

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 20, 2022

**Attendees:**

**Members (7/7)**

Elinor Mount-Simmons, presiding

Faye Gibson (Alternate), secretary

Diane Brewer

Doloris Croom

Donna Ingle

Torben Madson

Mark Milliken

**Guest**

Despina George

**I. Call to order**

Elinor Mount-Simmons called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:32 pm on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Memorial Library.

**II. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

Donna Ingle circulated the minutes from November 18, 2021. Donna Ingle moved that the minutes be approved. Mark Milliken seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**III. Standing committee reports**

**A. Park plans**

Diane Brewer circulated the Madison Square park plan and the reprint of the brochure of the squares project. There was some discussion regarding the feasibility of rerouting the streets that currently bisect the square from their current position to a perimeter position. Diane agreed to download the committee's template for park plans and resubmit to the committee at the next meeting.

**Skateboard park**

Torben Madson shared that there is a planned fundraiser to update the skateboard park.

**B. City Commission report**

Diane Brewer, who has provided updates about matters of interest to this committee from the city commission meetings, has a scheduling conflict that will prevent her making those reports for the next few months. Elinor Mount-Simmons and Deloris Croom agreed to provide the updates in the future.

**IV. Business matters**

**A. Unfinished business**

1. Citizen memorialization press release

Elinor Mount-Simmons will talk with the city office (Deborah) to clarify the

use of the press release provided. Should further edits be required, Elinor Mount-Simmons will notify Faye Gibson who will edit as needed..

2. Park reports

*A. Riverfront:* Torben Madson was thanked for edging Riverfront park. Benches have been powder coated and should be returned to Riverfront park shortly.

*B. Bay Ave:* Mark Milliken photographed Bay Ave park and recommended that there be a contest in the schools to name the park. The parameters of the contest will need to be defined perhaps including a local historical figure or event. Actions to be taken include clearing vegetation and adding a picnic table. Due to the low elevation, the major purpose of the park may be to provide greenspace.

*C. Bayview:* After reviewing the park, Mark Milliken suggests that the lack of parking may need to be addressed in order to increase access.

*D. Dog Park:* The Mardi Gras parade to benefit the dog park is coming soon. Last year the Crewe donated \$1,600 to improve the park.

**B. New business**

1. Meeting days and times assessed

Thursdays were affirmed as the preferred day to meet. The time of meeting was moved to 6 pm

2. Slate of officers

A new slate of officers was set forth and approved as listed below:

Chair: Torben Madson

Vice Chair: Mark Milliken

Secretary: Faye Gibson

Vice-Secretary: Deloris Croom

**V. Announcements/discussion**

The idea of a newsletter about parks publicizing the good work of the volunteers and the committee was discussed. Delivery options for the newsletter include insertion into/mailed with city bills and posted to the city website. The idea was embraced but no further action was taken on the idea.

**VI. Adjournment**

Elinor Mount-Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary