

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 17, 2021

**Attendees:**

**Members (6/7)**

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

**Guest**

Commissioner Despina George  
Commissioner Anita Grove  
Lynn Wilder

**I. Call to order**

Elinor Mount-Simmons called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Memorial Library.

**II. Adoption of the agenda**

Two additional items were added to “new business” at the request of members. Faye Gibson moved it be adopted and Mark Milliken seconded and the agenda was adopted.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Faye Gibson circulated the minutes from May 20, 2021. There were two changes proposed, both to the list of adopters of parks:

- to add “Foundation” to Apalachicola Historic,
- to add Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce to the Commerce park

With those changes, Diane Brewer moved that the amended minutes be approved. Mark Milliken seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Business matters**

**A. Old business**

**1. Programs/plan updates**

Commissioner George circulated the current list of park Adoptees

- a) Park reviews by members. Madison Square (Diane Brewer) has been begun and Riverfront Park (Donna Ingle) has been completed and put into a park plan format.
- b) Citizen recognition plan. Elinor Mount-Simmons and Faye will draft a concept and send to the committee prior to presentation to the city commission at their next meeting.
- c) Park plan. Donna will send a draft to Faye who will personalize it and send it to each committee member. Each committee member will complete their park plan.

2. Standing committees

a) Adopt-a-Park update. Commissioner George circulated the current list of park Adoptees. Elinor encouraged members to attend the city meet & greet on June 22 at 4 pm at City Hall.

b) City government report. Diane Brewer informed the committee that at the June 8 meeting, the commission was presented with the proposed Battery Park order. It will have it's first reading at the July commission meeting minu the fee structure that was in the document at its first presentation.

**B. New business**

1. City's Dog Park

Torben Madson brought up citizen's requests for water at the dog park. After discussion, the committee suggested that citizens attend the next city commission meeting to request the item be moved up the water department's task list.

2. Lynn Wilder requests the committee support for a city-wide clean-up day

The committee offers their endorsement of her plan to organize an ongoing community clean up.

**V. Announcements**

A. **The Adopt-a-park meet & greet**, Tuesday, June 22, 4 pm at City Hall

B. **Apalachicola's July 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration** at Riverfront Park

C. **The CRA** in their last meeting agreed to have a structural engineer assess the old pumping station building prior to determining its future plans

D. **Elinor Mount-Simons** announced her plans to run for county commission, district 3 in 2024.

**VI. Adjournment**

After some shared news, Elinor Mount-Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary