

# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

## PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 17, 2022 - 10 am to 12 pm  
City Hall - Commission Chambers - 100 N. US-1 Fort Pierce, FL 34950

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of minutes from the January 20, 2022, meeting.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please sign the sign-up sheet in order to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Parks Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official action under “Comments from the Public” section.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Sponsorships - Finalize Guidelines for presentation to City Commission

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Review Public Facilities Nomination Form to Rename Pinewood Park to Bonny Dunn Park
- b. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

c. Issues at Jetty Park - FPPD

8. **BOARD DISCUSSION**

9. **STAFF DISCUSSION**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (772) 467-3065 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**Parks Advisory Committee**

**4. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Re:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of minutes from the January 20, 2022, meeting.

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**Attachments**

Draft Minutes

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**Form Review**

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**City of Fort Pierce**  
**Parks Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**January 20, 2022 @ 10:00am**  
**City Hall – Commission Chambers**

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1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 10:02am

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Recited by the Committee

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Charlene Adair, Mark Arlington, Bob Burdge, Dr. Susan Hamburger, Leslie Olson, and Ionis Jefferson-Knowles

Absent: Patty Reconco

Staff Present: Kaitlyn Ballard and Mike Reals

4. **Comments from the Public –**

There were no comments from the public at this time.

5. **Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2021, Meeting**

Motion was made by Bob Burdge, seconded by Leslie Olson, to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2021, all in favor, motion passed.

6. **Old Business**

**a. Sponsorships as an addition to the Public Facilities Naming Process–**

Dr. Hamburger researched the Sunshine Law and reported it does not pertain to this initiative. Mark Arlington stated he did not have access to research prior to the meeting. Charlene Adair provided research on other municipalities and drafted a guideline for the committee to review. This guideline was also included in the agenda packet.

It was discussed to make the scope larger, let the Commission decided on which facilities and locations will be eligible. The committee was asked to review the draft guidelines before the next meeting.

**b. Review of Parks map with district layer and determine next steps –**

The district layers will be added to the interactive map. The map will be finalized and on the city's website by the end of the first quarter.

**7. New Business**

**a. Jetty Park - Hours of Operation**

All parks in the City of Fort Pierce are open Sunrise to Sunset except for Jetty Park. The committee discussed if Jetty Park should be closed during the night. The committee would like to have a representative from the FPPD at the next meeting to discuss the issues they see at Jetty Park. The committee also discussed adding a rules sign, meters for parking, and more patrolling from the FPPD.

The committee was tasked with researching other municipalities park hours and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

**8. Board Discussion**

Charlene Adair discussed the Great American Cleanup and mentioned the committee selecting a park to cleanup that day. Charlene also discussed that she believed it was time to select a chair and two vice chairs for the committee.

**9. Staff Discussion**

Mike Reals discussed the upcoming Great American Cleanup on Saturday, March 12, 2022. He also asked the committee on what they thought about placing a plaque in the city for Commissioner Alexander. The committee recommended placing a plaque at Pioneer Park, the roundabout at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue Q or along Moore's Creek.

**10. Adjournment –**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am. Motion was made by Bob Budge, seconded by Dr. Susan Hamburger, to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, motion passed.

**Parks Advisory Committee**

**6. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 02/17/2022

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**SUBJECT:**

Sponsorships - Finalize Guidelines for presentation to City Commission

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**Parks Advisory Committee**

**7. a.**

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**SUBJECT:**

Review Public Facilities Nomination Form to Rename Pinewood Park to Bonny Dunn Park

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**Attachments**

Public Facilities Nomination Form to Rename Pinewood Park Bonny Dunn Park

Newspaper Article - Bonny Dunn

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# City of Fort Pierce Naming of Public Facilities Nomination Form

This Nomination Form is to establish a systematic and consistent approach for the official naming of public facilities in the City of Fort Pierce including parks, facilities, recreational areas, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas. The criteria for nomination are explained in the document "Guidelines for the Naming of Public Facilities".

## Nominator

Name Juanita Dunn

Address, City, State, Zip 4780 SE Glen Ridge Trail, Stuart, FL 34997

Phone (772) 359-6616 Email jdunn728@yahoo.com

## Nomination

The nominator must answer the following questions and submit this form to the City Clerk by \_\_\_\_\_

Name being nominated "Bonny Dunn Park"

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 8 Lake Vista Trail, Unit 101, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

B. Date of Death (if deceased) 1/18/22

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1/09 - 8/13

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Fed homeless community at Pinewood Park in Fort Pierce

E. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Fed homeless community for more than 4 years

a. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

### If other than a person:

A. Summarize the reason for this nomination (more detail in #3) \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Identify in detail the area of contribution made by the nominee and be specific – name either facilities or specialized areas. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other).

