



# City of Pensacola

## Parks & Recreation Board

### Agenda

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

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**February 20, 2024, 10:00 AM**

**Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 24-109 MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2024, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
*Attachments: Minutes of January 16, 2024, Parks and Recreation Board*

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

2. 24-110 DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
*Attachments: Director's Report Parks and Recreation Board*

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

3. 24-128 GROUND PENETRATING RADAR PROJECT AT MIRAFLORES -  
ADRIANNE WALKER  
*Attachments: Miraflores Burial Ground Study Presentation\_2-20-24*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

4. 24-126 BILL BOND SPORTS LEAGUE, INC - STEPHEN CLARKE  
*Attachments: None*
5. 24-108 EAST PENSACOLA STUDENT ATHLETE PROGRAM - KENDRICK  
JOHNSON  
*Attachments: None*
6. 24-245 DISC GOLF INITIATIVE - CHAIRPERSON HICKS  
*Attachments: Mallory Park 2 Trees*

*Mallory Park 2*  
*Pintado Park Trees*  
*Pintado Park*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OPEN FORUM**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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## Memorandum

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**File #:** 24-109

Parks and Recreation Board

2/20/2024

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### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **SUBJECT:**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2024, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Minutes of January 16, 2024, Parks and Recreation Board



# City of Pensacola

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

### MINUTES

City of Pensacola  
222 W. Main Street  
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January 16, 2024

10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hicks at 10:00 AM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Rand Hicks, Renee Borden, Antonio Bruni, Kristin Brown, Leah Harrison

**Members Absent:** Alejandra Escobar-Ryan, Jake Renfro, John Jerralds, Michael C. Wolf

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. 23-1160 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2023, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

A motion to approve was made by Parks & Recreation Board Vice-Chair Borden and seconded by Parks & Recreation Board Member Harrison.

#### **The motion Passed by the following vote:**

Yes: 5     Rand Hicks, Renee Borden, Antonio Bruni, Kristin Brown, Leah Harrison  
No: 0     None

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### 2. 23-1161 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairperson Hicks asked board members if there were any questions regarding the Director's Report.

Member Harrison asked for additional information pertaining to the Intergeneration Program with Sacred Heart Catholic School. Recreation Center Supervisor, Addie Quina, came before the board and explained that Intergeneration is a program where seniors come together with school-aged children to see the differences in each other's lifestyles. Last spring, the seniors and middle school students came together to listen to the seniors tell stories of events that had occurred in their lives.

Vice Chairperson Borden made a request for staff to highlight upcoming events in the Director's Report that the board members should attend.

Member Bruni asked that when a draft report becomes available regarding the ground penetrating radar project at Miraflores to be given to the board. Director Heistein responded that we will have staff who are managing the project come before the board to give an update. At this time, it is still under internal review. When it is available for distribution, we will share it.

#### STAFF REPORTS

#### 3. 23-1162 ATHLETICS - CHERYL FOX

Recreation Supervisor, Maggie Lochas brought before the board a presentation (on file with background material) providing an overview of the Athletics Division.

Member Harrison asked what is Murbles. Recreation Supervisor, Lochas responded that Murbles is like playing a walking bocce game that can be played anywhere outdoors.

Vice-Chairperson Borden asked if Bill Gregory and Terry Wayne fields were being used. Recreation Supervisor, Lochas responded that the fields are used quite a bit. It depends on the season.

Vice-Chairperson Borden asked if we using the Cobb Center to run programs? Recreation Supervisor, Lochas responded that Cobb, Fricker, and Woodland Heights all have a basketball program that is separate from the City's programs.

Director Heistein spoke regarding the fact that the in-door gym space is at capacity. We have unmet demand, so looking towards the future, I am in support of a master plan. When we can get the timing and funding available, it will help to gauge what that unmet demand is by asking the community what sports they really want and where to locate geographically.

#### 4. 23-1163 BUDGET - KENDRA WEEKLEY

Budget and Planning Specialist, Kendra Weekley brought before board the first quarter financial report. The first quarter revenues are up in Culture Recreation General Fund as a result of an increase in barricade rentals during special events. The Community Maritime Park Management Service Fund revenue is down at this time. Revenue will begin to show in reports in the third and fourth quarters. Their expenditures are up due to renovations to the HAVC system and upgrades to the fire and security system at the stadium.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### 5. 24-62 PENSACOLA YOUTH SOCCER - PHIL NICKINSON

Pensacola Youth Soccer, Inc., President, Phil Nickinson brought before the board a presentation (on file with background material) providing an overview of the Pensacola Youth Soccer league.

Member Harrison remarked she is thankful to the Pensacola Youth Soccer league because they are doing a great job running a great program as well as having a great board.

Member Bruni asked who the local uniform provider is. Phil Nickinson responded with Gulf Coast Trophies. Member Bruni asked are the uniforms included in the registration fee? Phil Nickinson responded that the uniform costs \$35.00, or we sell just parts.

Vice-Chairperson Borden asked if the \$10 per child the city requires is added to the registration. Phil Nickinson responded, yes, it works as a pass through. Vice-Chairperson Borden asked is there currently corporate sponsors or anyone who sponsors? Phil Nickinson responded no. Vice-Chairperson Borden asked do the fees from the concession come back to the city? Phil Nickinson responded that in the spring we had a different concessionaire. They ran it on their own. We did not receive anything. The current concessionaire gives us 10% or 15% of their revenue. Vice-Chairperson Borden asked is this someone who contracts through the city? Phil Nickinson responded no they contract through us. Vice-Chairperson Borden asked is the concession a city-owned facility? Phil Nickinson responded, yes, that is correct.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### OPEN FORUM

6. 24-79 PARKS & RECREATION BOARD REPORT - JANUARY 2024

Chairperson Hicks presented to the board a report (on file with background material) of the annual Parks and Recreation Board Report which will be presented to the City Council at the Agenda Conference.

