



City of Pensacola

Parks & Recreation Board

Agenda

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

September 17, 2024, 10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 24-823 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES DATED AUGUST 20, 2024

Attachments: Draft Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. 24-822 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Attachments: Director's Report Parks and Recreation Board

STAFF REPORTS

3. 24-820 INTRODUCTION
BRADLEY DAVIS- PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS SPECIALIST

4. 24-821 OUTDOOR PURSUITS - PAUL PIPES

Attachments: Volunteer-Outdoor Pursuits Presentation

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

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

August 20, 2024

10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Renee Borden, Antonio Bruni, Jake Renfroe, Kristin Brown, Michael Blankenship, Suzanne Lewis, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: John Jerralds

Also Present: Michael Bodenhause, Lavon Brown, Angela Mixon

OPEN FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 24-756 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES DATED JULY 16, 2024

A motion to approve was made by Parks & Recreation Board Member Blankenship and seconded by Parks & Recreation Board Member Brown.

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Chairperson Bruni, Vice Chair Borden, Kristin Brown, Michael Blankenship, Suzanne Lewis, Jake Renfroe, Kirwan Price.

No: 0 None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. 24-793 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Heistein provided updates on the Bruce Beach, Phase 2 project. It will tentatively open to the public in mid-October.

He expressed kudos to the Recreation Division staff for completing a very busy season running summer camps and then immediately switching to after-school programs.

He also expressed kudos to the Athletics Division staff for helping with the National Night Out Touch-A-Truck event driven by the Pensacola Police Department and CDAC Behavioral Health, who gave nice kudos to the Parks Department.

Director Heistein commented that the Senior Games would start in September and encouraged everyone to attend if they have time during that week. Director Heistein asked if the board members had questions.

Member Brown requested that the programs at Legions Field be included in the Director's Report. Director Heistein responded that he would reach out to them.

Chairperson Bruni inquired about the status of the paddle trail project. Director Heistein commented he would defer to staff and get back to the board with information. Chairperson Bruni asked for updates on the Bay Bluffs development. Director Heistein responded no updates at this time we are still waiting for the executed grant documents to move forward.

Member Lewis asked for an update on the Facilities Condition Assessment. Director Heistein responded that a responsible bid was not received and that the available funding for the project needed to be fully encumbered before the end-of-year, therefore time prevented rebidding. Discussion continued with Director Heistein responding accordingly to questions from Board members.

STAFF REPORTS

3. 24-693 INTRODUCTION BRADLEY DAVIS - PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS SPECIALIST

Moved to September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

4. 24-692 YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, INC. - MICHAEL BODENHAUSEN

Michael Bodenhausen, CEO, Young Men's Christian Association of Northwest Florida, Inc., (YMCA) brought before the board a presentation (on file with background materials) providing an overview of the pool management partnership with the City of Pensacola. Mr. Bodenhausen asked board members if they had questions.

Board Members asked questions of Mr. Bodenhausen which he responded accordingly.

5. 24-712 PARK AMENITY REQUEST - GARDEN OF PEACE AND HOPE WALL

Recommendation: That Parks & Recreation Board recommend that City Council approve the park amenity of adding monument/memorial wall at the Garden of Peace and Hope located at Corinne Jones Park.

A motion to approve was made by Parks & Recreation Member Lewis and seconded by Parks & Recreation Member Blankenship.

Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Byrd addressed the board and explained that the item was being brought back before the board for approval, because the board did not have quorum at the last meeting. Ms. Lavon Brown, President of the Parents Against Injustice and Negligence was accompanied by Ms. Angela Mixon, Vice President of the Parents Against Injustice and Negligence addressed the board. Vice Chair Borden inquired if she was able to raise private donations to cover all costs associated with the monument, the design, and the installation. Ms. Brown responded, yes, that is correct. Vice Chair Borden expressed that it was an incredibly beautiful and peaceful place. Vice Chair Borden inquired who was maintaining the landscaping. Ms. Brown responded she was maintaining the garden herself. Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Chairperson Bruni, Vice Chair Borden, Kristin Brown, Michael

Blankenship, Suzanne Lewis, Jake Renfroe, Kirwan Price
No: 0 None

6. 24-796 DISCUSSION - PARKS AMENITY DEDICATION POLICY

Director Heistein reminded the board that the current Park Dedication Policy had been included in the agenda packet for the review and discussion. He stated that the dedication policy was removed from the City's website, so administration and staff could make revisions and coordinate the process better. One revision to be considered will include changes to the fees for the park amenities as those costs have increased over the past years. For now, new park dedication request will be processed on a case-by-case decision based on that particular situation.