Bonny fed the homeless at Pinewood Park on U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce every weekday morning for more than 4 years. "Mom", as she was affectionately known by so many who loved her, prepared and delivered hot meals before going to work in downtown Fort Pierce every weekday morning. Bonny was the mother of 10 children, 5 foster children, 23 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Most people would shy away from taking on more responsibility, but Bonny's deep faith, compassionate spirit and commitment to those less fortunate is what drove her to continue to help. She bought and prepared the food in her kitchen and brought it to Pinewood Park so that the homeless would have at least 1 hot meal a day.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

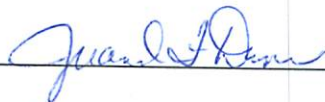
Bonny dedicated her life to volunteerism. Among the many things she did included caring for newborns affected by drug and alcohol, conducted home visits to those homebound, visiting the nursing home, volunteered her time with the Guardian Ad Litem Program in St. Lucie County, helped to train guide dogs for the blind, and fostering many newborns and children through Catholic Charities. She completed the Public Defender Investigator Internship, for which she was honored. She also attended the Sheriff's Academy Training program. She also served in prison ministry with the Catholic Church for over 20 years. Even as her health declined, she continued to secure donations for Angels of Hope Ministries, a local organization that "offers dignity, respect and a way out of homelessness".

3. Describe in detail why the name being nominated is related to this facility, including any background, details, or other relevant information.

Pinewood Park on U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce is the park Bonny went to everyday to feed the homeless community. Her non-stop compassion for those in need is what drove her everyday to keep helping others. She fed sometimes as many as 40 men, women and children everyday until she turned 80.

Bonny was well known in the downtown Fort Pierce area by Judges, Attorneys, and Civic Leaders who not only supported her efforts to feed the homeless, but also celebrated her accomplishments.

Signature of Nominator



Return the completed forms by email or mail to:

**Email:** [lcox@cityoffortpierce.com](mailto:lcox@cityoffortpierce.com)

**Mail:** Linda Cox, City Clerk, City of Fort Pierce, 100 N US Highway 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34950



# St. Lucie News Tribune

SERVING FORT PIERCE AND PORT ST. LUCIE ■ SCRIPPS TREASURE COAST NEWSPAPERS

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

## 'Mom' feeds homeless each day



**ERIC HASERT** / eric.hasert@scn.scripps.com  
Pedro Valentin, left, one of several homeless people who gather at the Pinewood Park pavilion, shares a moment Tuesday with Bonny Dunn, a Port St. Lucie resident who cooks breakfast every weekday morning for the crowd who gather there before she heads to work as a lawyer.

**BY JONATHAN MATTISE**  
Correspondent

**FORT PIERCE** — By the time she steps foot into work each weekday morning, Bonny Dunn has already cooked up a hearty breakfast of eggs, grits, muffins and biscuits for a group of guys who otherwise might not find a meal to eat.

Since January, Dunn has been bringing out a spread and sharing her maternal affection for about 30 homeless men at the pavilion at Pinewood Park each week, Monday through Friday, before heading to work.

In turn, the group has embraced the altruistic 77-year-old as a mentor, friend, and — the moniker that resonates the most — the group's "Mom."

"I'm just trying to get some help for people," Dunn said. "For the most part they don't even have a car to sleep in. What little possessions they have get stolen because they have nowhere to keep them. I'm trying to show them

"If it wasn't for Mom and Pastor Dave coming out here to share their experiences, a lot of us would probably be up the road in prison."

**Pedro Valentin, 48**

Dunn first helped feed the group early in January when she brought by a simple breakfast for two or three guys, and the day after more decided to come by.

"The next day there were about four people, and the dishes kept getting bigger and bigger," Dunn said.

The group Tuesday morning arrived on foot or bicycle, held hands in a circle to join in prayer, and dug in.

"It's a blessing," said Quincy

"If it wasn't for people like her, a lot of people out here would be very hungry."

Community members Jane Rowley, Diamond Litty, Wendy Dwyer, Scott Van Duzer, Mitch Kloortan and Sydney Laebman came by to greet the group and hand out food.

Van Duzer, the owner of Big Apple Pizza in Fort Pierce, offered to serve up some pizza for their main breakfast course the next morning.

Despite their struggles finding work and stability, the group at Pinewood has grown close to and gotten some perspective from Dunn and Pastor Dave Maek, who leads them in worship on weekends.

"If it wasn't for Mom and Pastor Dave coming out here to share their experiences, a lot of us would probably be up the road in prison," said Pedro Valentin, 48, who met "Mom" with a bouquet of flowers Tuesday morning. "It's a blessing for these people to come out here and show us

**Parks Advisory Committee**

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Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

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Issues at Jetty Park - FPPD

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