

CITY OF FORT PIERCE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting - Thursday, June 15, 2023 - 10 am

City Hall - Commission Chambers - 100 N. US-1, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **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.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update on Pioneer Park Plaques Program

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **BOARD DISCUSSION**

9. **STAFF DISCUSSION**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Parks Advisory Committee

5. a.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2023

Re:

SUBJECT:

Approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting.

Attachments

Minutes

Form Review

Form Started By: Linda Cox

Started On: 06/13/2023 04:17 PM

Final Approval Date: 06/13/2023

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City of Fort Pierce
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
April 20, 2023, @ 10:00 am Regular Meeting
City Hall – Commission Chambers

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

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

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Charlene Adair, Ionis Jefferson, Mary Ann Durkin, Eileen Emery, Renella Mitchell, Patty Reconco, and Bob Burdge

Absent: None

Staff Present: Kaitlyn Ballard

Guests: Charlie Hayek, Ernie Small, and Forest Blanton

4. **Comments from the Public**

Members of the Treasure Coast Youth Sailing attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the organization.

Ernie Small – Informed the committee that he took over operations in 2021 and has increased their program to approximately one hundred students and four instructors. He stated they strive for safety, fun, and learning. He also stated they would like access to more launch space on the beach area.

Charlie Hayek – Informed the committee that their organization has turned the program around since the issues that arose during COVID. He stated they would like to partner with more local organizations and would like access to more space around the current building.

Forest Blanton – Informed the committee that the TCYS has strong support from the Fort Pierce Yacht Club and would like to encourage the committee to recommend renewing the lease with the Treasure Coast Youth Sailing organization.

5. **Approval of Minutes from the March 16, 2023, 2023, Meeting**

A motion was made by Eileen Emery, seconded by Patty Reconco, to approve the minutes as corrected, from March 16, 2023, all in favor, motion passed.

6. Old Business

a. **Treasure Coast Youth Sailing at Jaycee Park**

Eileen Emery researched the Indian River County Youth Sailing and presented her finding to the Committee.

- The area they use is not open to the public.
- They are open Monday-Friday from 9 AM-2 PM and are not open on the weekends.
- They are a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit.
- They are currently utilizing the old wastewater treatment plant and have future plans of expansion.

Mary Ann Durkin researched the Martin County Sailing Center and stated it was difficult to find information on their organization.

The Committee reviewed the documents from the last meeting and discussed recommending renewing the lease with the following items.

- Expanding the sailing area during the weekdays.
- Expanding parking to allow instructor vehicles.
- Expanding the area around the building
- Making sure insurance is current.

A motion was made by Ionis Jefferson, seconded by Patty Reconco, to recommend to the City Commission to renew the lease with the Treasure Coast Youth Sailing organization, all in favor, motion passed.

Charlene Adair will put the recommendation with the items discussed together and present it to the City Commission in the upcoming Conference Agenda Meeting.

7. New Business

a. **Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Second Vice Chairperson Selection**

A motion was made by Ionis Jefferson, seconded by Patty Reconco, for Charlene Adair to remain as Chairperson for the Parks Advisory Committee. All in Favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bob Burdge, seconded by Eileen Emery, for Patty Reconco to remain as the Vice Chairperson for the Parks Advisory Committee. All in Favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ionis Jefferson, seconded by Eileen Emery, for Renella Mitchell to become the new Second Vice Chairperson for the Parks Advisory Committee. All in Favor. Motion passed.

8. **Board Discussion**

Charlene Adair informed the committee she went before the Commission at the last Conference Agenda and gave the Parks Advisory Committee's recommendation for Edgartown Street Renaming. The Commission thanked the Parks Advisory Committee for their research and recommendation for this initiative.

9. **Staff Discussion**

Kaitlyn Ballard updated the committee on the Pioneer Park Plaque Program and the resolution has been completed and reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am. A motion was made by Bob Burge, seconded by Patty Reconco, to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, motion passed.

