

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE
MAY 17, 2018
Approved 6-21-18

PRESENT: Tasia Jones, Mark Milliken, Torben Madsen, Diane Brewer, Robin Vroegop (by phone)

ABSENT: Elinor Mount Simmons

- I. The meeting was held open air in one of the covered pavilions on Battery Park and was called to order at 6 pm.

- II. Notes for the purpose of minutes taken by Mark Milliken at the April 19th meeting were reviewed and discussed. Diane will reduce these to draft minutes for approval at the June Committee Meeting.
 - A. Old Business
 - i. Hendel's/Porter's Park Final Review – no action taken
 - B. New Business
 - i. Dog Park – Torben advised that this is a heavily used park. An alternate site may be needed due to potential development near its current location and also to make it more prominent and accessible for tourists. Several locations were discussed. It was suggested that Sylvester Park was the best because it is already fenced, very underutilized, centrally located, and has more trees and amenities though needing improvement than the current site. Robin brought up that there is a 2nd entrance there to enhance ingress and egress.
 - C. Designation of Next Park for Review
To accelerate the Committee's work to review all parks it was agreed to try this method: over the next 30 days each Committee member would review one park thoroughly, identifying its amenities, condition etc. and take photos. Members volunteered as follows:
 - Torben and Mark – Franklin Square and Sylvester Williams Park
 - Robin – Riverfront Park
 - Tasia – dog and skateboard parks
 - Diane – Sunset ParkWith reports due for the June meeting.

IV Announcements

Mark brought up the need for a bike rack at the new library. They cost approx. \$500. He volunteered to look for one and as an alternative to ask the bike shop owner to make one.

The need for a brochure of all Apalachicola's parks was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.