



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

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

September 17, 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, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: John Jerralds, Suzanne Lewis

Also Present: Dylan Johnson Swainston Grey

Chairperson Bruni announced that Leah Harrison had resigned from the Parks and Recreation Board.

OPEN FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Renee Borden, Antonio Bruni, Jake Renfroe, Kristin Brown, Michael Blankenship, Kirwan Price

No: 0 None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. 24-822 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Tonya Byrd reported that the Bruce Beach Park Phase 2 project will have a grand opening on October 12th at 9:30 A.M. and encouraged the board to attend. She reported that the city is working in conjunction with Scenic Heights Neighborhood Association hosting a neighborhood event called Explore Disc Golf on September 22nd at Belvedere Park to discuss a temporary nine-hole disc golf course and encouraged the public to attend. Chairperson Bruni added the disc golf course has been professionally designed and encouraged board members to attend. Assistant Director Byrd asked for questions regarding the directors' report.

Vice Chair Borden inquired if the city received information regarding the programs at Legions Field from the Southern Youth Sports Association. Assistant Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Vice Chair Borden inquired if updates were available regarding the Hollice T. Williams project. Assistant Director Byrd responded accordingly. Vice Chair Borden requested to have updates included in the October Director's Report. Chairperson Bruni requested that the board receive the design plans when they become available.

Chairperson Bruni inquired for an update regarding the RFP for the Facilities Assessment. Assistant Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Chairperson Bruni inquired for updates on the Bay Bluffs. Assistant Director Byrd responded accordingly. Chairperson Bruni suggested contacting the original contractor for inclusion because of his institutional knowledge of the bluffs.

Chairperson Bruni inquired if Parks had more upcoming projects. Assistant Director Byrd responded that 100% plans were received last week for the ADA Kayak Launch at Sanders Beach and provided comments.

STAFF REPORTS

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

Event Specialist Bradley Davis introduced himself and briefly addressed the Board. He asked if anyone had questions.

Vice Chair Borden asked regarding his comment about making changes and smoothing the event planning permitting process. Event Specialist Davis responded that the staff is looking at options for scheduling software.

Vice Chair Borden welcomed Bradley Davis. The board gave a round of applause.

4. 24-821 OUTDOOR PURSUITS - PAUL PIPES

Program Coordinator Paul Pipes brought before the board a presentation (on file with background materials) providing an overview of the Volunteer and Outdoor Pursuits Programs at the Bayview Center. He gave a shout-out to all the volunteer groups that help with community projects. He asked board members if they had questions.

Board members asked questions of Program Coordinator Pipes, which he responded accordingly. Outdoor Recreation Assistant Supervisor Johnson-Swainston and Assistant Director, Byrd also responded to questions.

Chairperson Bruni requested the status of the Pensacola Bay Paddling Trail. Program Coordinator Pipes and Outdoor Recreation Assistant Supervisor Johnson-Swainston responded accordingly. Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the back history of the project.

A motion was made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Blankenship to authorize Chairperson Bruni to send a formal letter to the Mayor and Council encouraging them to revisit the Pensacola Bay Paddling Trail.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Renee Borden, Antonio Bruni, Jake Renfroe, Kristin Brown, Michael Blankenship, Kirwan Price
No: 0 None

Discussion continued among the Board and follow-up comments were made by Program Coordinator Pipes and Outdoor Recreation Assistant Supervisor Johnson-Swainston.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

OPEN FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

Program Coordinator, Nikki Gray announced that Recreation Supervisor, Jeremy Street and Program Coordinator, Paul Pipes had each been selected as Employee of the Month. The board gave a round of applause.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 A.M.
