

Minutes of Parks & Recreation Committee

For The Town of Redington Shores

Wednesday February 14, 2024

Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee for Redington Shores was called to order at 5:01 by chair Loretta Fricks on February 14, 2024. Meeting was held at Town Hall, 17425 Gulf Boulevard, Redington Shores, FL 33708.

In Attendance: Committee Members Loretta Fricks, Marie Palena, Cathy Sypniewski, Emily Schrader and Ginger McQuigg. Absent, Bonnie Utz

Also in attendance were Christy Herrig and André Bourgeois

Old Business

1. It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2024.
2. Beach Accesses: Loretta stressed the need for the Committee to determine our next steps so that we can proceed with recommendations for what should be placed or available at each access. There was discussion about what should be on the signs regarding whether there should be one sign with all the Rules of the Beach and beach information i.e. turtle information etc. or separate the Rules from the educational information. Loretta reminded the committee that we needed to decide what the priorities were for each access such as bike racks (maybe a bent metal rack shaped like a turtle) etc. Cathy suggested that we assign committee members to review several beach accesses and come back with photos and suggestions for each access assigned to them. Cathy will make the assignments and get them out to each member. The assignments are due at the next meeting on February 28th. The group decided that the items in particular that need to be decided for each of the assigned accesses are trash cans, bike racks, benches (beach side or street side) and signage placement for Beach Rules.

As an aside, the Committee is recommending that a request be made to the County to provide two bike racks at the County Park.

3. Nature Park: The banner for Nature Park is ready and will probably be put in the green space on the N side of the park parallel to the street. Christy suggested that someone may want to take an inventory of the number of benches in the Nature Park as they seem excessive as well as the number of picnic tables.
4. Citizen Andre Bourgeois attended the meeting to see about getting the broken bench in his neighborhood repaired as it had been broken for quite some time. Loretta thanked him for bringing that to the committee's attention but felt that this was something that should be brought to the attention of the Commissioner that represents his area. He also suggested that benches down on the beaches to watch sunsets would be appreciated by residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 and the next meeting will be held on February 28th at 5PM at Town Hall.

"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."

"The Town maintains a tape recorder for all public hearings. In the event that you wish to appeal a decision the tape may or may not adequately ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings. Therefore, you may wish to provide a court reporter at your expense."