

# City of Clearwater

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**Main Library - Council Chambers**

**Parks and Recreation Board**

**Roll Call**

**Present** 5 - Vice Chair Jason Hood, Board Member Martin Armstrong, Board Member Kelly S. Kelly, Board Member Stephanie Sisti, Board Member Candace Gardner, and Board Member Angelica Lonesome

**Absent** 3 -, Board Member Mark Rodriguez, and Board Member Angela Tisdale

**Also Present** – Art Kader – Parks & Recreation Director and Danielle DeBois –City Clerk Specialist

**1. Call To Order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Approval of the July 23, 2024, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

*Board Member Jason Hood moved to approve the July 23, 2024 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.*

**3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda: None**

**4. New Business Items**

4.1 Discussion of the Parks and Recreation October Project Update Report

*Parks and Recreation Director Art Kader said some projects were affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and that they are currently assessing and working to mitigate damages. Kader said the Parks and Recreation department is hopeful for minimal timeline variance in project completions.*

4.2 Discussion of Damages Sustained to the Parks from Hurricane Helene

*Mr. Kader said that multiple parks throughout the city were damaged in the hurricanes and are currently in varying degrees of recovery. Mr. Kader provided a status update on several park locations and said status information is also on the city website.*

4.3 Discuss Keeping Restrooms Open During the Day at Parks that Currently Unlock Only for Reservations

*Mr. Kader said that multiple park restrooms have been closed with exceptions for reserved periods since 2008. In response to a question*

*Mr. Kader said that the total restrooms closed due to budgetary restrictions is at least six.*

**5. Old Business Items**

5.1 Discuss Installing a Short Sidewalk at Forest Run Park from the Parking Lot to the Right-of-Way Sidewalk

*Mr. Kader said they are waiting on state permitting due to the proximity of a state road and the slope of the ground to begin pouring the sidewalk.*

**6. Director's Report**

*Mr. Kader said he appreciates the work and dedication of the employees who have tirelessly put in the overtime to restore the city parks after the damages done by the hurricanes.*

**7. Board Members to be Heard**

*Board members expressed their gratitude to employees for the efforts and dedication they put into recovery.*

**8. Adjourn**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.*

Attest:

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Chair, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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City Clerk Specialist