



City of Pensacola

Parks & Recreation Board

Agenda

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

April 21, 2026, 10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

The meeting can be watched via live stream at cityofpensacola.com/video.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. 26-442 SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS - MICHAEL OSLEY AND RAY PALMER
2. 26-460 NOMINATING AND VOTING NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. 26-461 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES DATED MARCH 17, 2026

Attachments: Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes 3.17.26

OPEN FORUM

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

STAFF REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. 26-443 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Attachments: April 2026 Parks Pulse

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

5. 26-444 DIRECTION '25

Attachments: None

OPEN FORUM

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

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March 17, 2026

10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chair Brown called the board meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kristin Brown, Michael Blankenship, Daniel Brask, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: Renee Borden, Alexa Gay, Justine Roper Williams, Suzanne Lewis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 26-380 PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES DATED JANUARY 20, 2026

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

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 5 Kristin Brown, Micheal Blankenship, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Daniel Brask, Kirwan Price
No: 0 None.

2. 26-381 PARKS & RECREATION MEETING MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2026

A motion was made by Board Member Price and seconded by Board Member Brask.

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 5 Kristin Brown, Micheal Blankenship, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Daniel Brask, Kirwan Price

No: 0 None.

OPEN FORUM

Board Member Brask inquired about the meals on wheels for seniors at the Cobb center. Director Byrd responded by stating that the meals started being served again as of Monday, March 16th.

Vice-chair Brown announced there were three open seats on the board. Vice-chair Brown also mentioned that two new members were being presented at the next council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

3. 26-379 BILL BOND BASEBALL - STEPHEN CLARKE

Stephen Clarke, President of Bill Bond Baseball League, and Chase Gatyas, President-Elect of Bill Bond Baseball League, approached the board to give a presentation.

Vice-chair Brown inquired if the program receives revenue from the concession stand. Clarke responded by stating a very small amount.

Vice-chair Brown inquired about the restroom maintenance. Cheryl Fox, Athletic Superintendent, responded by stating the restrooms are cleaned every morning, Monday through Friday.

Vice-chair Brown inquired about the lighting on the fields. Director Byrd responded by stating that lights are already a part of the Unfunded List.

A discussion ensued.

Vice-chair Brown inquired about if the Dibs app is only for the Roger Scott field reservations or if the auxiliary parks are included as well. Clarke responded by explaining how the app is used.

Board Member Brask inquired about the budget and fees between recreation baseball and travel baseball. Clarke responded by stating the travel teams get their own sponsors and the two do not share a budget.

Board Member Brask also inquired about the scholarships and how much money is set aside for them. Clarke responded accordingly.

A motion was made by the Parks and Recreation Board to forward the MOU to City

Council, with the inclusion of auxiliary parks.

4. 26-272 ALEXANDER STODDART STATUE - NORM HAINES

Norm Haines presented the Alexander Stoddart Statue at the February 17, 2026, board meeting. This item was carried over for the opportunity to vote under quorum.

A motion was made by the Parks and Recreation Board to forward the lease agreement to City Council.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5. 26-385 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tonya Byrd, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an overview of the Park's Pulse and opened the floor for any questions.

Board Member Brask inquired if the work that was being done at the Cobb and Fricker resource centers included the basketball courts. Director Byrd responded by stating the basketball courts themselves are not being replaced, but both gyms will be receiving new improvements.

Board Member Blankenship inquired if the improvements would include the surface coating of the basketball courts. Director Byrd responded by stating we have the basketball courts cleaned and resurfaced every one to two years.

Director Byrd also mentioned that the after-school program at the Fricker center will continue until the end of the school year, then operations at the Fricker Resource Center will cease until completion of all the improvements.

Board Member Lewis-Brown inquired whether we can aim to get a multi-year funding award with the Escambia Children's Trust. Director Byrd responded by stating our current out of school time grant is a three-year grant and this is our final year of it and the one going forward will also be a three-year grant.

Vice-chair Brown inquired if the new dinosaur ambassadors are tied to the pop-up that was at Wyer Park. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

6. 26-386 DIRECTION '25

Tonya Byrd, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an overview of the Direction '25 updates and opened the floor for any questions.

Board Member Brask inquired if every organization that contracts with the city for a youth sport program pays the city \$10 per participating child out of the collected fees from those children. Director Byrd stated that was correct.

Board Member Brask also inquired if those fees go directly back into the Parks and Recreation budget. Director Byrd responded by stating the money goes into the Recreation and Athletic fund and explained what it covers.

A discussion ensued.

Vice-chair Brown inquired if the T. May Center could open up the basketball gym for the kids in the neighborhood during the summer when the center is not in use. Director Byrd responded by stating there would have to be an amendment to the current agreement.

OPEN FORUM

Vice-chair Brown mentioned the two new members who were chosen by city council and announced that nominations for officers will be held at the next meeting.

