

NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION

Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation (N.B.C.P.R.), an advisory board, held Thursday, October 14, 2021 in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

Members Present

Bianca Alaimo
Arnie Benson
Andrew Connors
William Klein
Koren Odermann

Members absent

Jane Cline
Randy Rodriguez
Amelia Robinson
Willie Taylor

City of Titusville Elected Officials / Staff

Dan Diesel

Brevard County Parks & Recreation Staff

Jeff Davis, Jr., North Area Manager
Tex Loadholtz, Maintenance Superintendent
Terrence Parks, Recreation Superintendent
Shirley Corliss, Administrative Secretary

Brevard County District 1 Commission Office Staff

Jessica Price, Administrative Aide to Commissioner Pritchett

I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Arnie Benson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Arnie Benson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Davis introduced Ms. Koren Oderman, new board member appointment by the City of Titusville.

I. Roll Call:

Absent: Jane Cline, Randy Rodriguez, Amelia Robinson, Willie Taylor

Motion requested by Arnie Benson to excuse the absences. Motion by William Klein, seconded by Bianca Alaimo, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Alaimo, Benson, Connors, Klein, Odermann

NAY: None Carried 5-0

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion requested by William Klein to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2021 with no corrections.
Motion by William Klein, seconded by Bianca Alaimo, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Alaimo, Benson, Cline, Connors, Klein, Odermann

NAY: None Carried 5-0

III. REPORTS

A. Miscellaneous Reports & Updates—FYI (none)

B. Chairman's Report on Meetings (no meeting)

C. Advisory Board Members

Ms. Alaimo: Ms. Alaimo said that the improvements to the basketball court are great. At Stuart Park the basketball courts look great, Manzo Park is looking clean, really nice with the new equipment, Rotary Riverfront – work is in progress. She had a question brought to her about Parrish Park. The Art Club in Titusville is looking to have an event and wanted to know if they would need a permit, who to talk to about that. Mr. Davis asked that the organization contact him directly.

Mr. Connors: Mr. Connor visited his parks; the parks look great. The boardwalk could use mowing at Statum Park. He was happy to see the partnership between the YMCA and North Area Parks & Recreation for swim lessons during the summer. There were at least 50 kids that participated with no cost to the participants.

Mr. Klein: Mr. Klein was not able to visit his parks. He does have concerns with handicap residents visiting Wuesthoff Park due to the handicap accessibility for rest rooms. Staff stated that the rest rooms are ADA compliant.

Mr. Davis asked that everyone check the parks for ADA compliance and report back with any concerns.

Mr. Benson: Mr. Benson visited his parks; Holder Park – the fields look excellent, he visits Parrish Park in Scottsmoor almost nightly, the single padlock has been working well. Scottsmoor Landing is looking real good. Thanks to the staff for doing a great job.

Ms. Odermann: Ms. Odermann does not have parks assigned as she is a newly appointed member.

D. City of Titusville: (Mayor Diesel's report was postponed until later in the meeting)

E. North Area Parks Operations Staff

Jeff Davis: Mr. Davis introduced the new Recreation Superintendent, Mr. Terrence Parks.

Tex Loadholtz: NAPO Maintenance Report

Space Coast Community Sports Complex

Ordered tempered glass and slider frame to replace windows in football concession.

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In process of replacing the frame and door to the maintenance shop damaged by attempted break in.

Installed three strand barb wire over top of chain link fencing in maintenance compound to deter illegal activity outside operational hours. Wireless security cams also being in process of being installed.

Received proposal from MUSCO Lighting for costs to upgrade sports field lighting to LED fixtures. Will work into 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Walter Butler Community Center

Expanded the playground with addition of swings, installation complete. Engineered wood fiber being delivered next week, will be installed for opening by end of the month. Individual swings currently being stored until surfacing complete.

Manatee Hammock

A new ADA pool lift and cover has been ordered, encountering shipping delays. A new PO was issued this week. New pool rules signage received and installed.

New pickleball courts with fencing, new shuffleboard courts and sodding is complete. Looks awesome, receiving many positive comments.

Preparing site surrounding new court construction for sodding.

Coordinating the demolition of the old registration building. Contractor performed asbestos testing results indicating asbestos present in the drywall and will require abatement removal. Building will be demoed when asbestos containing drywall has been removed. Coordinating this fall.

Researching options for new gating system at entrance/exit of the campground. New system to provide improved security and allow more room for camping units to pull into the park from US1.

Coordinating with BC Fire Rescue with asset transfer of Station #88 to campground to replace existing singlewide trailer for maintenance. Transferred building is double wide. FR is working on design of their replacement station, project remains on hold pending BCFR finalizing plans for replacement building.

Statham Park

New doors and frames for the restrooms have been received and in process of being installed.

Coordinating painting the pavilion and tongue & groove ceiling, in process of coordinating proposals.

