

City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

6:30 PM

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Parks and Recreation Board

Roll Call

Present 5 - Chair Patrick Raftery, Board Member Martin Armstrong, Vice Chair Kelly S. Kelly, Board Member Stephanie Sisti, and Board Member Angelica Lonesome

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 Approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting.

Board Member Armstrong moved to approve the October 22, 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 January Project Update Report

Parks and Recreation Director Art Kader said all projects are making progress as anticipated for January and that hurricane repairs are going well.

- 4.2 Discussion of Lake Chautauqua-adjacent land purchase (Council item #24-1503)

Mr. Kader said the land purchased is adjacent to the dog park and is an ideal spot for a water activity launch area.

- 4.3 Update on Long Center Natatorium Funding

Mr. Kader said the Long Center Natatorium repairs are being presented in February to City Council to restore the pool area.

- 4.4 Discuss any action needed following Director Kader's visit to Valencia Park December 7, 2024

Mr. Kader said he had a productive visit with residents and was provided feedback on issues including storm drains, sidewalks, and ways to increase safety for traffic and park access.

- 4.5 Election of Officers

Member Armstrong moved to nominate Patrick Raftery as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Member Raftery moved to nominate Kelly Kelly as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Old Business Items

5.1 Update on sidewalk construction at Forest Run Park

Mr. Kader said the newly added sidewalk is well used and adds increased accessibility to Forest Run Park. In response to a question, Mr. Kader said the playgrounds of the city are inspected on a monthly basis and replaced based on age and condition.

5.2 Update on newly acquired Palm land adjacent to MLNP

Mr. Kader said the newly acquired land has no more remaining debris but is not open to the main park yet.

6. Director's Report

Mr. Kader said the hurricanes repairs are going well with only a few closures remaining. In response to discussion Mr. Kader said the landscaping repairs of the Missouri Ave. medians will be presented to Council in February.

7. Board Members to be Heard

The Board showed appreciation to city staff for the hours and dedication to recover from the effects of the previous storms.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Attest:

Chair, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

City Clerk