Vice-Chair Borden suggested that it should be a requirement of any sports provider who has a Memorandum of Understanding with the city needs to come before the board and present. Chairperson Hicks agreed and remarked that we can put that as an agenda item and vote on it.

Member Bruni suggested that board members attend the sports providers board meetings to see how the organizations are operating and to come back and give a report.

ADJOURNMENT

## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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#### **PARKS UPDATES:**

- Miraflores Park – Ground penetrating radar and historic human remains complete. Staff reviewed findings and determined a radar survey of the rest of the park was needed, which began on 2/15.
- Roger Scott Tennis Courts – Reconstruction of 12 asphalt courts has been completed and the courts were “soft” opened to the public on 2/9. Staff is working on securing a vendor to install shade structures and planning a grand opening/ribbon cutting event for May.
- Malcom Yonge Gym – The City Council approved the demolition of the Malcom Yonge Gym at the 2/8 meeting. Demolition is estimated to occur in March. The CRA will consider the proposal for future use of the site at their next meeting.
- Wayside Park – Demolition of the old tackle shop at Wayside Park will begin as early as March after a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is issued.

#### **ATHLETICS UPDATES:**

- Vickrey Center Youth Basketball League games started Saturday Feb. 3. Ages 5 - 14 yr. 290 Participants.
- Vickrey Center Girls Youth Volleyball League registration will continue through Feb. 23.
- Vickrey Center Cornerstone Martial Arts, Yoshukai Karate & Shotokan Karate classes are all currently registering new students.
- Adult Sports - Spring Season kicks off Feb. 19 & runs through May. Co-Ed Kickball, Men's Softball, Senior Men's Softball and Co-Ed Softball Leagues at Exchange Park; 615 Participants - 41 Teams.
- Adult Sports - Ultimate Frisbee League games started Feb. 11 for the Spring Season at Exchange Park.
- Bill Bond T- Ball & Baseball League registration continues for the Spring Season. Games start in March.

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#### **MARKETING UPDATES:**

- Promotional Advertisement Spring Activities and Programs

#### **RECREATION UPDATES:**

##### **Bayview Senior Center**

- AARP Free Tax Aide Service-runs February 5 to April 17 Mondays and Fridays from 9am to 1pm- appointments required. Sign up is at the center at the front desk.
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- Each year AARP provides in-person tax assistance with the focus on those who are over 50 or who have low-to-moderate income.
- Pensacola Opera Performance-February 6 at 2pm-this is a free one-hour concert by local opera artists.
- Party Gras Annual Fat Tuesday Celebration-February 13 from 10:30am to 12:30pm- this is a sold-out event that has the String Farm Band performing live while attendees enjoy gumbo, red beans and rice tastings, king cake and much more.

##### **Bayview Center and Outdoor Pursuits**

- Yoga in the Park-February 4 at 9:30am-Free yoga class is offered in the park every month on the first Sunday.
- Grant Writing Workshop-February 15 and 16 from 9am to 4pm-organizations in the area are sending representatives to learn the in's and out's of grant writing.
- Fishing and archery day camp-February 19-offered to school-age children during their non-school day.
- Ecstatic Dance-February 20 from 7:30am to 9:30am- \$25 participation fee.
- 6 private events and facility rentals throughout the month.

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#### **Cobb Center**

- City of Pensacola Alpha Elite Youth Basketball League- January to March. Teams range in ages from 6U to 12U. This is a recreational league.
- Reading Program-Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reading with a purpose is offered during after school hours. The program enriches and enhances the youth in 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades in areas most needed. Emphasis is placed on comprehension.

#### **Fricker Center**

- February is Black History Month. The staff are putting together a blackboard complete with historical figures and famous quotes for the patrons to see.
- A field trip to a museum for Seniors will be planned this month.
- After school will be having arts and crafts time for Valentine's Day handmade treats.
- Basketball season is in full swing. Practices happen every evening during the week and games are on Saturdays.

#### **Gull Point Center**

- Mardi Gras Potluck was held at the start of the month. There were 24 participants. Pensacola Veterans Affairs had a few first timers attend the event.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics meetings-weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm- EPH.
- Spring Break Camp registration has begun.

#### **Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones**

- CNAPP Meeting-February 5 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm-Presidents from each City Neighborhood Association come together to discuss pertinent topics of interest to citizens.

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- Tanyard Meeting-February 5 at 5:30pm-Available to all Tanyard area citizens. This monthly meeting gives homeowners the opportunity to get together and discuss Important issues and project happening in their direct area.
- Sanders Beach Neighborhood Meeting-February 6 at 6:00pm-Neighbors come together to discuss superfund site project timeline and additional pertinent issues and projects happening in their direct area.
- Super Bowl Watch Party- February 11 at 4pm-Citizens and staff gather to enjoy food and the game on the big screen.
- Valentine's Day Ballroom Dance Social-February 14 at 7:00pm- ballroom dance students, game night participants and anyone else in the area is encouraged to come with a date or solo to enjoy social dancing. Light refreshments will be offered.
- Baptist Cardiovascular Symposium-February 23-this is an annual event and one of the biggest rentals of the year. Medical vendors are on-site and special guest speakers educate attendees on the latest cutting-edge medical devices and procedures available to those in need. This is a great educational opportunity for the staff at Baptist and other local facilities.
- 14 facility rentals, meetings or events.

