

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THE REC CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM
4655 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 17, 2023

THE SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chairman Mark Bowling at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present:	Mark Bowling, Chair Robert Ball, Vice Chair Maria Mills-Benat Michael Navarra Shawn Holmes (arrived at 5:35 p.m.) <i>James S. Cameron, Jr.</i>
Absent:	James Richard, Jr. (unexcused)
Also Present:	Peter Ferreira, Parks & Rec Deputy Director Susan Lovallo, Parks & Rec Director Tracee Cody, Assistant City Clerk

DISCUSSION/ACTION

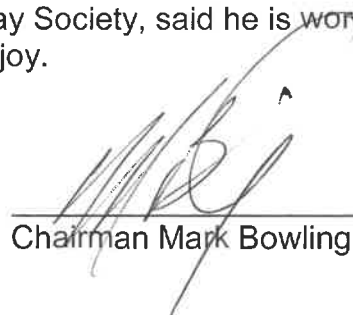
2. Focus group with GAI Consultants re: Bond Initiative

Kristin Cabourn, Director of park planning at GAI Consultants, and her staff met with the Board to discuss the Bond Initiative process. GAI Consultants is a design and planning firm that works with landscape architecture, urban planning and economics. The 1st phase of the initial focus groups was to come up with a public education campaign. The campaign would actually be the start of phase 2 for deciding what ballot the Bond should be on.

Dana Loncar, with Consensus Communications, asked questions to get the board's opinions on what changes they would want for the city. The board mentioned that there needs to be more than just sports but to have parks that would be available for the community and for others with disabilities.

Larry Powers, President of Port Orange Railway Society, said he is working with the City on the depot park for the community to enjoy.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:42 p.m.


Chairman Mark Bowling