



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

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

September 16, 2025

10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Borden called the board meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael Blankenship, Renee Borden, Daniel Brask, Justine Roper Williams, Suzanne Lewis, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: Krisith Brown, Bradley Boes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-1183 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES DATED AUGUST 19, 2025

A motion was made by Board Member Lewis and seconded by Board Member Lewis-Brown.

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Michael Blankenship, Renee Borden, Daniel Brask, Justine Roper Williams, Suzanne Lewis, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Kirwan Price
No: 0 None.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

See new business.

OPEN FORUM

2. 25-1186 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

3. 25-1246 ADRIANNE WALKER - MIRAFLORES PARK BRIEF

Adrienne Walker, Strategic Initiatives Project Officer, brought before the board a presentation of Miraflores Park.

Board Member Lewis inquired if any member of the public had come forward to say if they have a family history with anyone who may be buried at the park. Walker responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden inquired if there was a way to receive the contact information for Jennifer Rollins, the UWF graduate student who has been studying the burial grounds. Walker responded accordingly.

Interim Director Shanaghan inquired if Miraflores Park was a designated cemetery. Walker responded by stating Miraflores Park is not an established cemetery, but considered an unmarked burial ground that is no longer operable.

Chairperson Borden inquired if the known burials would be fenced off from the rest of the park. Interim Director Shanaghan and Walker responded accordingly.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. 25-1265 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairperson Borden inquired about the scheduling of the Bay Bluffs community input event. Interim Director Shanaghan responded accordingly.

Board Member Lewis inquired if Miraflores Park had been surveyed archeologically. Interim Director Shanaghan responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Board Member Lewis-Brown inquired about the sound system at the input meetings held at the resource centers. Interim Director Shanaghan responded accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS

5. 25-1188 PENSACOLA YOUTH SOCCER AGREEMENT

Joshua Hadden, Travis Peterson, and Phil Nickinson, members of Pensacola

Youth Soccer organization, brought before the board a presentation of the organization.

Chairperson Borden inquired if the uniform costs are included in the registration fee. Hadden responded by stating it is a separate fee and not included in registration.

Board Member Lewis inquired if the payments received from Pensacola Youth Soccer go towards the general fund. Assistant Director Byrd responded by stating that the payments go into the Parks & Recreation/Recreation Athletic fund.

Chairperson Borden inquired about how many participants in the recent numbers were offered scholarships. Nickinson responded by stating the number of scholarships varies per season and the average amount was less than fifty (50).

Chairperson Borden inquired if the total number of scholarship participants were included in the presenting number of players or if it was an addition to the total. Nickinson and Hadden responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Chairperson Borden inquired about the lease not including the ability to look at financial revenue of the soccer organization. Interim Director Shanaghan, Nickinson, and Hadden responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

The Parks and Recreation Department and Pensacola Youth Soccer organization both agreed to meet separately to make the necessary additions to the lease and will bring the updated lease back to the Parks and Recreation Board.

6. 25-1187 GARDEN OF PEACE AND HOPE LAND LEASE

Lauren Brown, a member of P.A.I.N. (Parents Against Injustice and Negligence), approached the board to discuss the Garden of Peace and Hope land lease.

Chairperson Borden inquired about what the garden represents to the P.A.I.N. organization and what they do. Brown responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden inquired about the funding for the project. Brown responded by stating the funds were donated.

Chairperson Borden inquired about if the city was responsible for the monument installation. Assistant Director Byrd responded by stating the organization will be responsible for the installation.

Chairperson Borden inquired about who's responsible for the upkeep of the area. Brown and Byrd responded accordingly.

The board made a motion and agreed to send the lease to the next city council meeting, with the striking of a line item.

OLD BUSINESS

7. 25-1190 DIRECTION '25

Interim Director Shanaghan stated there were no new updates.

8. 25-1191 GRANADA SUBDIVISION PARK

Board Member Blankenship is waiting to receive an update.

OPEN FORUM

LaWanna Hamilton, East Pensacola Student Athlete Program Secretary, approached the board to speak more about the fees youth sports organizations are required to be responsible for in comparison to youth sport programs run by the city.

A discussion ensued.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.
