



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

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

December 17, 2024

10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Antonio Bruni, Jake Renfroe, Kristin Brown, Kirwan Price, Renee Borden, Michael Blankenship, Bradley Boes, Justine Williams

Members Absent: Suzanne Lewis

OPEN FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 24-1212 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2024

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

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Renee Borden, Kristin Brown, Antonio Bruni, Bradley Boes, Justine Williams Roper, Jake Renfroe, Kirwan Price
No: 0 None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. 24-1208 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Bay Bluffs Restoration Project - Conservation Florida is working with the State of Florida to draft an agreement between them so we can have an executed grant agreement between the City of Pensacola and Conservation Florida. City of Pensacola will be the sub-recipients of the state grant. Once we have the executed grant agreement we can move forward with the design and community engagement. At the January council meeting, Parks will request City Council to approve a Resolution supporting the award of Florida State funding through a partnership with Conservation Florida. Conservation Florida will then draft an agreement that will be approved at the February meeting by City Council approving the grant funding. The overall intention is to do a robust community engagement process concurrently with the design. Detail on that will be forthcoming.

Vice Chair Borden inquired if the city had been involved in the negotiations that Conservation Florida is conducting on the City's behalf with the state. Also, will there be any type of stipulations regarding the use of grant funds for the project. Director Heistein responded accordingly to comments and questions.

Chairperson Bruni commented that he would like to request to have the design and community engagement meetings regarding the Bay Bluffs project during board meetings. Director Heistein responded accordingly to comment.

Chairperson Bruni commented that the youth soccer league on-line registration opened yesterday which allows city residents the opportunity to register first.

Chairperson Bruni inquired regarding the status of the new field use agreements with the youth sports providers. Director Heistein responded that he is currently meeting with youth sports providers to talk about changes coming for the next year. One of the big changes that is going to be incorporated going forward is moving towards an hourly rate model, as it aligns with industry standards versus a per playing person fee structure. Our goal is to recoup at a higher percentage to cover the costs that we're providing for services to support these leagues.

Board Member Brown inquired if the new field use agreement could include guidelines that require them to report to the board. Director Heistein responded that the new field use agreement will require the youth sports providers to submit an annual report as well as a presentation to the park board.

STAFF REPORTS

3. 24-1209 ROGER SCOTT TENNIS CENTER - BROCK SAKEY

Brock Sakey, Director of Tennis at the Roger Scott Tennis Center brought before the board a presentation (on file with background material) providing an overview of the operation and the programs at the Roger Scott Tennis Center.

Board Member Williams Roper inquired if the courts at Roger Scott Tennis Center have accommodations for the elements. e.g. heat lamps, shade structures. Director of Tennis, Sakey responded the ten courts on the clay courts side have shade structures between every two courts, but nothing for cold elements. On the hard courts, there are no shade structures, but working with the city to have installed. Off the courts are three very large shade structures for the viewers.

Board Member Williams Roper inquired if the courts were equipped with call boxes or anything for someone to call for help. Director of Tennis, Sakey responded no we do not have call boxes, but there are AED Units on each side of the facility.

Vice Chair Borden inquired to the actual number of active members at the tennis center. Director of Tennis, Sakey responded at this moment we have 307 active memberships. Numbers do fluctuate according to the season.

Vice Chair Borden inquired regarding the revenue sharing how that is determined. Director of Tennis, Sakey responded that he will be sending his books to the city at the end of the year. The new fee structure is a set minimum annual fee of \$135,000 plus at end of each year additional fees are paid to city based on the yearly gross revenue.

Board Member Price praised Director of Tennis, Sakey for making sure there's available slots for everyone to play at the tennis center. Chairperson Bruni also praised him for running the tennis center in an incredibly professionally manor.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

OPEN FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.
