

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM  
JULY 25, 2023 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman Trammell called the Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 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	Lisa Mason	Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Daniella Piper	L'Rena Anderson	Ryan Reed Dep. Recreation Director
Leslie Schmidt		Michael Baird Parks & Rec Supervisor

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairwoman Trammell stated that since they did not receive their packet prior to the meeting, she has not had the chance to review the minutes and asked that they be pushed to their next meeting for approval.

**4. PRESENTATION: Matthew Sweetser – Clement Taylor Park**

This was delayed to possibly the next meeting.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **Committee Member Training Scheduling**

Staff discussed with the members that possible dates to have the training when all members could be present.

➤ **Joe's Bayou**

Mrs. Firth explained the comments from this committee, the public and Council have been implemented and the next set of plans they will see will be at 60%. She reminded the members that at that level, there cannot be any substantial changes made. She also discussed the groundbreaking, the timeline and how the ramps will have to be shut down at some point.

➤ **Clement Taylor Park Update**

Mrs. Firth explained that all the permits are in the process of being issued at the County level.

➤ **Adopt a Park** – Mrs. Firth informed the members that her Afterschool Kids Club would really like to Adopt Clement Taylor Park and asked the members if they would be willing to select another park.

**Motion by Chairwoman Trammell for the Parks & Recreation Committee to change their Adopt-a-Park goal from Clement Taylor Park so the Kids Club can have Clement Taylor Park. Committee member Schmidt provided the second and the motion passed 4-0.**

After a brief discussion about how the members would have to individually go out and do whatever work they feel is necessary to the parks and not all together, because of the Sunshine Law, the members chose the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park because out of all the parks, that one is used the most and always needs maintenance.

**Motion by Committee member Johnson, seconded by Committee member Schmidt for the Parks & Recreation Committee officially adopt the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park for the Adopt-a Park program. The motion passed 4-0.**

➤ **Captain Royal Melvin Park** – Mrs. Firth explained the ribbon cutting for the park was officially a success and family is very pleased with the park. She also spoke of some of the issues they are having with people riding their bikes through the park pathway.

Chairwoman Trammell spoke of how hot the plastic parts are for the children's equipment and her granddaughter burned her hands on them. The members and staff discussed solutions on how to shade the equipment with trees or shade cloths.

➤ **Norriego Point Park** – Mrs. Firth informed the members that they are hoping that the road and all that applies will be finished by early to mid-September so the State can put the 30-day bid out to the public, with the hopes to have the construction to start in January.

➤ **Tarpon and Shores Beaches** – Mrs. Firth explained that both beach parks are at the County level and are moving quickly.

➤ **Beach Wheelchair Update** – Mrs. Firth explained the locations of beach accesses that fire departments will bring out the beach wheelchairs. Additionally, the city will have them available at Leonard Destin Park. Chairwoman Trammell suggested to get something put up on the Little Adventures kiosk with the contact information for those that need one at that beach.

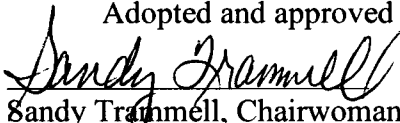
6. **MEMBER COMMENTS: None**


➤ **Next Meeting August 22, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Adopted and approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2023.

  
Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman

  
Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk