



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TOWN HALL b 17425 GULF BLVD.
REDINGTON SHORES, FL 33708
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

September 11, 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, Marie Palena, Mary Gerst and Ginger McQuigg.
Absent – Emily Schrader and Cathy Syipniewski

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded that we approve the minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2024. All voted to approve the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Picnic Update: Mary reported that there wasn't much different from her last report. The committee will be meeting again on September 12th. She reminded us that the picnic is set for October 5th from 1-5. There were still questions about the volunteer form regarding whether or not it needed to be resigned every year. Mary will check on that. She did report that it had been revised to be more reflective of a general volunteer form rather than an application.
2. Information Stations aka kiosks: Loretta reported that Public Works is planning to remove any abandoned signs and repair any existing ones that are not in good condition. Regarding the beautification of these signs that we are suggesting to the Council, Loretta will see about having Tim Wellman of Creative Pinellas speak to the Council at the October 30th Workshop.
3. Town Holiday Decorations: More conversation about holiday decorations (it is too late to do anything for this year). If we want to suggest anything for next year it should be an agenda item for January. We discussed more ways to decorate our Town for holidays other than just the poles. Maybe utilize Constitution Park for holidays where flags are displayed and put a big display there rather than sparsely placing them on the poles. Maybe make Nature Park more festive for the holidays since the pole lighting is not at its best until the undergrounding of the utilities has been completed. This will be an ongoing discussion until we can get some resolve.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Communication with Council: There was discussion on the best way to get more information to the Council about what we do and what projects we are researching so that we can get their feedback on whether we should pursue or not, or if someone else is already working on the same thing. Maybe it would be enough to request 3-5 minutes two times per year. Whatever is set up, we should all try and be there for that meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Reminder that there will be no formal meeting of Parks and Rec Committee on September 25th and Next Parks and Rec Committee meeting is October 9, 2024, at 5 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Ginger McZuigg