

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Sandy Trammell	Brian Liesveld	Kim Montgomery City Clerk
Nikki Johnson		Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Matthew Sweetser		Joe Bodi, Engineering Assistant II
Danielle Piper		
Barbara Telford		
Leslie Schmidt (in @ 4:15)		

*** Motion to change the Order of the Day was made by Chairwoman Trammell with Committee member Piper providing the second. The following changes were made:**

- Remove Item 5A from the agenda
- Move Item 5B to be addressed first.

The motion passed 4-0, with Committee member Schmidt was not present at the time of the vote.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
July 27, 2021**

Motion to approve the July 27, 2021, minutes as written was made by Committee member Johnson with Committee member Piper providing the second. The motion passed 4-0, Committee member Schmidt was not present for the vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Pompano Street Easement/Beach Access at Crystal Sands Condominium**

Mr. Bodi briefly explained the proposal that Crystal Sands Condominium is wanting in order to add a new pool, pool house and additional parking. Adding that they have countered their original offer by adding an additional 33-feet of shoreline to the east access. However, the city would still lose the original Pompano Beach Access and it's view corridors. And currently,

the property is in compliance and consistent with Comprehensive Plan Policies 1-1.1.4, Scenic Vistas and Waterfront Views, 6-1.4.3: Apply Site Design Promoting Coastal Community Character for view corridors, and Policy 7-1.2.5: Vertical Open Space and Scenic Vistas. In conclusion, although the city would gain additional 33-feet of linear beach shoreline to the east, which is more than what it currently enjoys, it would lose a beach access location. Therefore, staff does not recommend the proposed swap because it is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Policies, as mentioned.

Chairwoman Johnson made the motion to recommend City Council disapprove the request with Committee member Piper providing the second.

In discussion, Committee member Johnson stated that she still stands on her concerns from the last meeting where she addressed if this request is given and it does not follow the Comprehensive Plan, then this one exemption opens the city for multiple requests for people wanting to do something that is not align with the Comprehensive Plan.

Committee member Piper asked if the referendum that was recently passed would impact the access. According to Mr. Bodi, it would not since that this initial request was received prior to that referendum.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Park Inspections

The members discussed their timeline to get their park inspection done and turned in before the next upcoming tourist season begins. As well as deciding on a certain time each year to perform them and turned in so staff can get the necessary work orders performed prior to the next busy season. There also was a discussion regarding the need to inventory the trees that have dedicated plaques at the base and how it would help staff with the task.

B) Work Plans

The members discussed their work plan items and the goals and measurable outcomes to accomplish them. Mrs. Firth suggested picking one item to work on for the 21-22 year.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Johnson –**

Committee member Johnson briefly spoke of how she may be able to get out and access Norriego Point Park for its inspection now that the tourist season has slowed. She also asked

about the surveyors that she has seen in her neighborhood recently and what the plan is for the boardwalk at Mattie Kelly Park & Nature Walk. According to Mrs. Firth, the State is surveying for the future improvements to the area for the grant, in order to determine the boundaries of the wetlands.

- **Committee member Piper –**
 - **Power Point Presentation- Murals**

Committee member Piper showed a brief Power Point Presentation about how murals create a big impact on communities and can be budget friendly. She suggested involving students from Destin High School and Middle School students. And spoke of how murals can beautify the local parks by decorating the hard surfaces.

She also spoke of how the Destin Garden Club has agreed to assist the city at no charge to help beautify the parks with native plants.

- **Committee member Schmidt –**
 - **Destin Cemetery**

Spoke of the need to get her facts together on what can and cannot be done to improve the landscaping. Mrs. Firth spoke of how they would need to get a hold of Mr. Wagner's plan and, Mrs. Santucci, who is a certified arborist, is scheduled to attend the October meeting to address the miniature single trunk crepe myrtles and if they can be planted in certain areas.

- **Committee member Telford –**
- **Chairwoman Trammell –**

➤ **Staff Comments:**

Mrs. Firth explained that the Capt. Royal Melvin Park is still delayed and behind schedule and it now looks like it will not be finished by February. She further added that staff is scheduled to meet with the contractor tomorrow, and she will provide an update at the October meeting.

The Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park updates are finished, and it looks really good. She also mentioned that there are seven dying pines that will be removed and replaced with oak trees. She also spoke of how the repair and replacement budget funds are being scrutinized by the new Finance Director so that the Community Center and the Morgan's Sport Center can get funded for some necessary repairs.

Committee member Johnson asked about the funds for Clement Taylor Park Renovations. According to Mrs. Firth the funds were reallocated by the Federal Government for Covid Relief but not taken away. And the Grants Manager will provide her with an update when he can.

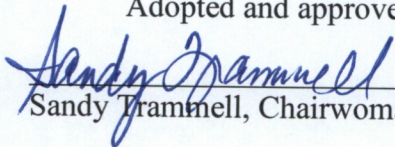
Norriego Point Park is delayed because of the road issues with private property between it and the park. Ad for Ordinance 21-23-CN

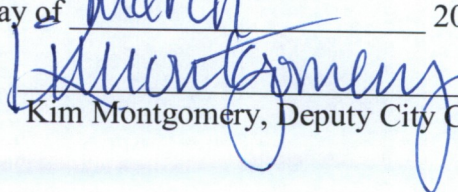
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Next meeting:** August 24, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Adopted and approved this 22nd day of March 2022.


Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk