



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
Town Hall – 17425 Gulf Blvd.  
Redington Shores, FL 33708**

**REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 31, 2024 - 5:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER by Loretta Fricks at 5:02**

**ROLL CALL:** Loretta Fricks, Mary Gerst, Bonnie Utz, Ginger McQuigg, Cathy Sypniewski and Marie Palena via phone. Absent Emily Schneider

**MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded that we approve the minutes of July 13<sup>th</sup>. All voted to approve the minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Kiosks: There was discussion about ideas to improve the appearance of Message Kiosks. Pinellas County Arts Council was suggested as someone who might help with ideas. Commissioner Shoos is working with Creative Pinellas on the Crosswalks. Bonnie to get in touch with Commissioner Shoos to see if Creative Pinellas could be of help with the Kiosks, and if so, she could attend one of our meetings to discuss. Suggestion - use the back side of the Kiosks to talk about turtles and other information about the beaches.
2. Pole decorations on Gulf Blvd (Bonnie) -Understanding is that we don't own decorations. We use a company who supplies them, and we pay a fee. One issue is that pole lights are burned out and decorations don't work. The Commission needs to discuss and decide if they are going to take action to get this fixed. Ginger asked for an update on the undergrounding of utilities on the W side of Gulf as the lineup of poles is one thing that detracts from the decorations. No timeline is known currently. We are on hold for what we can do for right now.
3. Beach signage was turned over to the Commission for them to handle now.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Town Picnic: Discussion followed on how PAR can assist with Picnic. Mary has agreed to be our point person for the picnic and Bonnie will assist. Staff has our list of suggestions from last year for improvements. They will not have Commissioners check people in and eliminate the colored dots indicating Commission areas due to the bottleneck it caused. Snow cones are being eliminated and will substitute Italian Ice instead. Mary to be sure that we are making popcorn, and it has not been deleted. Staff has requested us to hand out flyers to be distributed to our streets/neighborhoods. They are making bigger signs for Gulf Blvd and using the small signs in neighborhoods. There were 400 in attendance last year. It has been requested that members of PAR help distribute t-shirts at town hall and with gathering raffle donations and the raffle at the event. Jolie has everything on a spreadsheet. PAR members need more clarification on what our jobs would be with the raffle items. Next meeting is August 15<sup>th</sup> for planning. PAR suggested that they rethink the kind of wine they were thinking of using as it would not be acceptable to real wine drinkers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.. The next meeting is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted *Ginger McZuigg*

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