

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 18, 2024

**Attendees:**

**Members (7/7)**

Mark Milliken, presiding  
Julie Bishop  
Faye Gibson, secretary  
Donna Ingle  
Mark Milliken  
Elinor Mount-Simmons  
Lynn Wilder

**Guest:**

Despina George, City Commissioner  
Dennis Winterringer, Tree Committee

**I. Call to order**

Mark Milliken called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:35 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the Apalachicola City Library.

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

Minutes from the December 21, 2023 meeting were distributed. The motion to accept the minutes, made by Elinor Mount-Simmons, seconded by Donna Ingle, carried unanimously.

**III. Business Matters**

**A. . Update on Lafayette Park**

Marie Marshall of the Historic Apalachicola Foundation met with brickworkers and expects a contract for repairs to be made to the walkways in Lafayette Park. There was discussion about the condition of the irrigation system.

**B. Update on pertinent matters from the December city commission meeting**

1. The tree committee mission statement was discussed and tabled
2. The committee's recommendations for Chapman Botanical Gardens were presented to the city commission. DEP will present their request for construction approval at the February city commission meeting. The committee suggested contacting the Apalachicola Times to inform the public of the plans..

**C. Mission statement for Parks and Recreation**

Julie Bishop presented a methodology for developing mission statements. Discussion about mission statements ensued. The committee tabled the process until February.

**IV. Announcements**

H'Cola will present a series of events in February. Watch for announcements.

**V. Adjournment**

Mark Milliken adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary