

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Sandy Trammell	Isaac Birch	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Nikki Johnson	Leslie Schmidt	Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Daniella Piper		Ryan Reed Dep. Recreation Director
Lisa Mason		Michael Baird Parks & Rec Supervisor
L'Rena Anderson		

3. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion to change the order of the day was made by Committee member Piper with Committee member Mason providing the second. The motion passed 5-0. The following items were added:

- Meeting Notifications – Add to New Business
- Work Plan Review – Add to Chairwoman's discussion

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 22, 2023

Motion to approve the August 22, 2023 was made by Committee member Piper with Committee member Mason providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Meeting Notifications**

Mrs. Firth explained to the members how staff needs to start the agenda approval process earlier than what they have done in the past and with that, they will be needing to have a confirmed quorum, as well as the need to get the agendas approved and posted earlier.

➤ **Rally for Recreation**

Chairwoman Trammell spoke of approaching Chatham Morgan to sponsor another event to raise funds for city park improvements for the Morgan's Sports Center Children's Park, and provided details.

Motion by Committee member Johnson to have the Recreation Department work with the Morgan Trust Foundation to put together a Rally for Recreation Auction to benefit the Children's Park Playground at the Morgan Sports Center. Committee member Mason provided the second. The members and staff discussed the perimeters of the auction and what took place at the initial auction when funds were raised to create the Morgan's Sports Center. Mrs. Firth explained that they would volunteer to assist on the night of the auction, provide firsthand assistance with whatever is needed. There was also a discussion regarding what all needs to be replaced and installed at the Children's Park. **With no further discussion, Chairwoman Trammell called for the vote, and the motion passed 5-0.**

➤ **Parks Master Plan**

Mrs. Firth explained to the members the process of creating the Parks Master Plan and all that still needs to be done in terms of creating committee and the By-Laws and what all else it will entail. She informed the members that they will be kept up to date on the process, adding Council Member Jim Bagby is assisting staff with the process.

6. **MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS:**

➤ **Committee member Mason**

Inquired about the status of the Norriego Point project. Mrs. Firth informed the members that the road out there now is a temporary road until the project is finished. Then the permanent road will go down afterwards, and then, the Norriego Park project will commence, and should be complete sometime in 2025.

➤ **Committee member Piper**

Spoke of her wish list of items she would like to see implemented:

- Incorporate special needs equipment in parks for wheelchair bound or less mobile children
- Music themed equipment
- Military themed items in parks

➤ **Chairwoman Trammell:**

- Work Plan Review

The Chairwoman reviewed with the members their work plans they have accomplished and the ones that are ongoing. She informed everyone that she would be presenting to City Council at their first meeting in November.

➤ **Staff Comments**

Mrs. Firth informed the members that the city now has a beach wheelchair for Leonard Destin Park and a sign will go in at the park alerting the public they are available

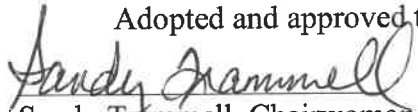
and who to contact. Additionally, the ones for the beach accesses in the city are provided by DFCD. She also explained the fee schedule and the increases that were necessary for cost recovery.

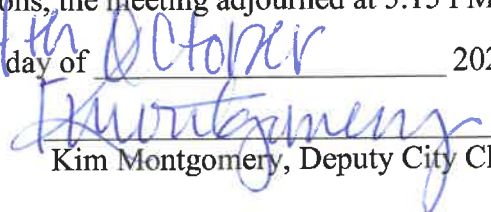
➤ **Next Meeting October 24, 2023**

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Adopted and approved this 24th day of October 2023.


Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk