

MINUTES OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FOR THE TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES

Wednesday November 8, 2023

Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee for Redington Shores was called to order at 5PM by Chair, Loretta Fricks on Wednesday November 8, 2023. Meeting was held at Town Hall, 17425 Gulf Blvd, Redington Shores, FL 33708

In Attendance: Loretta Fricks, Marie Palena, CJ Hoyt, Cathy Sypniewski and Ginger McQuigg. Absent were Michelle Ganio, Emily Schrader and Bonnie Utz.

Old Business:

1. Minutes of 10/25/23 were approved. It was requested that minutes be out to the entire committee by Friday or Saturday after the meeting for all to review for any additions or corrections. Any changes need to be reported back to Ginger McQuigg by Monday. Please reply to Ginger only rather than a "reply all".
2. RFP for Landscaping – It was decided that we should pare back the request for pricing for town landscaping to obtain more responses. Loretta worked with the staff and Commissioner Herig to create a new RFP. Commissioner Herig also sent a query to all of the companies on Doris' list. 3 companies responded. There was research done on Google to identify more companies to whom the next RFP should be sent. In addition to that list, we should include Michael Kuras of Kuras Design, [Michael@Kurasdesign.com](mailto:Michael@Kurasdesign.com) who had responded originally with some ideas of what should be done. It was suggested that we consider companies who only do design who have their own subs who do the planting. It was also suggested that the RFP add additional language that informed the receiver that this was Phase One and that there was potential for future projects. The form will be presented to the Commission tonight for approval.
3. Picnic volunteer letter: Loretta and Marie read the email they had developed to be sent to all the picnic volunteers
4. Picnic Vendors – One of the companies (Ft Knox) who contributed to the picnic voiced their appreciation for the certificate they received acknowledging their participation. They plan to hang it on the wall of their business.

New Business

1. Christmas Tree Lighting in Nature Park is scheduled for Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was brought up just to be sure there was no overlap with any landscaping work. Discussion then followed about the Christmas decorations that everyone felt needed to be updated. One idea that was popular was the beach themed decorations like the ones that are being used in neighboring communities. Loretta to speak to Mike to see if anything has been done to update the decorations for Redington Shores.
2. PAR Projects – It was stated by Loretta that we need to continue to work on our identified projects while we are waiting to find a company to provide landscaping services. We are recommending to the commission that our next project should be our beach accesses since

quite a bit has changed since hurricane Idalia and much of our old information is out of date. We should start by getting an inventory of what we have in the way of trash cans, etc. so we know what we need to do. Loretta will send out a list to all PAR members identifying where everything is. We had already identified that all of the major beach accesses should have proper signage, a bike rack, bench, educational information and that minor beach accesses should have a minimum standard that needs to be determined.

**Action Item: All PAR members are to come to next meeting prepared to discuss our vision of the beach accesses.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM and the next meeting will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5Pa mM

“Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.”

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