Vice Chair Borden shared her concerns that the park amenity dedication policy had not been codified as an ordinance. Also, the criteria of a park amenity and the responsibility for funding the installation have not been established.

Member Lewis and Chairperson Bruni made brief comments. Director Heistein made follow-up comments and answered questions from Board members.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OPEN FORUM

Member Brown asked for updates on the Kiwanis Park and the Stormwater Pond. Director Heistein responded accordingly.

Member Brown inquired if there were updates on the expansion at Theophilus May Community Center. Director Heistein responded accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

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PROJECT UPDATES:

- Bruce Beach Park – Grand Opening October 12, 2024.
- Neighborhood Event – Explore Disc Golf at Belvedere Park on September 22nd
All Neighbors are Invited
 - 9:00 am-3:00 pm Temporary 9 Hole Disc Golf Course
 - 9:30 am 18 Hole Mini Tournament
 - 12:00 pm Disc Golf Open Discussion Forum
 - 1:00 pm Beginner Clinic (disc provided)

ATHLETICS UPDATES:

- Vickrey Center - YMCA After School Program. 125 children attending daily.
- Vickrey Center Cornerstone Martial Arts, Yoshukai Karate & Shotokan Karate classes are all currently registering new students.
- Vickrey Center Yoga Classes are currently registering new students.
- Vickrey Center Adult Open Gym Pickleball is Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6:15 - 8:15 pm.
- Vickrey Center Adult Open Gym Volleyball is Monday & Wednesday evenings 6:15 - 8:15 pm.
- Adult Sports - Summer Season has started. Co-Ed Kickball, Men's Softball, and Co-Ed Softball Leagues at Exchange Park; 600 Participants - 35 Teams.
- Youth Football & Cheerleading at Roger Scott, Magee & Legion, practices have started. Games start Saturday August 31 & run through November.
- Fall Bill Bond Baseball practices have started. Games start Monday September 23 & will run until November 15.
- Fall Pensacola Youth Soccer practices have started. Games start Friday September 6 & will run until November 16.
- Pensacola Senior Games start Friday September 6 & will run until September 20. Hosting 23 Olympic style events at various locations for adults 50 & up.
- Soul Bowl Saturday Oct. 5 @ Maritime Stadium. Legion Field Tigers vs EPSAP Rattlers. Games start at 8 am.

BAYVIEW PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER

- Work orders on facility and park amenities maintenance (excise equipment, public restrooms, HVAC maintenance, playgrounds, dog parks, beach launch, horseshoe and bocce pits, etc.)
- Global Methodist Church - Bible Study every Wednesday, Church on Sunday

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- September 7 - BonFest Japanese culture festival all day event in the park
- October 5 - Bands On the Bayou
- October 6 - Yoga in the Park at Bayview pier
- October 11 – East Hill Neighborhood Association Movie Night 2 6pm
- October 12 - Dragon Boat Festival all day HUGE EVENT!!!
- October 14 - East Hill Neighborhood Association board meeting
- 8 additional private events at Bayview Community Center + seven pavilion rentals during September/October
- **SENIOR GAMES: BAYVIEW STAFF HOSTING**
 - September 10 - Murbles (Paul and Dylan)
 - September 11 - Billiards (Dylan and Scott)
 - September 12 - Horseshoes (Dylan and Scott)
 - September 13 - Darts (Dylan and Aussie)
 - September 16 - Bocce (Paul and Aussie)
 - September 18 - Archery (Paul and Scott)
 - September 19 - Disc Golf (Paul and Dylan)

BAYVIEW OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER

- 46 rentals in August - \$2,240.00 total revenue
- October 14 - Archery/Fishing Day (Outdoor Adventure Camps)
- FY25 Programming (input programs into Rec Trac and advertise to public); monthly day camps, week camps, and adult programs (river and hiking trips), Bayou Texar eco tours, and intro to kayaking classes.
- Maintenance on vans, trailers, kayaks, stand up paddleboards, bikes, gear, and beach launch
- Securing partnerships for future grants and property loan assistance. (FYCCN, Fish Florida, FPTA, and ACA, for training and certifications.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

- September 4 - Northeast Pensacola SERTOMA + Dragon Boat Festival organizers shoreline clean up
- Ongoing- Sam Deao- Cigarette butt recycling project in several parks (IB project)

