

# City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers*  
100 N. Osceola Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33755



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

6:30 PM

**Main Library - Council Chambers**

**Parks and Recreation Board**

**Roll Call**

**Present**6 - Chair Patrick Raftery, Vice Chair Jason Hood, Board Member Martin Armstrong, Board Member Kelly S. Kelly, Board Member Angela Tisdale, and Board Member Angelica Lonesome

**Absent**1 - Board Member Mark Rodriguez

**Also Present** – Art Kader – Parks & Recreation Director and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk

**1. Call To Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.*

**2. Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2023, Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

**Member Kelly moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda**

*Gina Ramos requested information on the management of the events at the Mercado and requested to use The Sound for the Hispanic Heritage Festival scheduled in October.*

**4. New Business Items**

4.1 Election of Officers for the Parks and Recreation Board

**Member Hood moved to re-appoint Patrick Raftery to serve as Chair. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Chair Raftery moved to re-appoint Jason Hood to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

4.2 Discussion of December Project Update Report

*Parks and Recreation Director Art Kader and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Matthew Anderson provided project updates.*

4.3 Discussion of the Invasive/Nuisance Plant Species Survey of City of Clearwater Parks

*Mr. Anderson explained how the city identifies and handles invasive species on city property.*

**4.4 Develop a Plan for Control of Invasive/Nuisance Plant Species in City Parks**

*Mr. Anderson reviewed the city's plan on how to control the invasive species on city property.*

**4.5 Discuss Portable Restrooms for Enterprise Dog Park**

*Mr. Kader discussed the possibility of portable restrooms in parks.*

**5. Old Business Items****5.1 Programming Ideas for Coachman Park**

*Mr. Kader reviewed the types of events that can be held and are scheduled for The Sound.*

**5.2 Discuss Parks and Recreation 15-Year Master Plan**

*Mr. Kader reviewed the Master Plan and said there are 14 main points that are addressed, including access to fields, pickleball availability, etc.*

**5.3 Update on Activity at McMullen Booth Tennis Complex Supporting Wheelchair-Bound Tennis Players**

*Mr. Kader reviewed the status of converting some courts at the McMullen Tennis Complex to accommodate wheelchair-bound players.*

**5.4 Update on the Status of the Clearwater Audubon Society/Moccasin Lake Nature Park Annual Contract**

*Mr. Kader said a new agreement with Tampa Bay Raptors will be signed in a few weeks to take over the care for the birds of prey.*

**5.5 Update on the Formation of Friends of Coachman Park Initiative**

*Mr. Kader said the Friends of Coachman Park meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, January 24, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.*

**6. Director's Report**

*Mr. Kader said Spring Training will be starting soon.*

## **7. Board Members to be Heard**

*Member Kelly requested information on available property and funding that could be used for park land.*

*Member Tisdale questioned if a running track was a possibility in the Parks Master Plan.*

## **8. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.*

Attest:

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Chair, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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City Clerk