

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 21, 2021

**Attendees:**

**Members (6/7)**

Elinor Mount-Simmons, presiding  
Faye Gibson (Alternate), secretary  
Diane Brewer  
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, October 21, 2021, at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Memorial Library.

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

Faye Gibson circulated the minutes from September 16, 2021. Diane Brewer moved that the minutes be approved. Torben Madson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**III. Standing committee reports**

**A. Adopt-A-Park**

Torben Madson had provided by email an update from the Krewe of the Salty Barkers, the adoptees of the dog park. There was general discussion of the status of some of the improvements on several of the parks and Donna Ingle mentioned the success of having park plans that provide lists for city crews. Her parks are having many repairs made to items that were mentioned as needing maintenance.

**B. City Commission report**

Diane Brewer reported the distribution of plans for the Squares restoration project to members of the city commission, the city manager and the city finance director. Elinor Mount-Simmons and Faye Gibson provided details on the passage of the memorialization project by the city commission. Faye also updated the committee on the city commission decision to move forward with updating the lights at Lafayette Park.

**IV. Business matters**

**A. Unfinished business**

**Park Reports**

1. Diane Brewer completed a park report and plan for Madison Square and distributed copies to the committee for discussion. The initial discussion focused on the use of Dropbox.com and the learning curve associated with its use. It was decided to have a familiarization at the November meeting.

2. Members returned to a review of the Madison Square plan with particular emphasis on the Justin Griffin Skateboard park located therein. Conversation and internet searches took place about the establishment of the skateboard park on September 30, 2010 and the current usage of the park as well as the condition of the equipment and the potential hazards/need for repairs or decommissioning of the park. No formal vote was recorded but consensus was reached that the committee does not want to reduce the number of play areas available in the city. The suggestion was made to rework the recommendation of the presented report.

## **V. Adjournment**

Elinor Mount-Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary