



City Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes from Thursday, Oct 15, 2020

Present

Members: Elinor Mount-Simmons, Dolores Croom, Mark Milliken, Diane Brewer, Torben Madson, Donna Ingle.

Guest: Commissioner Anita Grove

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elinor Mount-Simmons at 6 pm. No minutes have yet been done for the September meeting since the Committee has no secretary currently. Therefore, no minutes were approved.

Donna Ingle went over her spreadsheet listing all City-owned parks and which Committee Member(s) selected to be the liaison. The parks are:

- 1) Allen Jones Park (not its official name) at Commerce St. and Avenue F
- 2) Empty lot on Bay Avenue opposite Buzzett home
- 3) Riverfront Park
- 4) Riverwalk Park past Up the Creek Restaurant
- 5) Dog Park
- 6) Bayview Park, 98 near IGA
- 7) Splash Pad Park
- 8) Lafayette Park
- 9) Battery Park
- 10) Battery Park annex and Popham Bldg.
- 11) Chapman Botanical Garden
- 12) Sylvester Williams Park
- 13) Marks "Park" opposite the Gibson Hotel
- 14) Skate Park on Madison Square
- 15) Scipio Creek Marina
- 16) Small park on Water St. between Gander Petroleum and Up the Creek Restaurant (name?)

Committee member's liaisons are as shown on Donna's spreadsheet. She asked that Committee Member send her changes.

Anita brought up the Commission's need for a draft of the plan process to adopt a park for maintenance, what duties are ON it for adopters and what are NOT i.e. tree removals and use of pesticides are NOT for the adopters.

Elinor stated our Committee will draft for our next meeting, November 19, for presentation to the City at its December 8 meeting.

Diane brought up the need for liaisons for other City meetings: Commission, CRA, tree committee, new Battery Park Marina committee. Liaisons would monitor their agenda and attend if anything affects any of our City's parks. Diane will take the City Commission, Donna the CRA. Others?

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Anita mentioned the Recreation Committee has an opening for one member and an alternate.

Mark Milliken gave an update on the new boat under construction in Mobile, Al. to be named "Apalachicola". He submitted a detailed report at our Committee's September meeting. obtained from his Navy contacts.

Elinor reported County Commissioner Lockley was successful in getting the County to agree to maintain Sylvester Williams park but it is seeking money. Elinor told him that obtaining money was not the mission of the Recreation Committee.

Diane brought up the RFP for Lafayette Park's hurricane damage and that the RFP should include hurricane damage to the gazebo, lights and landscaping and that she has the details previously provided to the City, and Ron Nalley. Anita agreed to follow up on this.

Anita reported the City has been asked to use the football field that was to be the new site for the dog park for the girls' soccer team because it has lighting.

Anita stated the money from park rentals goes into the City's general fund. Committee members prefer a segregated account and at least splitting money received by the City. [Did someone agree to take action on this?]

Diane agreed to do the minutes for ONLY this meeting and the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm

Diane Brewer, Acting Secretary

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