

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
MARCH 23, 2021 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Sandy Trammell
Matthew Sweetser
Barbara Telford
Nikki Johnson
Danielle Piper
Leslie Schmidt
Brian Liesveld

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Ryan Reed Recreation Dept. Supervisor
Don Smith City Engineer
Joe Bodi Engineer Asst. II.
Sheri Bethea

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **February 23, 2021**

Motion to approve the February 23, 2021 minutes as written was made by Committee member Johnson with Committee member Piper providing the second. The motion passed 7-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Historical Site Markers/Ms. Wen Livingston**

Ms. Livingston briefly explained how this came from Councilmember Ramswell asking for historical makers to be placed throughout the city, and how she is assisting with obtaining a grant to help offset the cost. She explained how she is working with Kathy Marler Blue to log in the areas of significance that will be marked. She also spoke of how they will fall under the Wayfinding Signage Program the Community Development Department is working on to stay consistent with all signs in the city. And possibly have a future plan of walking tours.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Park Assignments:**

The members briefly discussed the importance of noting any Memorial Plaques that they may see under a tree or any other kind of plant so staff can update their list.

- **Work Plans**

The members briefly discussed the work plan items and who is responsible for each one. The community partners beach committee was discussed, and Mrs. Firth explained it is not an official city meeting with staff and minutes taken. However, it was decided to make it work plan item since there is an assigned member (Barb) and an alternate (Matt) to keep the committee updated on what's discussed. There also was a brief discussion on the new properties on the beach that was acquired and what should be implemented when opened to the public. Also, the importance of keeping them cleaned of garbage, which is a big concern. The beach bins for people to share beach equipment was briefly discussed.

The Sports Complex and the Beach Vendors was briefly discussed but determined that a work plan item for each is too premature at this point.

Committee member Schmidt spoke of her interest in improving the cemetery as well as her concern for how the city is planning for the future to bury all the people that live in the city. This was briefly discussed with ideas suggested for the work plan item.

Committee member Johnson stated that she would take over the Dog Park work plan item. Mrs. Firth spoke of the Gazebo that the Destin Forward is donating and new grass installation.

Committee member Liesveld spoke of runs in the city and how he's heard how hard it is to have them in Destin and wants to know what he can do to start having them take place more in the city, especially in the off season. The Chairman suggested making it a work plan item and work on the issues. Mrs. Firth spoke of the timers being a big issue because the larger cities like Pensacola, they get a higher number of participants than Destin does.

Mrs. Firth informed the members to work on their items and bring them to their next meetings to work on further and discuss. Adding that they have plenty of item to work on them before they have to present them to Council in September/October timeframe.

The Arbor Day was briefly discussed and the tentative date set. The plan is to have a tree planted at the Dog Park and Committee member Sweetser said that Compass Resorts has committed to donating the trees. The members also briefly discussed inviting Noah's Ark children to attend. There was a brief discussion on Earth Day cleanup and the locations of where the clean ups will take place.

*Committee member Sweetser left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

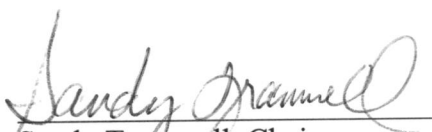
6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:**

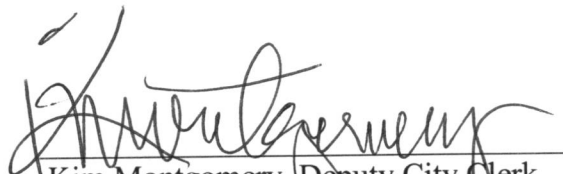
- **Committee member Liesveld** – Spoke of the importance of the Cares Act funds that are available. He left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
- **Committee member Piper** – Spoke of concern for the language in the referendum and how it effects beach vendors and the needs to go before Council and speak of their concerns on ways to carve out the beach property. Mrs. Frith stated she would gather more information and then bring it back at an upcoming meeting.
- **Committee member Schmidt** – Spoke of how every October like is St. Francis day and is there a possibility of the city having a Blessing of the Animals Day. According to Mrs. Firth, the Emmanuel Anglican Church did this prior to Covid.
- **Chairwoman Trammell** – Spoke of how nice Main Street park looks now that the reeds have been cut down.
- **Committee member Johnson** spoke of the need to have a water access area in the city to be more dog friendly with a dog washing station for people to hose off their dogs as they leave. She also mentioned the need to have restroom facilities at the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park.
- **Staff Comments:** Mrs. Firth verified that all items have been addressed for the Harbor Lane improvements so that she can close it out. Chairwoman Trammell spoke of how she has been approached with a request to have a sidewalk installed so that mom's pushing strollers and anyone in a wheelchair can get near to the water to watch the sunset, if they want to.
- **Public Comment:** None

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Adopted and approved this 27th day of April 2021.


Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk



City of Destin FY 2020 Work Plan

Strategic Priority:

High Quality of Life and Safety for Families

Strategic Goal:

Maintain High Level of Safety and Security for Our Residents, Businesses, and Visitors.

Organizational Objective:

Public Safety: Maintain Safe Parks for Our Residents, Businesses, and Visitors.

Performance Objective:

Complete Annual Safety Inspection for All Parks.

Measurable Outcome(s):

Outcomes	Fiscal Year	
	2019	2020
Conduct at least one Annual Inspection for each Park and Beach Access.	100%	GOAL 100%
Correct Level 1 Safety Deficiencies within allotted time.	100%	GOAL 100%

Action Plan:

Task	Resource Needs (persons/organization)	When Complete
1. Inspect Parks & Beach Accesses + ROW		
2. Report findings to Parks & Recreation Staff		
3. Monitor Corrective Action Status		

Process Improvement:

PDCA

Stakeholders:

Internal	External
• Council	• Residents
• City Manager	• Visitors
• Risk Management/Insurance	• Business
• Parks & Rec. Department Staff	•

Process Owner: *Parks & Recreation Committee*



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FY 2020 Work Plan

Strategic Priority:

High Quality of Life and Safety for Families

Strategic Goal:

Enhance and Preserve Heritage and Environment

Organizational Objective:

Implement "green" sustainable concepts supporting environment and quality of life.

Performance Objective:

Maintain Tree City U.S.A Status

Measurable Outcome(s):

Outcomes	Fiscal Year	
	2019	2020
Plant at least 5 new trees	Complete	
Hold public Arbor Day Ceremony	Complete	
Maintain Tree City USA status	Maintained	GOAL Maintain

Action Plan:

Task	Resource Needs (persons/organization)	When Complete
1. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation		

Process Improvement:

PDCA

Stakeholders:

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• Parks & Rec. Director and Deputy Director	• Business
• Parks & Rec. Department Staff	• Arbor Day Association

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