Trimmed vegetation growing under the boardwalk, recurring maintenance.

Space View Park

Installation of pavers around the restrooms is complete.

In process of beautification with additional landscaping.

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Repaired and sealed all monuments at Gemini. In the process of painting with exterior paint in stone color.

Kennedy Point Park

Repaired holes in asphalt roadway.

Installed an aluminum ladder to the terminal end of the boat dock to improve access for boaters.

Sandpoint Park

A new bicycle repair/maintenance station has been ordered anticipated for delivery and install mid-October.

Replaced the exposed 2" water line pipe in addition to installing new hardware every 5' securing the new lines under the relief bridge to Pier 220.

Replaced ice machine in Valencenti pavilion.

Coordinating materials to replace the flooring in the Valencenti pavilion with commercial daltille. Project is being coordinated for the month of January with all reservations blocked.

A slide in the playground has been taken out of service with a new one received and in inventory, additional required assembly parts from manufacturer arrived this week, repairs are being coordinated.

Coordinating the delivery and installation of a 24'x40' metal maintenance building this winter. Previously, equipment and office space were contained in the Upland building, since it's demolition due to hurricane damage equipment storage, supervisor office and janitorial supplies have been squeezed into the garage building with some equipment exposed to elements.

Veteran's Pier

Coordinating with Purchasing Services on awarding the contract in addressing the electrical issues for the north pier. Scope of work to include removal/relocate the electric box under the pier, re-splicing the line and connections and weather seal. Contract in process. Timeline for repair is spring after shrimping season.

Gibson Complex

Fields much improved due to intense weeks of cultural practices, new sod, and installation of new player benches for football season.

Repaired the commercial stove in the kitchen.

Unable to locate matching bricks for repair of north wall. Acquiring updated quotes to replace with vinyl decorative fencing.

Received quote to repair soffit, drip edge and siding throughout the complex, coordinating start date for contractor.

Consulting with playground representatives on replacing the poured in place surfacing throughout the play areas and the middle playground.

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Coordinating pressure washing the gymnasium.

Coordinating the painting of Building C.

Purchased paint, volunteers assisting with painting other buildings.

The concrete overhang on the east side of Building H is being assessed for removal. Engineering will provide scope of work for demolition.

Campbell Park

Replacement of the basketball courts complete including sodding all areas and perimeter of the courts. New adjusters for the goals have been installed and the courts are open for play. Bleachers returned to areas between courts for spectators and players.

Receiving quotes to stripe hop scotch & four-square activity lines to each court.

Blanton Park

Installed new backboards and rims to the basketball courts. Working with the City of Titusville on capital improvements.

Wuesthoff Park

Constructed new ADA concrete accessibility from the parking area to the interior of the park.

New exercise equipment has been ordered coordinating delivery and storage until the two pads can be formed and poured. Pour in place surfacing is included as part of the exercise experience.

The concrete pads for the exercise equipment are twenty-five feet by forty-five feet and must be complete prior to installing exercise equipment. Provided PO to contractor for pads. Project on hold waiting on permit approval from the City since February.

Demo and removal of two existing units complete in preparation for new equipment.

Fox Lake Park

Identified parking and traffic areas of the park for improved stabilization. Coordinating delivery of materials this month.

WW James

Resurfaced the entrance road and parking areas with asphalt, including paint striping.

Coordinating the delivery and installation of a 24'x40' metal maintenance building. The existing maintenance building floods during rain storms and is not large enough to house required equipment.

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PSJ Community Center

A new asphalt basketball court has been constructed at the north end of the parking area. Striping the court is complete including lines for hopscotch and four-square activities. Coordinating the installation of new adjustable goal posts and back boards along with benches and trash receptacles.

Installed all conduit for repair to underground electric lines to parking lot lights damaged during construction. Pulling wire for connection week of October 11.

Installation of a new single rail wood fence along the north/east boundary is complete.

Fay Park

The new playground is installed and looks great, receiving positive comments. Sustained graffiti to playground, working with manufacturer on possible cover solutions.

Replacement of the net pole on the west tennis court being coordinated with contractor.

Coordinating the delivery and installation of a 24'x40' metal maintenance building to replace the one damaged in hurricane Irma. Anticipate December timeframe.

North Brevard Senior Center

Pressure washed shaded portions of the deck and treated with mildew and algacide, ongoing maintenance.

Coordinating pressure washing and sealing the entire deck surrounding the stormwater pond.

Stuart Park

Replacement of the concrete basketball court with a new asphalt court complete and looks awesome.

Completed adding concrete extensions and painting under both goal posts to match the height and color of the new courts.

Chain of Lakes

Staff finally able to mow the entire park as it continues to dry out.

Coordinating mechanical mowing of invasive plants along pond bank.