### **Woodland Heights Center**

- Black History Contest-February 24 from noon to 2:00pm
- Black History Family Night-February 28 from 5:00pm-6:00pm-After school kids and facilities will share what they've learned about famous African Americans and will also be honored with a special guest speaker.



# MIRAFLORES

## Burial Ground Study

### PENSACOLA



# Havana Square / Miraflores Park

## TIMELINE

1806

Spanish government granted Gabriel de Rivas a 300 arpent tract of land

1808

Rivas died; land grant sold at public auction to Gregario Caro

1817

Caro sold the tract to Fitzsimmons, Smyth, and Chebeaux

1835

The Pensacola Land Company was formed; Rivas tract laid out and mapped by George Chase

1837-1858

Property sold in "New City" by Pensacola Land Company; Economic Panic of 1837

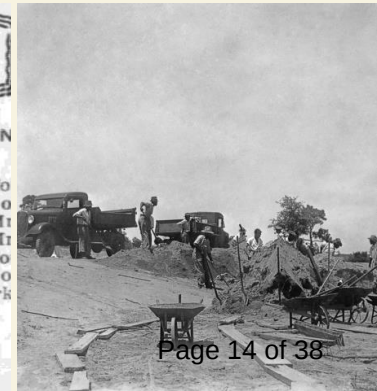
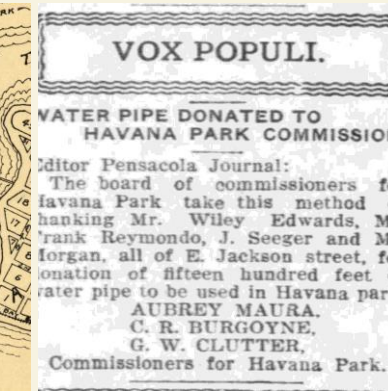
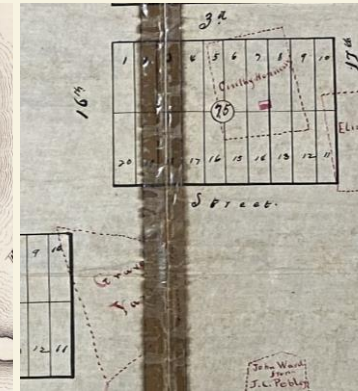
1854

As early as July 1854, R.B. Smith Hargis established a private infirmary near Havana Square

1870

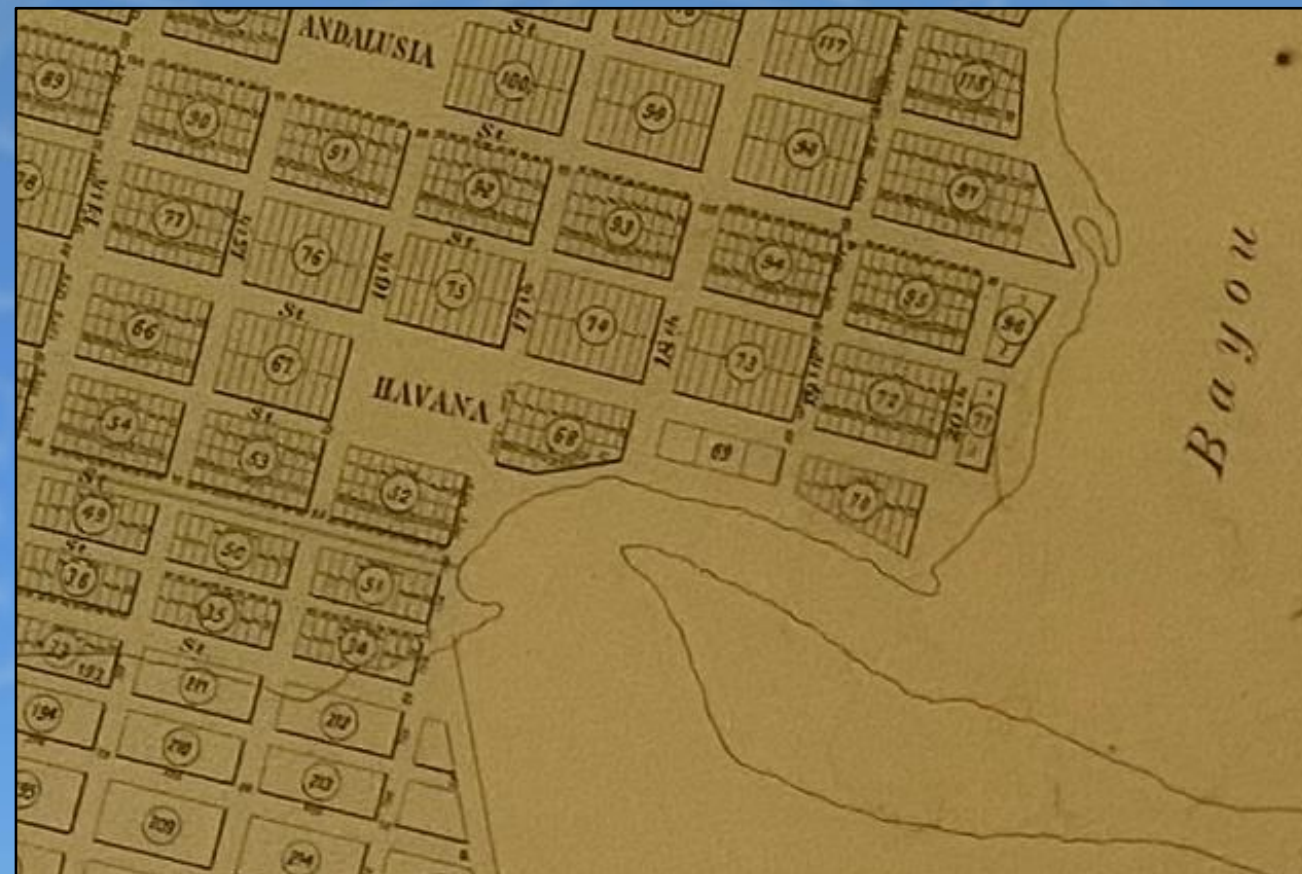
Pensacola Land Co. incorporated by Florida legislature; renamed Pensacola City Company

