

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, JUNE 26, 2025.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Renella Mitchell, called the June 26, 2025, Parks Advisory Committee Board meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Erick Gill; Chase Whitaker; Mary Ann Durkin; Ionis Jefferson-Knowles; Renella Mitchell

Absent: Bob Burdge; Patty Reconco

Staff Present: Marsha Commond, Special Projects Coordinator  
Brittany Meredith, Deputy City Clerk

**3. 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.

Huntley Johnson

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the March 20, 2025 Meeting.

Motion was made by Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, seconded by Chase Whitaker to approve the Minutes from the March 20, 2025, Meeting

AYE: Chase Whitaker, Erick Gill, Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, Mary Ann Durkin, Renella Mitchell

Passed

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Jetty Park Memorial Plaques & Flowers

Special Project Coordinator, Marsha Commond, let the Committee know that the city will soon be in the process of removing the Memorial Plaques and Flowers from Jetty Park. The committee asked who originally authorized the displays and if there were any funds collected? The public were the ones to install plaques and without authorization or payment. Ms. Commond let them know the city will put out a public notice before the plaques are removed. The board asked Ms. Commond to investigate an alternative option for memorials.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Coach Fenn Park Improvement Update**

Ms. Commond let the committee know the public works department has put park improvements into their budget request for the upcoming year. They discussed a few items to be added or fixed, like basketball courts, adult exercise areas, splash pads, and baseball fields. The Public Works department is working with the Grants Department to look for any grants for improvements. The board is requesting a field trip to the various parks within the City.

Motion was made by Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, seconded by Chase Whitaker to request a field trip to the various parks within the City.

AYE: Chase Whitaker, Erick Gill, Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, Mary Ann Durkin, Renella Mitchell

Passed

### **b. Parks and Recreation Impact Fee**

Ms. Commond let the Committee know that finance controls the funds and that she is working with them to find out what has been collected and where it's been allocated.

### **c. NW Pioneer Park Program Update**

Ms. Commond let the Committee know the Commission is asking for a change to the guidelines to know where the funds come from, and to know which department will oversee the program. Ms. Jefferson asked for the original list of 22 names that was submitted to the Commission.

## **7. BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

Ms. Mitchell asked if the Board could receive badges so that way they could be identified as a part of the Parks Advisory Committee when going to City Parks.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson, Renella Mitchell, adjourned the meeting at 11:12 A.M.

