



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

**REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 2024 - 5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM

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

MINUTES: It was moved, seconded and approved that we accept the minutes from the meeting of August 14, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Picnic Update – Mary reported that she and Bonnie had attended the last picnic organization meeting. She then reviewed the things that are planned for food and entertainment. Everyone was pleased to hear about some of the changes and additions. PAR members are being asked to put out signs in their neighborhoods as neighbors will allow. There was some discussion about the process of doing this. It was suggested that it would be easiest for PAR members to install them rather than getting the addresses back to the Town and having staff install them. We will need a date for the installation. The Town is sending out letters to businesses that have helped in the past and PAR members are being asked to follow up on any that have not replied. It was stated that we would need to know who received the letters and if they have responded to help with this. There was also a question about Volunteer Forms as to whether they had been modified to be more appropriate for general volunteering rather than serving on a Board.
2. Discussion on ideas to improve the appearance of Message Kiosks: Loretta reached out to Todd Wellman of Creative Pinellas for some discussion about what they do. It appears that they do not have funding for the Town to use as they don't fund projects. They match artist and projects and oversee the artist and the project. Ginger said she would find out more about the Pinellas County Arts Council to see if they might also be a resource for the Kiosks/Information Boards. Mary suggested that we need a theme for all the various things in the city such as the beach access signs and everything else. Ginger suggested that she felt the job description for the kiosks should be to paint everything except the glass and get rid of the brown. The theme could be Nature's Beach, and each artist could use that as their inspiration for painting the kiosks. They should also be charged with including at least one turtle and one sea bird in their paintings. They could be hidden in a dune or boldly featured, but they should be somewhere on every kiosk. Cathy then suggested that we could be more creative with our beach access signs by naming them such as Pelican Way or just use a picture of one of our beach birds, etc. to denote the access rather than numbering them or giving them the location of the street. We need to be a cuter beach community by incorporating the theme on everything the Town does.

Loretta reported that our next steps are to determine how many boards we have, what style of artwork do we want, have a reasonable idea of funds available etc.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nature Park planting beds:

Loretta reported that there needs to be electrical work done in the park to have everything working correctly. Duke Energy came out to make repairs but there are issues with the boxes being overgrown. It seems that there needs to be a 3' buffer around boxes for them to work. The Town Manager will be contacting the landscape company about the issue. There was also concern that no weed barrier had been installed. The Town needs to have time to get a handle on the current issues with the landscaper before we move forward with any new projects that include the park.

MISCELLANEOUS

2. Next Parks and Rec Committee meeting is September 11, 2024, at 5 pm. It was decided That there would not be a formal PAR meeting on September 25th.
3. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM

Respectfully submitted: *Ginger McZuigg*