BAYVIEW SENIOR CENTER

- Meals served for Council on Aging - 860
- Program participation numbers – Patrons served: 4570
- Programming/Event Highlights:

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- Building Rentals – 16
- Special Events:
 - Smart Cremation Seminar
 - Smart Phone Class
 - Name Tag Week
 - Ballet Pensacola Trip tickets on sale
 - Dragonboat Festival
 - Elder Law Seminar: Topic: Navigating the Legal Landscape: Empowering Seniors Through Estate Planning and Elder Law
 - Bonfest
- Upcoming Events:
 - Healthy Aging Bingo with FL Health Dept
 - Fall Prevention Bingo
 - Frank Brown Songwriters to join Friday Pickers
 - Independence for the Blind Event
 - UnitedHealth Care – Medicare Advantage seminars
 - Dragonboat Festival

COBB RESOURCE CENTER

- August 12th – First day of After School Program
- August 27th – We began “Reading with a Purpose” for all youth in our After School program.
 - K-1st: Focuses on listening skills, comprehension & identifying sight words.
 - 2nd-3rd: Focuses on listening skills, comprehension & identifying the main characters.
 - 4th- 5th: Focuses on listening skills, comprehension, reading, writing and how to structure their answers.
- We initiated “Reading with a Purpose” to support the performance in language arts and reading classes for all youth in our After-School Program. We will continue working, to help their grades steadily improve. The program runs every Tuesday and Thursday.
- September 11th: Twenty-five youth, ages 8 to 12, in our after-school program will engage in hands-on science lessons, designed to foster a life-long passion for science in a partnership with the Pensacola MESS Hall.
- Basketball Training: Every Tuesday & Thursday during the entire month of October. Training will include ball handling, shooting, defensive drills, etc.
- Seniors:

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- During the month of September, our seniors will have the opportunity to hear from various speakers on a range of topics, including Fall Prevention and Seniors & Technology.
- Every Wednesday and Friday, BINGO.
- Sept. 27th – Celebration of birthdays with cake for the Seniors born in September.

FRICKER RESOURCE CENTER

- September 4 - Divaz Elite (New Facility Program)
- September 7 - Senior Games Table Tennis
- September 9 - Mess Hall (Afterschool)
- September 10 - Senior Gold Club Field Trip- Golden Corral
- September 21 - First Bank Workshop
- September 24 -Tennis 4-Everyone (Afterschool)
- Every Monday and Thursday Table Tennis
- Every Tuesday and Thursday Sonshine Aerobics
- Every Wednesday Divaz Elite dance team.
- Rentals: 4
- Program Participation Numbers: 952
- (numbers should increase with tools provided to track participation from each programming events in facility)
- Basketball Registration will begin in October.
- In the making: Senior Chair Yoga, Senior Tennis, Computer Basics Class.

GULL POINT & EAST PENSACOLA HEIGHTS CLUBHOUSE

- Average number of Council on Aging meals served daily = 40-45
- After School Care current enrollment=47
- 23 Performing Arts Dance Classes offered
 - 87 unique participates
 - 120 total enrollments
- Every Tuesday "Carpe Schole" homeschool rents Gull Point for their 17 students
- Woodland Heights HOA Monthly Meetings -3rd Thursdays of the month 5:30pm-7:45pm
- Narcotics Anonymous Meetings: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30p average attendance =20+
- Japan American Society Arts/Crafts – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10:00am- 1:00pm
- FREE Senior Chair Aerobics – Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9:30am-10:30am
- FREE Color Me Stress Free – Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am-11:00am
- FREE Yoga Tuesday & Thursdays 9:30am-10:30am

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- FREE Pensacola Sings: Wednesdays 5:00pm-6:00pm
- FREE Senior Bingo August 9th 10:30am
- FREE Friday yoga 6:00pm-7:00pm

EAST PENSACOLA HEIGHTS CLUBHOUSE

- 4 Rentals
- Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting – Wednesdays 6:15pm - 7:45pm
- Foundations Yoga Mondays 9:00am -10:15am
- Restorative Yoga Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:45pm
- Galactic Child Yoga Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
- Kundalini Yoga Fridays 9:00am - 10:15am
- FREE PTSD Yoga Mondays 6:00pm - 7:00pm