the 1930s. A mail box and white beach sand.





***Plan of the New City of Pensacola from recent and accurate survey by G.E. Chase, 1835-36***



**Map of Pensacola, Fla. drawn by W. F. Lee and revised by W. H. Davison, 1887**





Reverend Ephraim J. Pleasure's Free Will Baptist Church

**New Colored Churches.**  
 Editor Daily News, '
 

We the Elders who have organized the newly built church in Escambia county, 8 miles northwest from Pensacola, Fla., this church is named 'the Lilly of the Valley', the Primitive Orthodox Baptist church of the Shiloh Association of West Florida.

The Elders, Ephraim J. Pleasure, James Lee, Joseph Sanders at the old Turpentine Orchard. †  
 Feb. 21, 1895.

We the Elders of the Shiloh Association who held a council at Mr Archia, Milton, and organized a newly built church and give her the name of the Morning Star, she belongs to the Shiloh Association of West Florida, Escambia county Primitive Orthodox Baptist Feet Washers, 3 3/4 miles west from the city of Pensacola.

Mr. Archia Milton gave Ephraim J. Pleasure the power to manage it and run it.

Witness, Elder James Lee. †  
 June 9, 1895.

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| 289 | 301 | Pleasure | of Milton | Had    | 13 | 9 | 1892 | 58 | 4 | S | S. Carolina | to Caroline | N Carolina |  | Day Laboring | Yes | Yes | Yes | R | H |
|     |     | Bradford | Elphah    | Pebley | 13 | 9 | 1895 | 14 | 5 | S | Florida     | Florida     | Florida    |  |              | Yes | Yes | Yes |   |   |

## TIMELINE (CONT.)

1870

Pensacola City Co. abandoned Chase plan & began using the Harding and Lee plan

1872

Heirs to Rivas made claims to the land; A.V. Caro sued Pensacola City Co.; one of numerous legal disputes

1884

Lee & Davison map created; also "Plan showing location of trespassers on Chebeaux Tract"

1887

AUG. 6

City Engineer reports that "Havana square...is being used as a negro grave yard"

1887

SEPT. 2

City Marshal, as instructed by City Commissioners, placed notices around the square to stop further internments

1906

JUNE 6

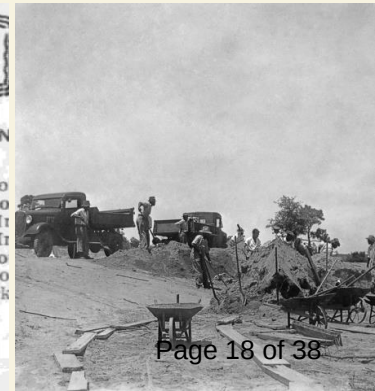
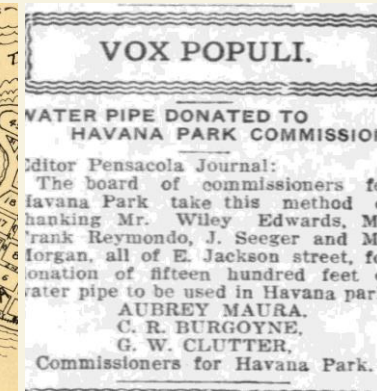
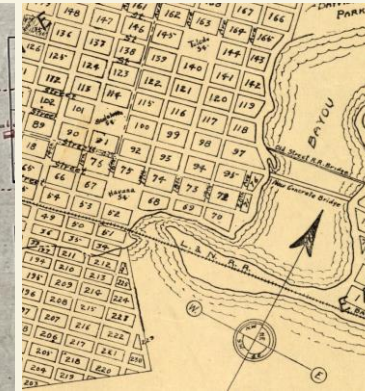
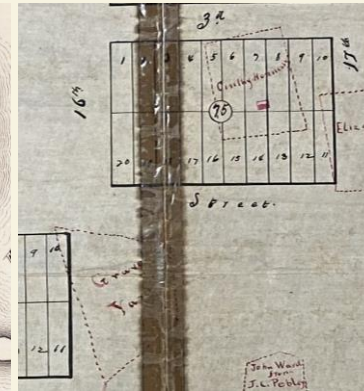
Board of Works ordered the Street Superintendent to confirm the presence of graves & identities of those buried

1906

JUNE 16

Street Superintendent instructed to "clean up Havana Park"

the 1930s. A mail box and white beach sand.