Designing the scope of work to effectively drain the grass parking area east of softball.

Acquiring take off to replace the wood decking on the bridge.

Supporting maintenance efforts with consecutive softball tournaments on a recurring basis.

Cuyler Park & Community Center

The new playground is installed, engineered wood fiber being installed this week. We saved all possible existing shade structures to incorporate into new play system.

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Coordinating re-painting the pickleball court lines in the gym.

Harry T Moore

Repaired the reflection pond fountain. Troubleshooting leak under the reflection pond for repair.

Hired temporary maintenance staff to assist with duties due to position vacancies.

Holder Park

Installation of the new play structure is complete and looks great.

Rails Trail

FDOT provided guidelines for sign permit application for new postings on US1 identifying the Aurantia Rd trailhead. Working on package.

Continue to paint over graffiti on the pedway weekly. In process of also removing graffiti from trail signs. Signs stolen or vandalized with frequency, staff continues to replace as necessary.

Met on site this week with lawn maintenance contractor on improving the sides of the trail by trimming vegetation back ten feet or to the top of the ditch whichever is further.

Scottsmoor Landing

Frequent mowing of Serenity Park for community use.

Singleton Tennis Courts

Received quotes to paint new pickleball lines on courts 7 & 8, lines will be light green as industry standard. Courts 9 & 10 getting higher volumes of pickleball activity with new lines.

Installed storage box for pickleball nets and balls to be kept on site for constituent availability through combination lock.

Working on removal of crayon wax used by pickleball players to make lines on the courts without approval.

Working on repair to concrete deck on practice side of racquetball courts.

Parking area improvements have been changed to re-shaping and stabilizing with millings. Cost for project design and permitting were not cost effective considering the size of the project. We are requesting exemption from SJRWMD correspondence for the addition of asphalt millings as alternative to paving. This project will be incorporated into the large-scale improvement plan to include new restrooms.

Postponing receiving quote process for replacement of single rail wood fence along front of recreation area until parking area improvements are complete.

New park sign has been delivered. Installation will be scheduled once parking improvements are complete.

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Sandrift Community Center

Coordinating the installation of a 20x20 shaded activity area west of the basketball court.

Parrish Park Titusville

Voids have been identified in the north seawall of the parking area. Contractor and engineer formulating a solution with a design for repair, revisions requested. Project re-engaged with new budget year currently in permitting and design.

Numerous vehicles rutting up and performing donut type activity in beach area. Grading activity areas with frequency to minimize washouts.

Installed new fencing and beautification signage for extra dumpster to be placed at the entrance to assist with magnitude of trash.

Flap Parrish Trailhead

CPH has submitted 100% design to FDOT presently under review. SJRWMD permit has been obtained. Titusville has approved the variances and parking space issues and will issue permit to a contractor when chosen. We have received a revised schedule from CPH. Projected 373 days from start to finish.

Playgrounds

In process of replacing systems at Nicol Park and Gibson Complex.

Invasive Plants

Area Landscape Technician treating Brazilian Pepper Trees and other invasive terrestrial plants along with staff throughout all North Area parks with frequency. He is also monitoring air potato beetle activity in parks where distributed as biological control method.

Report covers highlights of the month. Daily maintenance, repair and care of all parks, community centers, educational & recreational facilities are entirely made possible by an unbelievable group of employees.

Terrence Parks: NAPO Recreation Report (not provided)

Mr. Parks started with Parks & Recreation two years ago and was assigned to the Walter Butler Community Center. He was promoted a short time later to a Recreation Coordinator at the Viera Regional Community Center. His goals and visions are to do as much as we can for the community. He is about progress and maximum effort. During his time at the Viera Regional Community Center, he started an athletic program specifically for kids with Autism. They offered two sessions of basketball and one session of soccer and he started a youth volleyball league.

Adult Softball Leagues are going on right now: Men's, Women's and Co-ed Leagues. Next week they have a field trip scheduled with 50 children to see the season opener of the Orlando Magic. Cuyler Community Center – Youth Basketball League will begin in December. Walter Butler's basketball league begins in October. At the Harry T Moore Cultural Center, the Brevard County Public School Administrators will be touring the facility tomorrow. The movie in the park (Big Hero 6) was attended by 50 people in September. There are

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Thanksgiving events planned at Campbell Community Center, Cuyler Community Center and Walter Butler Community Center. The Fox Lake Winter Festival of Crafts will be held on Saturday, November 20 with 160 vendors registered, The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 23 – movies in the park will be taking place afterwards. Mr. Parks is working towards a co-op program with Eastern Florida State College, a mentoring program as well as county led exposure events for kids playing softball, baseball, basketball and football. Mr. Parks is excited to be here and is looking forward to what the future holds.

Mr. Davis introduced Ms. Jessica Price with Commissioner Pritchett's office. Ms. Price will be representing the Commissioner's office at future meetings, alternating with Ms. Mascellino.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Koren to introduce herself.

Ms. Koren lives in Titusville. She is new to the area and two months into her new job. She has two children and is looking forward to working with the Board.

Mayor Dan Diesel: Titusville City Council passed a tree ordinance at the last City Council meeting. Mayor Diesel feels this is a step in the right direction. Housing is still growing in the City and the Mayor & Council are working toward smart growth.

Mayor Diesel said that one of the biggest issues currently in the Parks is the homeless population. He walks in the parks frequently and can't help but notice the pavilions along the water are starting to gather homeless people. TPD and City Manager are working on this. Mayor Diesel will be working with Mr. Davis on this issue as well. Mayor Diesel said that there may be organizations / people guiding the homeless in that direction. Mayor Diesel said that he had a concern expressed to him by a couple of citizens. Are County owned/County maintained Parks getting more attention than City owned County maintained Parks? No one was irritated but there was some thought. Cuyler seems to be getting more attention than Campbell and Blanton Park. Mayor Diesel feels that we have more parks in North Titusville with not many park options in South Titusville. The residents in the Indian River City area do not have as many options/opportunities to utilize neighborhood parks and he thinks this should be looked into.

Mr. Klein stated that one very nice park in South Titusville is Wuesthoff Park. It may not have a lot of activities but it has the best walking trail where you really feel like you are outdoors. Mayor Diesel said that he is familiar with that park but has concerns for the part of the trail where there is no shade/breeze.

Mayor Diesel voiced his concern about the need for a park similar to Campbell or Marina Park for the citizens in South Titusville / Indian River City area. Mr. Davis stated that Blue Hole Park is in that area also. He assured Mayor Diesel that there is not special attention paid to specific parks (City owned vs County owned). NAPO equally shares resources and responsibility for all of the parks. Mayor Diesel said that he felt obligated to bring attention to this since he had a few residents voice concerns but he (& City Manager) feel that all the parks are equally maintained.

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Mr. Davis stated that business cards are available on the table next to the entrance for anyone to utilize. The Semi-Annual Report for the City of Titusville was included with the packets for the meeting and extra copies are also available on the table.

Mr. Benson stated that the next meeting for the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation scheduled for November 11, 2021 is a holiday (Veteran's Day). Discussion for meeting to be moved to the following Thursday (November 18), as long as the room is available. Staff will check and send email to confirm availability tomorrow.

Motion requested by Arnie Benson to reschedule the next meeting to Thursday, November 18. Motion by Andrew Connors, seconded by Koren Oderman, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Alaimo, Benson, Connors, Klein, Odermann

NAY: None Carried 5-0

IV. Presentations and/or Recreation Partner Reports: (None Scheduled)

VI. OLD BUSINESS: NBCPR Meeting Schedule

Motion requested by Arnie Benson to take the monthly/quarterly meeting discussion off the table and discuss. Motion by William Klein, seconded by Bianca Alaimo, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Alaimo, Benson, Connors, Klein, Odermann

NAY: None Carried 5-0

A discussion between the board members with the pros & cons followed. The members decided that the meeting schedule should remain monthly.

Motion requested by Arnie Benson on meeting schedule. Motion by Bianca Alaimo to continue with the monthly meeting schedule , seconded by William Klein, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Alaimo, Benson, Connors, Klein, Odermann

NAY: None Carried 5-0

Mayor Diesel thanked Ms. Oderman for her enthusiasm and willingness to be appointed to the board as a representative for the City of Titusville.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Homeless in the Parks

Mr. Klein would like to discuss the homeless in the parks. He would like to see if there would be a way to move the homeless to another area from Sand Point Park to Marina Park. Mayor Diesel stated that Trey Gordan with The Homeless Coalition meets monthly. The organization meets at the Harry T Moore Center on DeLeon Ave. All of the different organizations that are working with the homeless meet and discuss the needs and work to find solutions for helping them. Mayor Diesel suggests contacting Trey Gordan with Hope for North Brevard to get information on the next meeting of the Homeless Coalition.

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Ms. Oderman discussed the lack of shelters in the area. The parks are the place that most of the homeless stay. Ms. Oderman would like to volunteer to attend the monthly meetings as a representative for the North Brevard Commission on Parks.

Mr. Davis has meet with Trey Gordan previously regarding the homeless. Mr. Davis is planning to meet with Mayor Diesel and Chief Lau regarding homeless in the parks.

III. Public Comment: none

Motion requested by Mr. Benson to adjourn, Motion made by Andrew Connor, seconded by William Klein, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Alaimo, Benson, Connors, Klein, Odermann

NAY: None Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Public present: 1

Public comment cards: 0

Members present 5

Staff present: 5

City staff: 1 Total: 12

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Arnold Benson, Chair

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