

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 17, 2023

THE REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Vice Chair Bobby Ball at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present:

John Cameron, Jr.
Robert Ball
Maria Mills-Benat
Michael Navarra

Absent:

Mark Bowling, Chair
Shawn Holmes
James Richard, Jr.

Also Present:

Susan Lovallo, Parks &
Recreation Director
Tracee Cody, Assistant City Clerk

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - November 8, 2022 Special Meeting

Motion to approve the November 8, 2022 Special Meeting minutes as presented was made by Member Maria Mills-Benat and seconded by Member Michael Navarra. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Bond Information

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the Bond initiative process that will need to be presented to City Council for further direction. She explained that the staff would have to hire a consultant. Ms. Lovallo expressed that the Bond initiative will rely heavily on the Board members. The members will need to help prioritize projects that should be included.

4. REC Update

Ms. Lovallo provided an update on the Rec remodel. The staff hope to move in at the end of February and the grand opening potentially in Spring.

5. Items for Next Agenda

Update on Bond Information
Prioritizing Projects for the Bond Initiative

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lovallo provided details on upcoming programs. Registration for Spring baseball has begun and opening day is March 25. Some new activities and programs being held include "Little Oranges" geared toward three to four year olds and adult prom geared toward seniors. A car show that was previously held on Canal Street will be held at City Center the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Ms. Lovallo gave an update on post-hurricane projects, including repairs at Memorial Park, boat dock repairs at Causeway Park and renovations at All Childrens Park. She also mentioned a few other capital projects in progress, including a Parks office building in City Center and construction on the Spruce Creek concession building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinhausen, resident, inquired further about the bond initiative. Ms. Lovallo told him more discussion will take place at the City Council Workshop meeting on January 24, 2023.

BOARD COMMENTS

Steve Edgar, City Forester, introduced himself to the Board. Member Navarra commented on the poor condition of the grass at All Childrens Park. Member Cameron inquired about the applications for the fields. Discussion ensued about artificial turf and the advantages and disadvantages. Vice Chair Ball also inquired who handles the fields and their expertise. Ms. Lovallo explained the City doesn't have a turf expert.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:59 p.m.

6. Next Meeting Date: April 18, 2023
7. Board Report to City Council: January 17, 2023


Chairman Mark Bowling