A discussion ensued.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

PARKS PULSE

Month of March 2026

As we step into a new month, let's take a moment to reflect on everything that happened in our parks and recreation spaces. From important maintenance updates to exciting recreation programs, our team has been hard at work ensuring our community has safe, enjoyable, and engaging outdoor spaces.

Resource Centers

Bayview Resource Center

- Bayview Event Space: 14 Rentals (including church services)
- Bayview Pavilions & Pier: 14 Rentals
- Free Yoga in the Park First Sunday of every month

Bayview Senior Center

- Total Monthly Participation: 2,735
- Number of Meals provided by Council on Aging: 264
- 14 Private Rentals (including church services)
- Events:
 - Casino Trip to Biloxi,
 - *Six the Musical* at Pensacola Little Theater
 - Pensacola Opera's *Oklahoma* at Pensacola Saenger Theater
 - Intergenerational Programming: Sacred Heart 8th graders Black History Month Presentation

East Pensacola Heights Clubhouse

- 8 Rentals
- Yoga Class Location: 25 Participants

E.S. Cobb Resource Center

- 0 Facility Rentals: Rentals will resume when repairs are completed.
- After School Location: 80 Participants
- Senior Programs include card games, bingo, and guest speaker: 75 active participants, including 5 new seniors
- Avg 250 meals/week served by Council on Aging

Fricker Resource Center

- 0 Private Rentals
- After School Location: 30 participants
- Events:
 - Basketball Championships,
 - Senior Biloxi Trip with Bayview Senior Center
 - Spring Break Camp (16 participants)
 - Baptist Legacy Meeting

Gull Point Resource Center

- 2 Private Rentals
- Fitness Center Visits: 92
- Council on Aging Meals Served: 545
- Free Yoga Wednesday: 92
- Chair Aerobics: 692
- Gull Point Pickers: 22
- Color Me Stress Free: 99
- Added Mah Jong on Wednesdays from 10:00a-1:00p (overflow from Bayview)
- Weekly Afterschool Enrollment: 55
- Events:
 - Junk in the Trunk Community Sale on 3/7
 - Easter Egg Hunt 3/28
 - Spring Break Camp: 56
- Spring Dance: 24 classes, 154 dancers
 - Spring/Summer Recital: Saenger Theater - May 23, 2026 at 2:00pm

Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones Resource Center

- Host of Ballroom Dance Lessons and Over 50 Ballroom Dance Club: 55 participants
- 29 Scheduled rental appointments
- Rentals: 12 private events including 3 weddings

Theophalis May Resource Center

- SYSA has exclusive use of this facility during designated hours:
 - June 1 – August 18: 8 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. daily
 - School Year: Monday – Friday, 2 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - School Year: Weekends, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Programs:
 - Senior Chair Aerobics: 260 participants
 - Senior Volleyball: 310 participants

Woodland Heights Resource Center

- Host of Monthly Family Empowerment Nights and AWKO Hungry for Justice events
- After School Location: 60 participants
- 9 Rentals (including church services)
- Events
 - Family Empowerment Night, 25 participants
 - Hungry for Justice by AWKO, 65 participants

Vickrey Resource Center

- Martial Arts Classes: 83 participants
- Yoga Classes: 42 Participants
- Open Gym Volleyball, Age 50+: 210 participants
- Open Gym Pickleball, Age 50+: 365 participants

Outdoor Pursuits

Bayview Outdoor Pursuits Center

- Ongoing boathouse equipment and Bayview Park grounds maintenance
- Spring Braek Survival Camp on 3/16-3/20, 12 participants
- Working on all camp calendars and program forms from Jan.-August (securing venues, Rp #'s, programming, and partners.

Osceola Golf Course

March 2026 Statistics – Record Month

- 18-Hole Games: 2,264
- 9-Hole Games: 881
- Total Rounds Played: 3,145
- 1,038 Total Range Buckets Used
- Busiest Week: Spring Break Week

Athletics

Vickrey Resource Center

- Girls Volleyball League
 - 28 teams, 280 players

Exchange Park

- Adult Spring Sports
- Co-Ed Softball, Men's Softball, Senior Softball & Co-Ed Kickball Leagues
 - 38 teams, 705 participants

3rd Party Athletic Leagues, on MOUs

- Bill Bond Baseball: Opening Day March 7
 - 26 teams, 300 players
- Pensacola Youth Soccer: Games started March 20-21
 - 80 teams, 800 participants
- EPSAP Baseball: Opening Day April 4
 - 11 teams, 132 players

Tournaments

- March 7: USSSA Co-Ed Tournament
 - 7 Teams, 125 Participants
- March 21: USSSA Men's & Women's Tournament
 - 14 Teams, 275 Participants
- March 28: Pi Kappa Alpha Alzheimer Tournament, Co-Ed
 - 6 Teams, 100 Participants

Parks Maintenance

Repairs:

