

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING**

**Nov. 8, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

**Town Hall- 17425 Gulf Blvd.
Redington Shores, FL 33708**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve 10/25/23 meeting minutes
2. Discuss single response to RFP and Commissioner Herig request to landscapers
3. Thank you email to go out to all volunteers for the picnic

NEW BUSINESS

1. Possible next steps while waiting for landscaping to begin:
 - a. Review LDU funds priorities
 - i. Update signage (on hold for Commission direction on logo)
 - ii. Bus stop shelters
 - iii. Uniform beach access and equipment (trash cans, etc.)
 - b. “Grand Opening” once the Nature Park has been relandscaped
 - c. Possible spring gathering
 - d. Other ideas

MISCELLANEOUS

1. How many projects can PAR keep in process at one time?

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FOR THE TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES

Wednesday October 25, 2023

Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee for Redington Shores was called to order at 5PM by Chair Loretta Fricks on October 25, 2023. Meeting was held at Town Hall, 17425 Gulf Blvd, Redington Shores, FL 33708.

In Attendance: Loretta Fricks, Bonnie Utz, CJ Hoyt, Cathy Sypniewski, Michelle Ganio, and Ginger McQuigg Commissioner Herig was also in attendance. Absent, Marie Polena and Emily Schrader.

Old Business –

Town Wide Picnic - The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the Town Picnic that was held on October 14th. Everyone felt that it was one of the best attended picnics ever held and that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and appreciated the event. There was a lot of discussion on how to fine tune and improve next year's Town Wide Picnic. Please see attachment for a complete list of suggestions.

Landscaping –

RFP – The one response to the RFP that was published on Demand Star came in from Kimley Horn and a copy was handed out. Unfortunately, the information was only about their firm with no information on how they could help Redington Shores. It was mentioned that the application was too onerous for small companies to apply and that we may need to go back to the drawing board to start this process again. It was suggested that we take Doris' advice and start with the "worst first" and then add on other locations after that one is complete. It was decided that our next meeting needed to be devoted to this phase of our plan to refocus.

New Business – There was none

The meeting was adjourned at 6PM and the Next Meeting will be held on November 8, 2023

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Subject: Redington Shores Landscape Design and Installation

The Town of Redington Shores (Town) would like our green spaces to be more attractive, consistent, and sustainable. The Town is interested in adding plant diversity and color to our public spaces while also minimizing long term maintenance, especially supplemental water, fertilizer, and pesticides. To move toward that goal, the Town is asking for landscapers with experience with Florida -Friendly plants to assist us with design and installation of two large beds in Redington Shores Nature Park. (DelBello Park)

The Nature Park is located on the east side of the 17800 block of Gulf Blvd. It is approximately 1.5 acres with 400 feet of waterfront along an estuary. The immediate objective is to address the planting beds along Gulf Blvd where recent storms have damaged many mature plants. The ecosystem of the park is Coastal Strand. The town would like to follow the nine principals of Florida-Friendly landscape as described in the University of Florida – Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences publication “The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Handbook.” Using the **Right Plant** in the **Right Place** is essential to a successful plan.

The entire area received a long salt soak during hurricane Idalia. There are two beds adjacent to Gulf Blvd of mainly Indian Hawthorn and Yaupon Holly outlined in red below. The Indian Hawthorn and intertangled invasives need to be removed and the area treated. The town requests landscape design and installation, integrating the Yaupon hollies, with height, color, and texture diversity using plants from the list at the website below. Crinum lilies are also acceptable since they are thriving among Mangroves on the east side of the park. The area should then be mulched with either Melaleuca or Eucalyptus or a blend of the two.

<https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/design/landscaping-for-specific-sites/salt-tolerant-plants.html>

If you have questions, please contact:

Christy Herig
Commissioner District 2
Town of Redington Shores
Comdist2@redshoresfl.com
727-423-5185

Submit your proposed design, pricing, and timeline by Nov. 27,2023 to:

Michael McGlothlin Town Administrator
Town of Redington Shores
14725 Gulf Blvd.
Redington Shores, FL 33708

(either mail, in person or electronically acceptable)



Del Bello Park

Redington Shores Town Picnic - Oct 2023

FOOD

1. Have Veggie Burgers and dogs as vegetarian option.
2. BBQ Sauce ran out. There was confusion about quantity to purchase. Next year will order online for pick up. (All items from Sam's Club.)
3. Pickles - ran out late in the day. One more jar would suffice. Consider an easy way to distribute.
4. Cookies ran out around 4, maybe 1 more tray? Put a few out on napkins for people to pick up easily and keep line moving.
5. Condiments- monitor by a volunteer... open 2 bottles at a time and replenish as needed. This could reduce waste of partial bottles. Unopened bottles could be donated or saved for future event. Also discussed wiping bottles between uses to be more sanitary.
6. Beverages other than soda - lemonade/tea/coffee? Review amount of soda purchased. Consider reducing the overall amount. Tea and non-carbonated lemon drinks are available in cans or gallon jugs. Perhaps a local coffee shop would set up /donate. Needs more exploration.
7. Wine sangria/spritzer as an alcoholic beverage alternative to beer. Can be available through beer vendor. Considerations include cost and ABV%.
8. Snowcones - ice melting. Need tray under machine to catch melt and drainage plan as the tray gets full. Perhaps put snowcones on the grass, but this could make it slippery and worse than on pavement. Snowcones should be on its own table.
9. Separate table for popcorn & cotton candy. Walk around to distribute.

LOGISTICS

10. Determine better layout for check-in to prevent bottlenecks.
11. Set up portable tables in shade near shuffleboard pad.
12. Visible signs to better direct people to check in, food, raffle tickets, etc. Or perhaps greeters at the front.
13. Consider portable toilets due to the number of people attending the picnic.
14. Station for people to sign up for email communications from town.

MISCELLANEOUS

15. Had more volunteers than needed at 11. Need a small crew at 11, only cooking and a few for help setting up. Most volunteers could be scheduled start at 12:30.
16. Have PAR committee oversee different sections of volunteers and move as needed. Example: move to busy food line instead of slow beverage line. Also make sure volunteers get relieved.
17. Confusion and objection over colored dots. Need to better explain. Part of the objection may have been caused by the back-up in getting through the line.
18. Adult games: shuffleboard, bocce ball, corn hole.
19. Bring scissors and paper wgt

20. Use one color tix at check in (one per person). Tear tickets in advance to speed up check in. Note beginning number, so we can determine how many people came. Use different color tix for sale at separate station to avoid back up at check in.
21. Have raffles at set times (on the hour or half hour?) so people could plan to listen for their numbers. Start first drawing at one hour after start. Perhaps write numbers on a board for 30 minutes to give people a chance to check tickets. Post list of prizes to motivate people to buy tickets. Advertise that raffle goes to ISPD charity.
22. Consider playing the Star-Bangled Banner or saying Pledge of Allegiance at start of picnic. Taps at the end - maybe too sad to end the festivities?

BIG HITS

23. Face painter was a big hit!
24. Name tags with sharpie in big letters worked well. Called people by name and they loved it!

FOLLOW-UP

25. Send email thanks to volunteers?
26. Accept credit cards for raffle and shirt sales. Obtain Square? Research if remote access to town hall credit process is an option.
27. Get bigger picnic signs for Gulf Blvd. Use the "yard signs" in the neighborhoods.
28. Staff and PAR to have a pre-picnic meeting the day before picnic.
29. Pig, chicken and pork all donated by same person. Since this is such a large item for one person maybe town should off-set the cost.