I find all the city squares and Bayview Park free of trespass, except Malaga square, occupied by school house, and Havana square, which is being used as a negro graveyard. If Pensacola grows as we expect, this square will be the most beautiful in the city. It is situated on rising ground, and at such an elevation, that a fine view of both bayou and bay can be had. I would suggest that further interments should be stopped, and those already buried should be removed.

*Pensacolian newspaper*

August 6, 1887

Report of the City Engineer, Wm. Galt Chipley

To the Hon. City Commissioners of  
the City of Pensacola:

Gentleman—Your orders to me to stop further interments in Havana Square have been attended to by placing notices around said Square forbidding any further burials within said grounds. I could not find any one ~~who~~ claimed any titles or rights to the grounds.

Respectfully,

J. B. ROBERTS, **Marshal.**

Pensacola, Sept. 2d, 1887.

*Pensacolian newspaper*

September 2, 1887

Report of the Marshal, J.B. Roberts



### Water Mains Desired.

A petition from citizens residing on East Jackson street was received. Petitioners ask that the water mains be extended east on Jackson street from Fourteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue. The question was referred to the council, and will be supported with a favorable recommendation from the Board of Works.

On motion of Mr. Daniell, Aubrey Maura, E. S. Cravens and C. R. Burgoyne were elected commissioners of Havana Park.

### Wants Bodies Removed.

Mr. Daniel offered a resolution which prevailed instructing the street superintendent to visit Havana

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## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WORKS

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Park, and ascertain the graves and identity of persons buried in the park. Also to submit his report to the mayor, and that the mayor thereupon order the bodies removed.

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Pensacola, Fla. June 16th, 1906.

#### Regular meeting.

A regular meeting of the board of public works was held this day at 5-30 o'clock P.M., with mayor Bliss presiding, and chairman Zelius and R.E.L. Daniel present.

#### Minutes read & approved.

The minutes of May 28th, June 2nd, June 6th, and June 12th, 1906, were read and approved.

#### Pay-Roll & Vouchers approved.

The Pay-Roll for the First half of June, 06, was approved by the Board and ordered paid.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid;  
Escambia Co. Elec. Light & Power Co.- \$315.00, \$9.00, \$7.25, W.R. Taylor & Co.- \$15.78

#### Bill, of Dunwoody-Aiken

The bill of the Dunwoody-Aiken Towboat Co. for \$37.89, was referred to the Chairman for investigation and ordered paid if found correct. The Clerk was instructed to return the bill of W.R. Taylor & Co. for T.-B. Co. refer 35 barrels of cement, for correction, and to pay same when corrected to read at the rate of \$2.00 per barrel, as called for by the orders.

#### W.K. Robinson granted permission to erect shed.

A communication was read from W.K. Robinson, requesting permission to build a shed on the rear end of the lot on which his stable is located at 31 East Garden Street.

Permission was granted under the condition that same is constructed in accordance with the Fire Ordinances, and to be removed if so ordered by the Board.

#### Bids for feed for month of July.

The following bids for furnishing feed for the month of July, 1906, were read:

Bid of Marion Curry & Co.  
Choice Timothy Hay- \$20.00 per ton, 40 pound test White Clipped oats- 50 cts. per bushel.

Bid of J.E. Dubuisson & Bro.  
Strictly No. 1 Timothy Hay- \$19.75 per ton, White Clipped Oats- 50 cts. per bushel.  
The bid of Marion Curry & Co. was accepted.

#### Bid of Curry & Co. accepted.

Permission was granted M.A. Dubuisson to remove a tree located in the sidewalk at 408 S. Alcaniz Street.

#### Permission granted M.A.

City Engineer ins. to survey & place corner stones in Havana Pk. & Ala. Square

It was moved and seconded that the City engineer be instructed to survey Havana Park, and Alabama Square, and to place corner stones at each corner of same, and that the street Superintendent be instructed to furnish posts for same.

The street supt. was instructed to clean up Havana Park.

stones in Havana Pk. & Ala. Square

The street supt. was instructed to clean up Havana Park.

# CATTLE ARE STILL AT LARGE

Property Owners Have to  
Suffer for Law-Breaking  
Cattle Owners.

The residents and property owners in the vicinity of Havana square on East Hill are very much provoked at the damage which the cattle in that section of the city are doing. Havana square is just outside of the cattle limit and there is consequently no law that can be invoked to prevent cattle from running at large in that vicinity.

But although Havana Park is outside of the cow limits, it does not seem to be in a much worse position than other places that are within the pale of the law. Cattle now roam about indiscriminately in almost every part of the city, destroying yards, flower beds, shrubs and trees, and the people whose property they thus destroy seem to have no recourse. There is not a village in Florida, much less a city, that would permit for a day what is going on in Pensacola all of the time.

A few \$25.00 fines on that class of people who have no regard for other people's rights and who are now letting their cows live at the expense of people's lawns and flower beds, would stop this sort of thing. It is not allowed anywhere else, why should it be permitted here?

# JAS. M'HUGH, SR. IS APPOINTED

WILL SUCCEED AUBREY MAURA  
AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION-  
ERS FOR HAVANA PARK.

Mr. Aubrey Maura has resigned as chairman of the Havana Park commission, Mr. Jas. McHugh, Sr., having been appointed to fill the vacancy thus afforded.

Havana park promises to be a popular playground this summer, as it is pleasantly situated on Bayou Texar, and is in easy reach of a stop which the East Hill car makes at the corner of Jackson street and 16th avenue. The commissioners have already placed nearly 150 trees in the park, and will introduce fine grasses this summer. Swings, rest houses, seats, etc., will also be among the innovations.

