

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 N. US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, **JULY 20, 2023.**

Present: Bob Burdge; Charlene Adair; Eileen Emery; Mary Ann Durkin; Ionis Jefferson-Knowles; Patty Reconco

Absent: Renella Mitchell

Staff Present: Peggy Arraiz, Director of Community Response  
Latoya Ransom, Deputy City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited by the Committee.

**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.

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the June, 15, 2023 Meeting

Motion was made by Eileen Emery, seconded by Mary Ann Durkin to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting.

AYE: Bob Burdge, Charlene Adair, Eileen Emery, Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, Mary Ann Durkin, Patty Reconco

Passed

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Parks Ordinance

Peggy Arraiz, Director of Community Response introduced the proposed revisions to the Ordinance. The Committee was directed to discuss the proposed revisions and make adjustments at future meetings.

Priority was given to parking as it is currently a pressing issue.

**8. BOARD DISCUSSION**

Bob Burdge – No comments

Ionis Jefferson reminded the Committee to keep all parks and beaches under consideration

Mary Ann Durkin inquired on who regulated the lifeguards. Ms. Adair commented that they are regulated by St. Lucie County and that there is a shortage currently.

Eileen Emery – No comments

Patty Reconco inquired if parking was allowed on the road near Old Fort Park.

Ms. Adair confirmed that parking is not allowed on any City roadways.

**9. STAFF DISCUSSION**

City Clerk Latoya Ransom clarified the request of the Committee of the location of City and County parks.

Ms. Jefferson asked for an update on the renaming of Pioneer Park. Ms. Adair provided an update on the approval process and Keep Florida Beautiful's tobacco free initiative.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Bob Burdge, seconded by Ionis Jefferson-Knowles at 11:43 p.m.

AYE: Bob Burdge, Charlene Adair, Eileen Emery, Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, Mary Ann Durkin, Patty Reconco

Passed