

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 18, 2022

Attendees:

Members (6/7)

Torben Madson, presiding
Faye Gibson (Alternate), secretary
Diane Brewer
Dolores Croom
Donna Ingle
Elinor Mount Simmons

I. Call to order

Torben Madson called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:41 pm on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Memorial Library.

II. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes for the July 21, 2022, meeting were presented. Diane Brewer moved that the minutes be approved. Dolores Croom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Standing committee reports

A. City Commission report

Commissioner George was appointed as the committee contact to liason between city committees and the city commission.

IV. Business matters

A. Old Business

1. Progress on city budget line items request. The committee discussed how to best inform the city commission on the items of interest to the committee and to raise awareness of some of the parks needs.

The committee would like to author a report to be presented to the city commission. The suggested format includes:

- a. The original charge to the committee briefly summarized
- b. Brief summary of progress made to include Adopt-a-park program (signage up and a list of adopters and parks), memorialization program (2 benches donated and 2 more promised), park plans begun, formalization of a list of parks with legal addresses
- c. List of prioritized parks needs and successes: Riverfront park, the dog park and Lafayette park.
- d. List of maintenance request targeting Veteran's Park, Scipio Creek and Marks Plaza.

The report concept was moved to action by Elinor Mount Simmons, seconded by Donna Ingle and passed unanimously.

2. Donna had successfully presented Lynn Wilder's request for another memorial bench to be placed in Riverfront park to the city commission.
3. Scipio Creek park plan and ideas for development of a pollinator garden have not moved forward yet.

V. Announcements

The committee was encouraged to support the idea of a more formal placement into the city budget of the income and expenses for park maintenance. Budget hearing dates were shared.

VI. Adjournment

Torben Madson adjourned the meeting at 6:45PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary