



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

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

October 15, 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, Kristin Brown, Michael Blankenship, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: Jake Renfroe, John Jerralds, Suzanne Lewis

OPEN FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 24-942 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 Renee Borden, Antonio Bruni, Kristen Brown, Michael Blankenship,
Kirwan Price

No: 0 None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. 24-943 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks and Recreation Director Heistein provided an overview of key updates on park projects to board members.

- Bruce Beach grand opening was delayed due to concerns about data showing elevated bacteria levels. Working internally to find the issue.
- The Project Coordinator position is being filled.
- Armstrong Park is complete and awaiting signage.
- Compiling site plan documents to submit to the state budget office for the Bay Bluffs project.
- The Mallory Heights 2 project has been completed.
- Efforts are underway to fix sidewalk slip and fall hazards.

Vice Chair Borden inquired if the overlook at Bay Bluffs would become accessible during the design phase of the project. Director Heistein responded it would remain closed due to safety concerns during both the design and construction phase.

Chairperson Bruni inquired if Mallory Heights 2 would be available for field space now that the project is complete. Director Heistein responded that no plans have been made for this site, so there is an opportunity if funding becomes available.

Chairperson Bruni inquired if the city tracked the zip codes or the schools of the children who are enrolled in the Fricker Center YMCA After-School Program. Assistant Director Byrd responded that the schools where these children attend are Cordova Park and Scenic Heights Elementary and may have some children from NB Cook.

Member Brown commented that the directors' report does not include information about the programs at Legion Field. Director Heistein responded that the current agreement does not require them to report that information to the city but, there is an opportunity to include this in the next agreement which is currently under review. Discussion continued among board members regarding the programs and the field use agreement at Legions Field. Director Heistein responded to comments and questions.

Chairperson Bruni referenced the RFQ for the Hollice T Williams Park Project and inquired if updates were available. Discussion ensued, board members raised their concerns regarding the operations and management of Hollice T Williams and other newly developed city parks. Director Heistein responded to comments and questions.

STAFF REPORTS

3. 24-946 BUDGET REPORT - YOLANDA REED

Parks and Recreation Director Heistein welcomed and congratulated Yolanda Reed, who had recently been promoted to the Budget and Operations Coordinator position.

Budget and Operations Coordinator Reed brought before the board a presentation (on file with background materials) providing an overview of the 4th Quarter Financial Summary for the 2024 Fiscal Year. She asked for questions regarding the financial summary.

Director Heistein and Budget and Operations Coordinator Reed responded accordingly to questions from Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Bruni inquired if there were updates regarding the request to have the Paddle Trail revisited to become an active project. Director Heistein responded that the request was forwarded to administration and that it would be decided upon by administration to pursue.

OPEN FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 A.M.
