



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

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

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.