# WATER PIPE DONATED TO HAVANA PARK COMMISSION.

Editor Pensacola Journal:

The board of commissioners for Havana Park take this method of thanking Mr. Wiley Edwards, Mr. Frank Reymondo, J. Seeger and Mr. Morgan, all of E. Jackson street, for donation of fifteen hundred feet of water pipe to be used in Havana park.

AUBREY MAURA,  
C. R. BURGOYNE,  
G. W. CLUTTER,  
Commissioners for Havana Park.

*Pensacola News Journal*

**March 11, 1909**

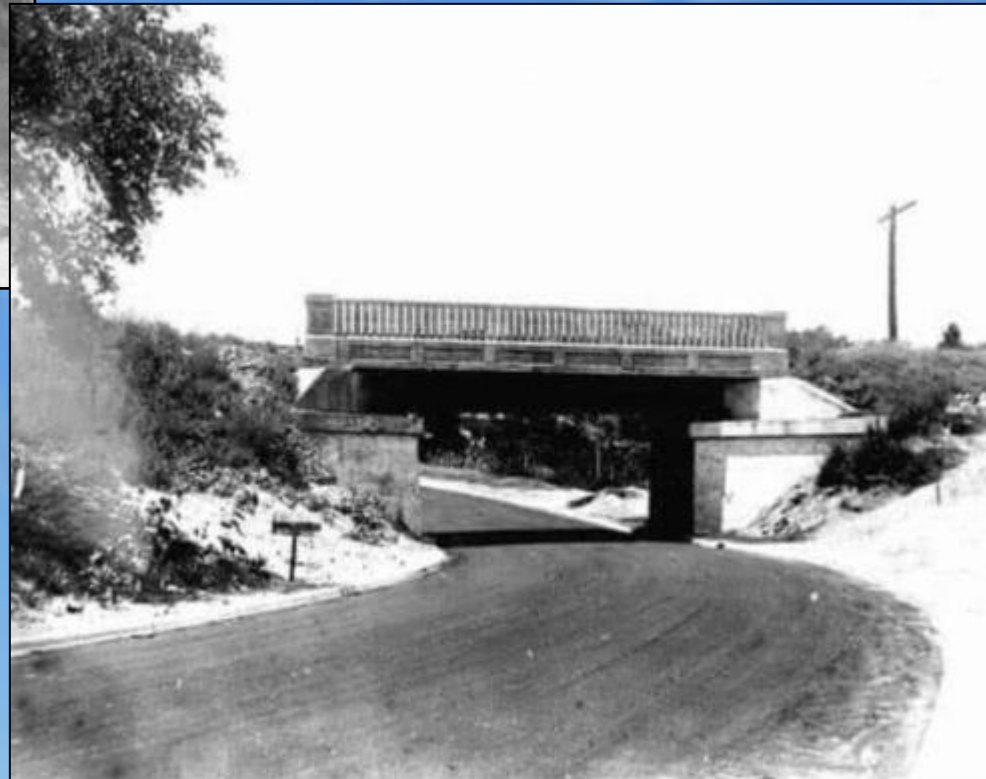
*Pensacola News Journal*

**August 19, 1908**



**Boy Scout Building dedicated in April 1934**

***The Pensacola Journal***  
**June 12, 1965**  
**Havana Square renamed Miraflores Park**



**17<sup>th</sup> Avenue railroad trestle, depicting surroundings of the neighborhood ca. 1930s**

## **City Park To Acquire New Name**

A city-owned park at 17th Avenue and LaRua Street will be dedicated "Miraflores Park" Saturday in honor of Pensacola's sister city in Peru.

The ceremony will start at 11 a.m.

Havana Park is being renamed as part of Pensacola's international good will effort to foster the People-to-People Council.

On hand Saturday will be a Peruvian delegation, headed by Carlos Perez as a representative of the Miraflores mayor. The delegation arrived here earlier this week to participate in the Fiesta of Five Flags celebration.

Capt. H. B. Grow, director of People-to-People, will introduce guests and the Rev. Henry Bell Hodgkins will give the benediction.

The welcoming committee for the Peruvian group will include Fiesta president Don Mair, Mayor Reinhardt Holm and James H. Baroco, this year's Don Tristan de Luna and his court.

A bust of the late Spanish author Ricardo Palma will be unveiled.

Perez, speaking in behalf of Miraflores Mayor Mario Cabrejos, will give an acceptance speech.

The NAS Band will provide musical background for the dedication.





**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**  
Jan. 18, 2023

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## Mayor Reeves Announces Community Advisory Group for Miraflores Park Burial Ground Study

Mayor D.C. Reeves has selected 10 individuals to serve as the Miraflores Burial Ground Study Community Advisory Group, which will assist the City of Pensacola in the assessment and future commemoration of Miraflores Park.

