly) [jcoverdellfbfl.org](http://jcoverdellfbfl.org)

**SENIOR TRIPS:** Leaving from the Atlantic Recreation Center. Join us every month for a day trip or to see a show! Next trip is to Peter Pan the Musical at Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts with dinner at Olive Garden first on February 19th, 2025. Pre-registration is required for all trips. Register at Atlantic Recreation Center or contact Cassie Smith for more information: [casmith@fbfl.city](mailto:casmith@fbfl.city); 904-310-3353. Flyers for more details on upcoming trips are available at Atlantic Recreation Center. Prices and dates vary regarding trip locations.