Miralla Park – Water Fountain Repair
Maritime Park– Amphitheater Turf Repair & Graffiti Removal
Hitzman-Optimist Park – Water Fountain Repair
Seville Square – Graffiti Removal
Woodcliff Park – Basketball Goal repair
Morris Court - Fence Repair
Gull Point – Playground Repair
Armstring Park – Graffiti Removal
Legion Field – playground Repair

Ball Crew

- Seasonal maintenance on game and practice fields

Tree Crew

- Trees Removed: 7
- Trees Trimmed: 28

Direction 25

- Gull Point - Picnic Tables Installed

View a complete list of Direction 25 projects and monthly status updates on our website:
PlayPensacola.com > About > Direction 25

www.cityofpensacola.com/3577/Direction-25

Volunteering

Park Clean-ups & Volunteer Projects

- 3/14 Ocean Hour Cleanup at Chimney Park and Bruce Beach
- 3/21 Ocean Hour Cleanup at Wayside Park, Graffiti Bridge, and Veteran's Memorial Park

Marketing

Social Media: March Metrics, Facebook

- 109.3K Views
- 1.5K Content Interactions
- 1K Link Clicks
- 3.3K Page Visits
- 175 New Followers

Advertising

- Ongoing Ads in Pensacola Parents Magazine
- Monthly PEP Talks with News Radio (last Tuesday/mo)
- Local Rotary Digital Billboards

Marketing & Outreach

- New Adopt-A-Park program scheduled to launch September 1
- Obtaining Google Business Profiles for all P&R facilities and parks
- Upcoming Facebook Giveaways
- Playbooks in most Library Branches (minus Century and Molino)
- Parker and Rex Appearances are coming soon!

Coming Up

- **Summer Send-Off Resource Fair**

- Day/Time: Saturday, May 9, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Location: Theophalis May Resource Center
- Details: Music, Yard Games, Food Vendors, Community Resources, Giveaways and more! This event is co-hosted by Pensacola Parks and Recreation and Healthy Schools Escambia, United Way of West Florida.

- **Hancock Whitney Movies in the Park**

- Day/Time: Saturday, May 30, Games starting at 6pm, Movie at Sunset
- Location: Hunter Amphitheater at Community Maritime Park
- Details: Join Hancock Whitney Bank's Pre-Show Game where you earn Cinema Cash around the Park to spend or save at the Bank tent! Free activities include face painting, inflatable waterslides, crafts, and more. Movie starts at Sunset.
- Movie selection: The SpongeBob Movie
- Event Sponsors: Hancock Whitney Bank (Title), Pensacola Energy, West Florida Public Libraries

- **Osceola Golf Course 100-Year Celebration**

- Day/Time: Friday, June 4-Sunday June 6
- Location: Osceola Golf Course, 300 Tonawanda Dr

- **Bayview Performing Arts Series**

- Bayview Senior Center is proud to partner with local performing arts groups to host this annual series.
- Open to ages 50 and better. Transportation is provided from Bayview Senior Center. For more information, visit <https://www.cityofpensacola.com/3608/Bayview-Senior-Performing-Arts-Series>

Hancock Whitney Bank

MOVIES IN THE PARK

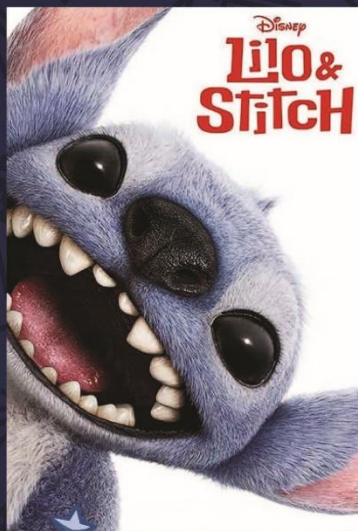
★ ★ ★ **HUNTER AMPITHEATER** ★ ★ ★
AT COMMUNITY MARITIME PARK

Behind Wahoo Stadium

MAY 30



JUNE 13



FREE ADMISSION

FREE PARKING

FREE WATER SLIDES

FREE FACE PAINTING

FREE CRAFT STATION

CONCESSIONS ON-SITE

JULY 18



AUGUST 1



PRE-SHOW GAMES 6PM
MOVIE AT SUNSET

EVENT SPONSORS



THIS EVENT IS FACILITATED BY PENSACOLA PARKS & RECREATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.PLAYPENSACOLA.COM



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Celebrate **100 years** of swings, stories, and sunshine
at **Osceola Golf Course**.



Osceola Golf Course

300 Tonawanda Dr, Pensacola



Celebrate June 4-6, 2026

Times Vary

Friday

- Free Lunch Cookout
- Special Golf Rates
- 6pm Open Mic Storytime

Saturday

- Free Family Clinics
- Special Golf Rates

Sunday

- Special Golf Rates



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For more info visit:
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Memorandum

File #: 26-444

Parks and Recreation Board

4/21/2026

DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

DIRECTION '25

ATTACHMENTS:

None