The members of the Community Advisory Group are:

- Barbara Albrecht, Coastal Communities Coordinator for the University of West Florida, Director of the Panhandle Watershed Alliance
- Tenedé Broughton, District 5 City Council Member, President of the John Sunday Society
- Rand Hicks, Parks and Recreation Board Chairman
- Angela Kyle, Vice President of Sustainability Business Development at JLL, Mayoral Transition Team Focus Area Leader for Strategic Planning
- Michelle MacNeil, Principal at Architectural Affairs
- Allison Patton, District 6 City Council Member
- Margo Stringfield, Research Associate for the UWF Archaeology Institute
- Bianca Villegas, Planning Board member
- Lonnie Wesley, Pastor of Greater Little Rock Baptist Church, Mayoral Transition Team Focus Area Leader for Citizen Engagement
- Dr. Lusharon Wiley, Vice President of Corporate Culture at Innisfree Hotels, Mayoral Transition Team Focus Area Leader for Employee Engagement & Culture

The City of Pensacola will be working with the Community Advisory Group, partners and community stakeholders as the study moves forward and research continues at the site.

The Miraflores Burial Ground Study Community Advisory Group will operate in the Sunshine ([Florida Statute 286.011](#)), with all meetings publicly advertised, open to the public, and minutes taken.

The first meeting of the advisory group has not yet been scheduled, but please stay tuned to the City of Pensacola website at [cityofpensacola.com/miraflores](http://cityofpensacola.com/miraflores) for updates.

**About the Miraflores Park Burial Ground Study**

As a result of research following the discovery of human remains at Miraflores Park in June 2021, the City of Pensacola will be conducting a burial ground study of the park's grounds with a goal of assessing, interpreting and commemorating the site.

Human remains were discovered by a local Boy Scout troop in the crawl space beneath the Boy Scout Building at the park. Local authorities were contacted including Pensacola Police Department, the District 1 Medical Examiner's Office, biological anthropologists from the University of West Florida as well as the Florida State Historic Preservation Office and the State Archaeologist. The field investigation indicated that the human remains were associated with historic fill and originated from a historic, disturbed context. They were likely disturbed during the construction of the Boy Scout Building in 1941.

Local anthropologists from the University of West Florida conducted a skeletal analysis that indicated there were two individuals present, one female and likely one male. It has also been determined that the jurisdiction of leading the study of the burial ground is of Pensacola.

The investigation determined that the remains are older than 75 years, meaning they are a modern, forensic case. Ancestry is difficult to determine with partial skeletal but features of the female individual suggest there are traits that align with the known populations in historic Pensacola such as African, Creole, and European.

Miraflores Park was originally known as Havana Square before being renamed in 1965 as Pensacola's Fiesta de Five Flags celebration. Ongoing historic research has multiple historic documents including newspaper articles, meeting minutes, legal records and a map indicating that Havana Square was used as a burial ground primarily for African American or Creole descent.

Forward, historic research will continue, along with tasking the Community Advisory Group to explore options to conduct a ground penetrating radar survey. The ground penetrating radar survey will help to determine if other potential burials are present and delineate the boundaries of the potential burial ground for future land protection.

The Community Advisory Group will also be tasked with gathering feedback from the community on how they would like to see the park interpreted and commemorated, and to develop ideas for eventual reinterment of the two individuals. This group will hold regular meetings, with opportunities for public input and engagement throughout the study.

The Miraflores Park Burial Ground Study will be posted on the City of Pensacola website at [cityofpensacola.com/miraflores](http://cityofpensacola.com/miraflores).

## MIRAFLORES PARK TIMELINE

June 19, 2021

Human remains recovered from crawl space underneath the Boy Scout Building at Miraflores Park. Investigation begins.

July 8, 2021

- PPD releases investigation results.
- PPD, the Medical Examiner's Office, and officials from the University of West Florida's Anthropology Department have concluded that no evidence of a crime was present in relation to the remains.
- PPD investigation closed.
- Remains released to UWF for further investigation.

July 14, 2021

A statement from the Bureau of Archaeological Research was drafted: "The human remains found in June at 1601 East La Rua Street (Miraflores Park) have been determined to be more than 75 years deceased and thus do not constitute a modern, forensically significant case. Following Florida law, UWF Anthropology and the Archaeology Institute have consulted with Florida's State Archaeologist about the case. Further analyses are needed to discern the origin of these remains and determine final disposition. We will issue another statement when we know more."

July 20, 2021

1884 map showing Miraflores Park was shared by UWF Historic Trust to the City of Pensacola. Investigation of the human remains was still understood to be under the jurisdiction of the state archaeologist.

August 27, 2021

State Archaeologist confirmed that the remains fall under the Ch. 872.02 rather than 872.05, allowing for the initiation of the bioarchaeological analysis.

March 7, 2022

Florida Department of State provided the following statement to WEAR, "Based on archival documentation, it is likely that the remains discovered at Miraflores Park were originally interred in a historic African American graveyard within the modern park boundaries. The exact location of the cemetery has not yet been confirmed; however, the University of West Florida is conducting research on the history of this gravesite and are taking the lead on analyzing the bones that were discovered last June. The final results from these osteological assessments will further add to the investigation of this case."

April 29, 2022

UWF Department of Anthropology provided the report, Human Remains Report for Historical Remains Recovered from Miraflores Park, Pensacola FL (UWF Case 6A21) to city staff and state archaeologist.

October 3, 2022

New Cultural Affairs/Resources Coordinator hired at the city and tasked with further research and lead on Miraflores Park.

October 21, 2022

Confirmation that City of Pensacola has jurisdiction over the potential unmarked burial ground and/or human remains.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION:

May 26, 2023

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## City Awarded African American Civil Rights Grant for Miraflores Park Research

The City of Pensacola has been selected to receive a \$22,160 grant from the National Park Service to fund a ground penetrating radar survey at Miraflores Park as part of the [Miraflores Burial Ground Study](#).

The grant funds will also assist the city with on-site interpretation of the survey results and extensive, archival research.

