

City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 26, 2026

4:00 PM

Special Meeting - continuation of organizational meeting

Main Library - Council Chambers

**Community Resiliency and Leisure Services
Advisory Board**

Roll Call

Present: Chair Bianca Latvala, Board Member Candace Gardner, Board Member Kelly S. Kelly, Board Member Michael Rubino, Vice Chair Glenna Wentworth, and Board Member Nana Westmark

Absent: Board Member Timothy Hughes

Also Present: Rosemarie Call – City Clerk and Danielle DeBois –City Clerk Specialist

To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.

Unapproved

1. Call to Order – Chair Latvala

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026 meeting.

Board Vice Chair Glenna Wentworth moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026 Community Resiliency and Leisure Services Advisory Board meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. New Business Items

3.1 Project updates.

At the February 4, 2026 organizational meeting, the Board requested an overview of special projects from the Library, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

Staff will provide updates on projects identified in the strategic plan under the Community Well-Being and Environmental Stewardship categories. In addition, they will advise the board of any grants the respective department is pursuing that are scheduled to go before the Board and City Council.

Updates will be provided by:

1. Jennifer Obermaier, Library Director
2. Art Kader, Parks and Recreation Director

3. Cassie Cordova, Sustainability Division Manager

The City Clerk said Board Member Timothy Hughes is not present due to family matters and left relevant questions with her to ask as appropriate.

Library Director Jen Obermaier said the library department has no current major projects in the strategic plan or part of any major CIP projects. The library takes part in only regular ongoing CIP projects at this moment in continuation with the scope of services provided. In response to questions, Ms. Obermaier reviewed the process involved with materials are being challenged, she said the last challenge was raised in 2011.

Parks and Recreation Director Art Kader said the width and breadth of the department spans in a way that touches everyone in one way or another. Mr. Kader encouraged the board to reach out with any concerns that are brought before them so the Parks and Rec department can rectify any issues presented. Mr. Kader reviewed active and future projects and grant applications that will come within the scope of the board. In response to questions, Mr. Kader will involve the board when the Park and Recreation masterplan is scheduled for an update, He said staff is expecting the Board to hear the renaming request for Edgewater Dr. Park in the near future.

Public Works Sustainability Division Manager Cassie Cordova presented a video encompassing the Sustainability Action Plan, Vulnerability Assessment, and Sustainability Initiatives, as well as current outreach and educational initiatives and funding status on various projects. In response to questions, Ms. Cordova shared updates on the status of the coastal resiliency program and elaborated on the department recipients to solar panels, the vulnerability assessment as available online.

3.2 Adopt Board Rules and Regulations.

The board rules and regulations codify quorum, meeting frequency, election of officers, attendance, board purpose and order of business.

Board Member Michael Rubino moved to accept the Community Resiliency and Leisure Services Board Rules and Regulations as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3.3

Public Comments on expectations of the Board.

At the February 4, 2026 organizational meeting, there was consensus to allow the public to express what their expectations of the Board.

Ursula Snow said she values open communication and concise information availability, giving website suggestions to assist in citizens access of information for a more responsive public.

Patrick Raftery thanked the board for their dedication to the city and the service given, going on to emphasize to pay special attention to Article 2 in the Board's rules and regulations before each engagement with the public. Mr. Raftery emphasized to partner closely with the city departments in collaborative and constructive spirits as well as to stay engaged in the community of the city both by visiting the parks and other infrastructures and community engagements in their purview.

Bill Jonson said he is excited at the prospect of this advisory board and emphasized the importance of items related to park environments.

Jared Leone thanked the board members for answering the call to action and serve on the board. He emphasized the need to advocate for sustainability and building on the foundation laid by the former boards.

Ms. Call said Mr. Hughes requested the planning director provide a presentation on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, specifically addressing Parks and public spaces and the conservation of coastal management sections at future meetings.

In response to a comment, the City Clerk said all items presented at a meeting are attached to the agenda item and are available online. Individuals can also use the search function to find a specific document.

Vice Chair Wentworth encouraged board members to look at Greenpoint 2.0 and wished all a happy Earth Day.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Chair
Community Resiliency and Leisure Services

Attest:

Danielle DeBois
Board Reporter

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