SANDERS BEACH-CORINNE JONES RESOURCE CENTER

- The City Leadership will be holding their Leadership Development Institute Training at the center on September 12 from 8am to noon for a half day educational session on the 2024 Employee Engagement Survey results. The training is attended by approximately 150 of the City's upper management and executives.
- The Good Ole Social Dance will be held on September 27 from 7pm to 10pm with our award-winning dance instructors Todd and Jamie. Various dance styles are highlighted throughout the night, from East Coast Swing to Salsa and everything in-between. Attendees do not need to bring a partner, just their dancing shoes. Cost is \$10 per person, light refreshments provided.
- Levin Law is holding their annual People's Law School at our venue every Thursday evening during September from 6pm to 8pm. Each September, Levin Papantonio hosts The People's Law School, a series of free nightly classes, open to anyone who wants to learn more about the law and how it affects us every day. The firm provides an experienced faculty of local attorneys, judges, and law enforcement personnel to answer a variety of legal questions covering a wide range of topics, including Insurance, Probate, Workman's Compensation, Social Security Disability, Products Liability, Medical Malpractice, and areas of the General Civil and Criminal Court System. The People's Law School is popular with the community and usually has a full registration.
- The center is hosting a total of 21 days in September for rentals or meetings.

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WOODLAND HEIGHTS RESOURCE CENTER

- Program participation numbers – 1,020
- We have an ongoing Sunday Church rental, and we have 1 more scheduled for this month.
- Meals served for feeding the Gulf Coast – 340 (This number finished our summer camp session; we have not received a delivery for After-School.)
- Family Empowerment Night on Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm. The fifth session of our monthly series on building relationships, encouraging, and working with families on different parts of life. The families are encouraged to come out have dinner, play games, and receive resources to help with their needs.
- Woodland will start Tennis on Tuesdays from 4:00pm – 5:00 pm. The students will learn basic tennis skills.
- Pensacola Mess Hall will Start on Mondays from 4:00pm – 5:30 pm. The students in grades 3rd – 5th will participate in hands on science and stem activities.
- Northwest Community Resource Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, from 10:00am – 11:00am.
- Woodland's After-school Program in Partners with O.J. Semmes Elementary will be implementing a tutoring program called "YMCA Ready Read" on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The program is Pre-k – 5 grade students to come in get help with homework or whatever subject area they may struggle in.
- Woodland's Neighborhood Association Meets on last Monday of the month from 5:00pm – 6:00 pm. The Woodland neighborhood is invited out to voice concerns, opinions, and new ideas they might have about the neighborhood.
- Our Pre-School program with CDAC has started. Students ages 3 and 4, will attend Monday through Thursday from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Students will learn kindergarten readiness skills.

Join us at Belvedere Park to...

EXPLORE DISC GOLF

➞ SEPTEMBER 22 ➞ ALL NEIGHBORS ARE INVITED

9:00 AM -
3:00 PM

Temporary 9 Hole Disc Golf Course

Basic instruction and equipment provided.
Come play the proposed disc golf course!



9:30 AM

18 Hole Mini Tournament

Hosted by the Emerald Coast Disc Golf Club. Find them on Facebook for more information.



12:00 PM

Disc Golf Open Discussion Forum

Ask questions and share thoughts about disc golf in your neighborhood. This fun and easy sport is growing quickly.



01:00 PM

Beginner Clinic (discs provided)

Learn about the sport of disc golf from local pros and accomplished junior athletes



Volunteer/Outdoor Pursuits



Volunteer Program

Since FY2019 the volunteer program has had

- 8,457 volunteers
- 19,583 hours volunteered
- Value= \$496,905.68 (State value of \$22.08 per hour in 2019, \$24.93 per hour (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- 2024 \$31.61 per hour
\$95,003.85



Volunteer Projects for 2024

- 52 park projects completed,
1,236 volunteers
3,005.5 total hours
\$95,5003.85 value



Volunteer Groups



Volunteer Groups



Volunteer Groups



Volunteer Groups contd.



Volunteer Groups



Adopt A Spot Program

- The City of Pensacola partnered with Keep Pensacola Beautiful and the Adopt-a-Spot program for over 6 years. The program invites individuals and groups such as neighborhood and athletic associations, church groups, youth groups, scouts, businesses, civic organizations and families to show community pride and take an active role in helping maintain and beautify one of our 94 parks and greenspaces.
- As of FY24 we are currently revising the Adopt-A-Spot program and discussing a future MOU with newly defined parameters. This is due to their personnel changes and restructuring.



