

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 2021

Attendees:

Members (6/7)

Elinor Mount-Simmons, presiding
Faye Gibson (Alternate), secretary
Doloris Croom
Donna Ingle
Torben Madson
Mark Milliken

Guest

Despina George
Dennis Winterringer

I. Call to order

Elinor Mount-Simmons called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:34 pm on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Memorial Library.

II. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Faye Gibson circulated the minutes from October 21, 2021. Doloris moved that the minutes be approved. Donna Ingle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Standing committee reports

A. Adopt-A-Park: Marks Park

The committee discussed the feasibility of reincorporating the land currently used as parking spaces around Marks Park into the park to create a larger and more attractive welcome into the city. Apparently the land is owned by the city and has, through practice but not policy, been used as parking for adjacent businesses. The committee agreed to move toward returning the land to its original intent by looking for schematics or drawings on record for the park and making the recommendation to the city manager.

B. City Commission report

The November city commission gave approval for the installation of another historic marker at Riverside Park. Since the installation was not submitted to the parks committee prior to being placed before the commission, there was a recommendation that we again request that all matters related to parks be referred to this committee prior to being moved to the city manager or the city commission for decision.

IV. Business matters

A. Unfinished business

1. Citizen memorialization project
Faye Gibses agreed to get the press release changes made.
2. Park reports
Members were encouraged to complete park plans promptly

B. New business

1. Dropbox training

The Dropbox training was moved to the December meeting

2. Scipio Creek

The city's plans to rework the ADA access to the restrooms at Scipio Creek may change the space where the commercial fishing memorial was to be mounted.

Torben Madson will check on those plans and advise the committee.

V. Announcements/discussion

Dennis Winterringer, representing the city's tree committee, asked for clarification on whether the park plans include landscape plans for each park. Gathering the documentation for existing landscape plans and other details for each park is a recommended step. There was additional discussion of using the Dropbox location as a repository for the information so that it will be available for easy access. Apparently University of Georgia had done a plan in the past and plans are supposed to exist for both Riverfront and Lafayette Parks.

VI. Adjournment

Elinor Mount-Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary