

NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION

MINUTES

January 9, 2025 • 4:00 p.m.
North Brevard Senior Center
909 Lane Avenue, Titusville, Florida

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Bianca Alaimo.

- A.** The invocation was led by Mayor, Andrew Connors and the Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all.
- B.** Roll Call was held and all advisory board members were present.
- C.** Election of Officers was performed with Randy Rodriguez nominating Bianca Aliamo as Chair. The motion was seconded by Koren Odermann. The motion carried unanimously.

Randy Rodriguez nominated Koren Odermann as Vice-Chair. William Klein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Former Chair to the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation and long-term advisory board member, Mr. Benson, was presented with a plaque in recognition of his faithful dedication to Parks and Recreation and for his service to this board and the citizens of Brevard County.

Recently appointed, Parks and Recreation Director, Ian Golden, introduced himself to the board.

Jabez Coggon, appointed by the District 1 Commissioner Office, introduced himself to the board. Mr. Coggon is a lifelong resident and works for the Canaveral National Seashore.

Kevin Rosa is a new member appointed by the City of Titusville.

D. Park Assignments

Kevin Rosa was assigned to Bernice G. Jackson Park, Sherwood Park, Singleton Tennis Courts and Tom Statham Park.

Koren Odermann was temporarily assigned to Hatbill Park, Mims Launch Ramp, Scottsmoor Landing and Six Mile Creek in addition to her regular park assignments until the vacancy is filled.

Jabez Coggon was assigned to Blanton Park, Cuyler Park, Gibson Gymnasium & Field, Holder Park, Isaac Campbell, Sr. Park, and Parrish Park – Scottsmoor.

Motion by Koren Odermann to accept the assignments. The motion was seconded by Randy Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Davis, Parks Operations Manager, reminded the board members that their inspections of our parks between meetings provides an extra set of eyes to address any concerns that may arise and offers opportunities to quickly address issues.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Christopher Reynolds to approve the minutes from July 11, 2024. The motion was seconded by Koren Odermann. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Reports

A. North Area Parks Operations Staff

Mr. Davis noticed the board that he will invite the Parks Construction Manager, Mike Butcher, to the April 10th meeting to provide an update on construction projects. Mr. Davis further reminded board members about the Sunshine Law and that communication between members about the workings of this committee outside of this forum is not authorized. North Area Parks Operations staff are available for questions.

B. Advisory Board Members

Koren Odermann reported on Marina Park having a ton of activity including the use of the skate park. Everything looks good out there. She noted that Sand Point looks great also.

Christopher Reynolds reported that he had seen a lot of debris on the rail trail but it was cleared within a day.

Bianca Alaimo reported that a water fountain near the bathroom at Fox Lake Park is broken. Ms. Alaimo also recommended trail identifiers (directions) be added for the safety of hikers (Fox Lake). She stated that Sandrift Community Center and the Singleton Tennis Courts look great. Participants were playing pickleball but not all spots were taken. Stuart Park has come a long way and is being used more frequently.

Randy Rodriguez reported that Parks staff did a remarkable job of cleaning up after Hurricane Milton and subsequent storms. The Port St. John boat ramp was useful even during high water. Mr. Rodriguez offered suggestions for easy access to maintenance supplies during community events and stated the new electrical boxes installed at Fay Lake Wilderness Park worked well. Mr. Rodriguez also stated that the permit process is still quite cumbersome.

William Klein reported that Wuesthoff Park looks nice with the restrooms open and stocked; the exercise equipment works great. He reported at Chain of Lakes the restrooms were locked around 4:00 p.m. the day he visited the park. Mr. Klein stated the restrooms should be open dawn to dusk. Mr. Klein observed quite a bit of erosion at Parrish Park – Titusville.

C. City of Titusville

Mayor Connors reported that the City is already planning Red, White and Boom for the Fourth of July. The Mayor requested an update on Blanton Park improvements; Mr. Davis advised he would schedule a meeting with all parties. The Mayor said he is excited to look at parks inside the City limits of Titusville to determine what improvements can be

made to the total of 66 acres within the City limits. Some ideas are to repurpose parks for new interests such as pickleball or disc golf while maintaining the environment and addressing the recreational needs of the community. Mayor Connors has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the Tourism Development Council. The Mayor said he is excited about lobbying for more funding coming to the City of Titusville from the tourism industry.

D. Miscellaneous

Director, Ian Golden, reported that an agenda is going before the Board of County Commissioners regarding hurricane damage from Hurricane Milton which affected 11 parks in North Area. The total for all projects, countywide, is approximately 2.1 million dollars. Mr. Golden noted there is separate funding for derelict vessel removal.

Ms. Alaimo offered congratulations on behalf of the Board to Andrew for his election as the Mayor of Titusville!

III. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

IV. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

V. Presentations

VI. Public Comment

Deek, Treasurer, of One Day at a Time (AA group) addressed the board in regards to Wuesthoff Park. He informed the board that the AA Group has used this facility since the of fall 2001. They have 3 meetings a week for one hour. Deek wanted to ensure a meeting place would be available when/if this building was torn down and replaced. Mr. Davis reported that it will be a coordinated effort with the City of Titusville as they have allocated funds to place a pavilion with a kitchen at that location. Director Golden stated the fees for use of the facility would not increase due to the new structure. Mr. Davis assured Deek that North Area Parks will work with him to find another location during construction.

Stan Johnson provided public comment to the board requesting the board to make an appeal to the City of Titusville and the CRA to stop sewage spay. He asks that the request include (fabric) fencing around ponds. Chair Alaimo thanked Mr. Johnson for being so passionate about his cause. Ms. Alaimo stated that Mayor Connors is present and hearing Mr. Johnson's concern on behalf of the City. Mr. Davis reiterated that this issue is not something that the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation can resolve. It is an issue for the City of Titusville.

Randy Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Koren Odermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.