Ocean Hour Partnership

- Ocean Hour holds monthly and bi-monthly cleanups at 9 of the City's parks.
- Our best partnership, Eco (nearly \$1,000 raised), Cig., trash compactors, bottle refill stations, summer camp program, other community center recycling education to stem from Bayview's programs
- Parks and Rec's webpage needs updating with site locations and times



Eagle Scout Projects

- Hitzman-Optimist Park Disc Golf
- From the Ground Up Garden x 3
- Mallory Heights 3 benches on Scenic
- Bay Bluffs Park
- Bayview Dog Park
- Blue bird house installation (12 locations)
- Outdoor Pursuits staging area and picnic tables
- Bayview Cross and Amphitheater
- Frisco 1355
- Roger Scott concession restrooms
- Chimney Park
- H.K. Matthews benches and storage doors
- Bayview horseshoe pits, benches and water cooler station
- Bayview Beach Phragmite removal
- Boy Scout Building at Miraflores
- Gaga at Cordova Square



Outdoor Pursuits

To provide educational experiences to kids through outdoor activities.

- Beginning Fishing Camps
- Advanced Fishing Camps
- SUP/Kayak Camps
- Adventure Camps
- Fishing/Archery days
- Intro to Outdoor Survival Skills



Beginning Fishing Camp

- This camp teaches children ages 7-14 the basics of fishing from knot tying, casting, and baiting their own hook.



Advanced Fishing Camp



- This camp takes kids 8-16 to different locations throughout our area to fish. They visit Fort Pickens, Palafox Pier, Maritime Park, and even take a charter trip in the Gulf. They learn species identification, morphology, rules and regulations, and ethical angling.



SUP/Kayak Camp

Kids ages 9-16 learn the fundamentals of kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. The kids spend the first day learning basic skills, paddling strokes, parts of the vessel, and safety afloat practices. The rest of the week is spent traveling to different locations with a river day trip on Thursday.



Adventure Camp



Kids will experience a new outdoor activity each day of the week.

- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Rock climbing
- Archery
- Hiking
- Environmental Stewardship



Fishing/Archery Day Camps

- Fishing/Archery Day Camp is set up for days kids are out of school. I got a level 1 archery and a marine science certification through FYCCN were I can teach kids the fundamentals of fishing and archery. Kids will learn about types of bows and the parts, safe range practices, and various shooting techniques.
- They are also educated on fish habitats, species identification, morphology, regulations, and types of tackle and equipment used for both saltwater and freshwater fishing.
- FYCCN provides a curriculum and some equipment to help the camps be successful.



Intro to Outdoor Survival Skills Camp



Bayview Outdoor Pursuits Center



City Partners/Volunteer Groups

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Fish Florida
Klondike Archery Range
Panhandle Bowhunter's Association
Pensacola Recreational Fisherman's Association
UWF HLS
Ocean Hour
Keep Pensacola Beautiful
UF/IFAS Extension Office
Kennedy Bar
Seacrest Fitness
Steve's Catfish Farm
Epilepsy Florida
Longleaf Alliance GCPEP Eco System Support
Fly Fishers of Northwest Floroida
Pensacola and Perdido Bay Estuaries Program
Earth Action/Earth Ethics
Scenic Hwy Foundation
From the Ground Up Garden
Outcast Bait and Tackle
Navy Federal
Girl Scouts
Boy Scouts of America
Campus Church
Pensacola Christian College
Trinitas Church
Audubon Society
Native Plant Society
Scenic Heights N.A.
L.D.S. Church

Fire Department
Human Resources
Sierra Club Emerald Coast
Belmont/Devilliers NA
DEFY (Drug Education for Youth)
UWF PIKE Fraternity
United Way Escambia
Skills USA Florida
Omega Delta Phi
UWF Honors
Catholic High Girls Basketball
Sea No Limits Fishing Clinic
IFAS UF Extension Office
Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network
East Hill Neighborhood Association
Blackwater Canoe Rentals
Big Lagoon State Park
American Institute for Certified Planners
Cox Communications
HDR Engineering
Florida Paddle Trails Association
Olive Baptist Church
Visit Pensacola
Pinelake Church
Sertoma
Florida Sea Grant
Naval Live Oaks
Blue Angel Recreation Park
Blackwater Joes

Blueway Community and Paddling Trail



- FPTA Blueway Community Proclamation
- Keys to Establishing a Paddling Trail or Blueways System
- Minimum Guidelines for State Designated Paddling Trail
- FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails application
- Supporting Documents w/ historical sites, amenities, City owned access, recreational opportunities, and Eco-tourism.