Parks Advisory Committee

6. a.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2023

Re:

SUBJECT:

Update on Pioneer Park Plaques Program

Attachments

Resolution

Form Review

Form Started By: Linda Cox

Started On: 06/13/2023 04:18 PM

Final Approval Date: 06/13/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; **ESTABLISHING THE NW PIONEER PARK HONORED PIONEER PLAQUES PROGRAM; ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING NW PIONEER PARK HONORED PIONEER PLAQUE HONOREES**; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to establish a program allowing for the placement of bronze plaques at the entrance of NW Pioneer Park honoring the historical contributions of pioneering members of the Lincoln Park Community who have contributed to its rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, this program shall be known as the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the need to establish a systematic and consistent approach for nominating and selecting Honorees for inclusion through set guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires that this Resolution create such guidelines to establish the criteria and procedures by which the City Commission shall select NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honorees for inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to have all Honoree nominations made utilizing a standard NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honoree Nomination Form; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges that the guidelines may be amended from time to time by Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida as follows:

SECTION 1. The NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program is hereby established.

SECTION 2. The Guidelines for NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program, which are attached at "Exhibit A," are hereby adopted by the City of Fort Pierce.

SECTION 3. The NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honoree Nomination Form, attached as "Exhibit B," is hereby adopted by the City of Fort Pierce.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Resolution, which shall remain in effect, it being the intent that this Resolution shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 5. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.


SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Commission.

IN WITNESS HEREWITH, we hereunto set our hands and affix the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on this 17th day of April 2023.



Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

Approved as to Form
And Correctness:



Tanya Earley, Esq.
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

GUIDELINES FOR THE NW PIONEER PARK HONORED PIONEER PLAQUES PROGRAM

Purpose

These guidelines aim to establish a systematic and consistent approach for the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program.

Inclusion of Honorees on Bronze Plaques

The City of Fort Pierce started the process of naming the NW Pioneer Park in 1981. Since that time, the park has been re-dedicated, and it is the City of Fort Pierce's wish to include names of individuals who have impacted the history, development, and progression of the Lincoln Park Community. These individuals' names will be placed on a bronze plaque at the entrance of NW Pioneer Park, highlighting their contributions, accomplishments, and life's work within the Lincoln Park Community. It is the intent of the City of Fort Pierce to maintain consistency with these guidelines. Tradition and continuity of individual names and community identification are important community values. Each nominated Honoree that is selected for a plaque must meet the criteria of this policy. Meeting all criteria, however, is not intended to and does not ensure name inclusion on a plaque.

Objectives

- Ensure plaques are easily identified and located.
- Ensure that the reputation and background of the Honorees are consistent with the values and character of the Lincoln Park Community.
- Encourage Lincoln Park Community participation in the nomination of Honorees.
- Advance the reputation of the Historic Lincoln Park Community.
- Showcase and highlight the history and contributions of the Lincoln Park Community residents.
- Increase awareness of the Lincoln Park Community's rich heritage.

Criteria

The selection process, while utilizing the above objectives, is designed to emphasize community values, community character, local and national history, geography, the environment, civics, and service to the Lincoln Park Community. Therefore, the following shall be considered in determining the appropriateness of each nomination received:

- A historical figure or other instance of historical or cultural significance within the Lincoln Park Community.
- Local leaders or heroes, both past and present, within the Lincoln Park Community.
- An individual, living or deceased, who has:
 - Made a significant impact in the Lincoln Park Community through their civic-minded involvement and activities; and
 - Contributed to the educational and social development of the youth in the Lincoln Park Community; and
 - Gone above and beyond what is required; and
 - Given of their time and talent for a significant amount of time in the Lincoln Park Community.
- An individual, living or deceased, who has contributed outstanding civic service to the Lincoln Park Community.
- An individual who was an early settler in the Lincoln Park Community.
- An individual who has already been honored with a plaque under these guidelines or whose name is already on a City-owned park or other facility is ineligible for nomination.

EXHIBIT A

Procedures

The steps for nomination and inclusion of an Honoree in the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program include, but are not limited to:

1. An open call for submission of Honoree nominations under the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program will be requested by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, which may include a deadline for submission.
2. A completed NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honoree Nomination Form will be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for each nomination.
3. Each NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honoree Nomination Form will be sent to Lincoln Park Main Street for review and research by the Pioneer Park Committee of all facts and backgrounds of the nominated Honoree, consistent with these guidelines.
4. Lincoln Park Main Street and the Pioneer Park Committee will provide all information and research to the Public Works Department.
5. The Honoree nominations will be placed on an agenda for the Parks Advisory Committee to review and provide their factual findings to the City Commission, consistent with these guidelines.
6. A representative from Lincoln Park Main Street shall attend the Parks Advisory Committee meeting and may attend the City Commission meeting to present their factual findings for each of the nominated Honorees.
7. The Honoree nominations will be placed on the City Commission Agenda for final determination as to the inclusion of a nominated Honoree in the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program, consistent with these guidelines.