This grant award is part of \$21 million awarded by the National Park Service to 37 projects in 16 states through the [Historic Preservation Fund's African American Civil Rights grant program](#), which funds preservation projects and efforts of sites tied to the struggle of African Americans to gain equal rights.

"The National Park Service is proud to award this grant funding to our state and local government, and nonprofit partners to help them recognize places and stories related to the African American experience," said NPS Director Chuck Sams in a [news release](#). "Since 2016, the African American Civil Rights program has provided over \$100 million to document, protect, and celebrate the places, people and stories of one of the greatest struggles in American history."

The City of Pensacola and Pensacola Energy conducted preliminary ground penetrating radar data collection at Miraflores Park on Monday, May 22, but the grant funding will be instrumental in the city's ability to conduct a more thorough, controlled GPR survey.

"Thank you to the National Park Service for recognizing the importance of this data collection and research to help us better understand the history of Miraflores Park," Mayor D.C. Reeves said. "I look forward to working with the Miraflores Burial Ground Study Community Advisory Group and the entire community to continue learning about our past so we can plan for the future of Miraflores Park."

### at the Miraflores Park Burial Ground Study

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The park was originally known as Havana Square before being renamed in honor of Pensacola's Fiesta de Five Flags celebration. Ongoing historic research has identified multiple historic documents including newspaper articles, meeting records, and a map indicating that Havana Square was used as a burial site primarily for people of African American or Creole descent.

For more about the Miraflores Park Burial Ground Study, view an interactive map and stay informed about future updates on the study, visit [www.cityofpensacola.com/miraflores](http://www.cityofpensacola.com/miraflores).

The study is located at 1601 E. La Rue St. in Pensacola.



Preliminary ground penetrating radar data collection at Miraflores Park on Monday, May 22.

## NOTICE OF AWARD



AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)  
54 USC §3001 et seq National Historic Preservation Act

1. DATE ISSUED: 07/19/2023 1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated 07/19/2023  
except that any additions or modifications previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded

2. CFDA NO.  
15.004 - Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid

3. ASSISTANCE TYPE: Project Grant

4. GRANT NO. P23AP01114-00  
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5a. FAIN: P23AP01114

5b. ACTION TYPE: New

6. PROJECT PERIOD: 07/01/2023

7. THROUGH PERIOD: 07/01/2023

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)

2022 HYP AAGR - City of Pensacola

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS

PENSACOLA, CITY OF

222 W Main St

Pensacola, FL 32502-6743

Phone: 850-435-1623

10a. GRANTEE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

Mrs. Adrienne Walker

222 W. Main Street

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10b. FEDERAL PROJECT OFFICER

Arnell Isbell

1849 C R NW

Main Interior Building National Park Service

Washington, DC 20540-0001

Phone: 202-219-1111

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)

I. Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only

II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation

a. Salaries and Wages \$ 14,500.00

b. Fringe Benefits \$ 2,800.00

c. Total Personnel Costs \$ 17,300.00

d. Equipment \$ 0.00

e. Supplies \$ 0.00

f. Travel \$ 0.00

g. Construction \$ 0.00

h. Other \$ 5,677.00

i. Contractual \$ 15,000.00

j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$ 30,620.00

k. INDIRECT COSTS \$ 0.00

l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET \$ 30,620.00

m. Federal Share \$ 22,160.00

n. Non-Federal Share \$ 17,500.00

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - ) Yes No

12. AWARD COMPUTATION

a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from Item 11i) \$ 22,160.00

b. Less Unobligated Balance from Prior Budget Periods \$ 0.00

c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period \$ 0.00

d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION \$ 22,160.00

13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period \$ 22,160.00

14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT

(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project)

YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS

a. 2 \$ a. 6 \$

b. 3 \$ b. 6 \$

c. 4 \$ c. 7 \$

15. FUNDING SOURCE SHALL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

16. THE AWARD IS MADE ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO AND AS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY

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# QUESTIONS?

## **Thank you to the following agencies & departments:**

- Pensacola Police Department
- District 1 Medical Examiner's Office
- UWF Anthropology Department
- Florida Public Archaeology Network
- Florida Division of Historical Resources
- State Archaeologist
- UWF Archaeology Institute
- UWF Historic Trust
- TerraXplorations, Inc.
- Louisiana Search and Rescue & Legacy K9 Search Team

## **Follow up GPR survey:**

**Thursday, Feb. 15 – Friday, Feb. 16, 2024**

## **Miraflores Community Advisory Group meeting:**

**TBD; April or May, 2024**



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 24-126

Parks and Recreation Board

2/20/2024

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### **PRESENTATION**

#### **SUBJECT:**

BILL BOND SPORTS LEAGUE, INC - STEPHEN CLARKE

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 24-108

Parks and Recreation Board

2/20/2024

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### **PRESENTATION**

#### **SUBJECT:**

EAST PENSACOLA STUDENT ATHLETE PROGRAM - KENDRICK JOHNSON

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 24-245

Parks and Recreation Board

2/20/2024

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### **PRESENTATION**

#### **SUBJECT:**

DISC GOLF INITIATIVE - CHAIRPERSON HICKS

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Mallory Park 2 Trees
2. Mallory Park 2
3. Pintado Park Trees
4. Pintado Park

# Mallory Park



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# Pintado Park



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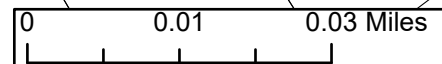
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