



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

April 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

City Hall
Commission Chamber
401 Park Ave, South
Winter Park, FL 32789

Board Members Present

Michael Perelman, Shannon Sarkarati, Leah Bonich, Jennifer Adams, Craig Russell

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Perelman at 5:29 pm

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2023
- b. Approve Work Session Minutes- March 15, 2023

Motion made by Michael Perelman to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Shannon Sarkarati.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker

4. Action Items

a. Howell Branch Preserve Improvements

Staff is seeking recommendation to Commission on regarding continued Howell Branch Preserve improvements and the allocation of funds to support a conceptual design addressing stormwater property to the west of the main park and improvements along park frontage adjacent to Howell Branch Rd. The Winter Park Land trust has committed resources in the form of the contracted grant writer specifically tasked with seeking funding for parks greenways and other related projects.

Proposed improvements would include streetscape/pedestrian improvements, kayak drop off and launch lane, stormwater pond improvements, and visual and physical connection between main park and stormwater property. During discussion the concern of estimated price for the plan, safety of connecting the trail, the impact of the national habitat in the proposed area was addressed. Board members also recommended initial engagement with the public before obtaining a conceptual plan on the space through some sort of poll or public comment. Board members also suggested looking into a possible partnership with the City of Maitland. Steve Goldman and Bob Bendick of the Land trust spoke in support of investing in the project.

Motion made by Michael Perelman to support the potential improvements, and to have staff look into alternate funding, and to ask the City Commission to find the funding without replacing any of the current capitol projects, and for staff to publish a survey to residents for input on the improvements; seconded by Leah Bonich. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Rollins College Softball Stadium Agreement Revision

Staff is seeking recommendation for approval to of the proposed revisions of the current contract to include o include language that creates ability for residents and/or sports organizations that serve our residents the ability to rent or use the field during collegiate softball off-season and demonstrate

value to residents since field is on City park land. During discussion board members recommended advertising that the field can also be used by the public and encouraged a partnership with Rollins to offer youth scholarships for residents.

Motion made by Michael Perelman to support the contract revisions for the Rollins College Softball Agreement and include a clause that says the sports teams contribute back to youth with camps; seconded by Shannon Sarkarati. Motion carried unanimously

c. MLK Community Playground- Renovation & Expansion

Staff presented the conceptual plan from Dix Hite of the MLK Playground. The Plans include keeping the castle-like structures, incorporating a spray play, more visibility, and ADA accessible components.

Motion made by Michael Perelman to support the conceptual design of the MLK playground; seconded by Shannon Sarkarati. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Chabad Community Fair- Chabad of Greater Orlando

The Chabad is requesting to rent Central Park for a Chabad Community Fair. Chairman Perelman noted that the application should be filled out completely.

Motion made by Michael Perelman to approve the rental; seconded by Leah Bonich. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Non-Action Items

a. Florida Clean Air Act Update and Impact on City Parks and Recreation Venues

Staff would like PRAB input on scope, enforcement, and communication of potential no smoking policy for parks and recreation venues. Staff will use the input from PRAB to develop policy with input from other City departments that may need to play a role in policy change.

Staff is suggesting enforcement in spectator and seating areas, recreation venues, playgrounds and immediate surround grounds, athletic fields, sports courts and other high traffic and/or areas that are designated for children. Board members would like to include vaping and smoking. During discussion staff recommend some infractions to enforce and potential policy. Chairman Perelman suggest looking into the potential for including public streets. Staff will look into comparable infractions upon other cities.

Staff will work with the City Attorney to build an ordinance to bring back to the Parks Board for approval.

6. Staff Updates

a. Financial Summary

Staff provided the board with a cost recovery update through two quarters.

b. Project Update

Current Projects include Dinky Dock Parking Lot and beach, Showalter East Turf Conversion, Mead Gardens Accessibility and the awning at the Winter Park Pines. Future projects include Seven Oaks Park, MLK Park Unity Corner, 60% construction plans for Howell Branch Preserve, Ward Park Concession Stand Renovation has 80% design approved by Youth Baseball.

7. Board Comments

Jennifer Adams announced this would be her last meeting on this board, Chairman Perelman thanked her for her service.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Michael Perelman at 7:30 pm

Minutes approved by the board on: 0517.23

/s/ Kesha Thompson