

City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

6:30 PM

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Parks and Recreation Board

Roll Call

Present6 - 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

Absent1 - 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:

Chair, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

City Clerk