



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL
32502

March 18, 2025

10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bruni called the board meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael Blankenship, Renee Borden, Kristin Brown, Antonio Bruni, Justine Roper Williams, Suzanne Lewis, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: Bradley Boes, Jake Renfroe

OPEN FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-317 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2025

A motion was made by Parks & Recreation Board Member Lewis and seconded by Parks & Recreation Board Vice Chair Borden.

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Michael Blankenship, Renee Borden, Kristin Brown, Antonio Bruni,
Justine Roper Williams, Suzanne Lewis, Kirwan Price

No: 0 None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. 25-318 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Tonya Byrd, opened the floor for any questions.

Vice Chair Borden inquired about the repair of the well building located on 12th Avenue. Assistant Director Byrd confirmed that the roof has been repaired.

Vice Chair Borden also inquired about how to go about letting someone paint a mural on the building and who to contact to get it approved. Deputy City Administrator Miller responded to questions and comments accordingly.

Assistant Director Byrd gave an update on a few projects that have been under repair.

Chairperson Bruni inquired if there was an update on the Belvedere Disc Golf Course. Parks and Recreation Division Manager Nikki Gray approached the stand and responded to the question accordingly.

Assistant Director Byrd also passed around photos of recently completed projects.

STAFF REPORTS

3. 25-319 BRITTANY HUGHES - SPRING/SUMMER PLAYBOOK

Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, Brittany Hughes, distributed throughout the board unofficial copies of the upcoming Spring/Summer Playbook and gave an overview.

Vice Chair Borden inquired if the city was able to get the Playbooks marketed in the airport. Hughes responded by stating that we will. Hughes also mentioned that she dropped off leftover copies of the Winter edition and that the airport is now added to the distribution list.

Chairperson Bruni commented on the QR codes listed throughout the Playbook. Hughes responded to the comment accordingly.

Board Member Williams inquired if the local/private-owned organizations could request to have the Playbooks onsite and how they would go about proceeding with the request. Hughes responded by stating she is the point of contact for the requests.

Board Member Williams also suggested adding a contact link on the City's social media pages for local organizations to use to send requests for copies of the Playbook to have at their facilities. Hughes agreed with the idea and will work on getting it done.

Chairperson Bruni inquired if it was possible for the QR codes to tell how far in distance the next park is from the current one a person is at. Hughes responded to

the comment accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Bruni brought before the board a new agenda format and explained the reasoning behind it.

Chairperson Bruni inquired if the agenda items needed to be emailed to both Director Heistein and Miss Stroman. Assistant Director Byrd confirmed that was correct.

Chairperson Bruni also mentioned creating a priority list of important projects that the board can present to city council.

Board Member Lewis inquired if the CNAPP president could make quarterly reports to the board of what their priorities are. Board Member Brown responded to the question accordingly.

Vice Chair Borden mentioned that recently, at the last city council meeting, there was an MOU approved that the Parks and Recreation Board did not review.

OLD BUSINESS

4. 25-320 DIRECTION '25: PENSACOLA PARKS REVITALIZATION PROJECT LIST

Amy Miller, Deputy City Administrator, set the stage before the open discussion.

Deputy City Administrator Miller gave an overview and insight on how the money is distributed and how much of it is flexible.

Chairperson Bruni inquired if the Mayor had gone to individual city council members and asked about the priorities in their districts. Deputy City Administrator Miller confirmed that was correct.

Chairperson Bruni also inquired about which projects became infeasible and what trades were made. A discussion ensued and Deputy City Administrator Miller responded accordingly to the questions and comments.

Board Member Blankenship inquired about Grenada Park's funding and why it was not a part of the list of projects. Board Member Blankenship also inquired about who had input on the assessments if it wasn't by anyone on the board. Deputy City Administrator Miller responded accordingly to the questions and comments.

Board Member Lewis commented that one of the missing elements is the city council. Board Member Lewis also requested a break-down list of the newly

appropriated funds, grant funds, and existing dollars. Deputy City Administrator Miller responded and gave a few dates as a good time for the board to talk about their district's needs so that they would be considered during the time of deciding budgets.

Open dialogue ensued.

Board Member Blankenship commented about how the Rodger Scott Athletic Complex football field's press box needs foundational work and not just repairing the top of the press box.

Board Member Brown inquired about how Director Heistein would be able to reach out to the parties that have a concern about the repairs. Assistant Director Byrd responded by stating that Director Heistein is going to some of CNAPP meetings and if the neighborhood association would reach out to the city about coming to speak directly at the meetings, then that could be arranged.

Chairperson Bruni inquired about resurfacing and re-striping the parking lot at Hitzman Park.

Board Member Lewis inquired about the dog park at Bayview Park.

A member of the public, LaWanna Hamilton, approached the stage to inquire about whether funds collected from the programs that are using the city's parks and recreation facilities will the funds come back to those facilities or if the money is allocated to other parts of the city. Chairperson Bruni responded by stating that the money goes into a general fund, and then it is allocated from the general fund.

The Parks and Recreation Board agreed to put together a priority list to present at the next meeting.

OPEN FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.
