

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES

Town Hall – 17425 Gulf Blvd.

Redington Shores, FL 33708

August 14, 2024 - 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Loretta Fricks at 5PM

ROLL CALL: Loretta Fricks, Bonnie Utz, Cathy Sypniewski, Marie Palena, Mary Gerst and Ginger McQuigg. Absent – Emily Schrader

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded that we approve the minutes of the meeting of July 31st. All voted to approve the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pole decorations on Gulf Blvd have been referred to the Commission and it has been determined that the Town Manager will speak to the current decorations vendor to see what suggestions they have for possible changes. It was suggested that maybe someone from PAR could attend that meeting.
2. Other items that PAR has referred to the Commission that need to have follow-up to determine the direction the Commission wishes to go are:
 - A. Nature Park sign change to new name
 - B. Beach Access Signs
 - C. County Park Beach Access Parking Islands need refreshing and clean up.
 - D. Proper Maintenance of new plantings in Nature Park. Loretta will speak to the Commission tonight regarding the care of our current new plant beds which are weed infested. She will express her concern about going forward with any new plantings in the town until such time as the current plantings can be properly cared for. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of having some type of sculpture to replace the area where the trees were lost during the recent storm. This might also be better than continuing to plant greenery that needs continual maintenance.

2. Picnic: Mary reported that she has forwarded all our suggestions to Town staff. Their next planning meeting is tomorrow.

3. Message Kiosks: Commission Schoos joined the meeting to speak about her knowledge of Creative Pinellas. It appears that they act as a resource for communities and the Arts community. There is public funding for projects that are of interest. We will need to have more discussions about what the PAR members have in mind for sprucing up the kiosks. We will need to work through the Town staff on this project as it relates to Creative Pinellas. Loretta to contact Mike to see if we can work directly with Jolie. We could also visit Creative Pinellas to see what they do. They are located in the Botanical Gardens off Walsingham.

NEW BUSINESS: None currently

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Next Parks and Rec Committee meeting is August 28, 2024, at 5 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Ginger McZuigg