

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 19, 2021

**Attendees:**

**Members (5/7)**

Torben Madson, presiding  
Faye Gibson (Alternate), secretary  
Diane Brewer  
Delores Croom  
Mark Milliken

**Guest**

Commissioner Despina George

**I. Call to order**

Torben Madson called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:32 pm on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Memorial Library.

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

Faye Gibson circulated the minutes from July 15, 2021. Mark Milliken moved that the minutes be approved. Diane Brewer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**III. Standing committee reports**

**A. Adopt-A-Park**

Discussion centered on generating publicity for the program. It was suggested that the program be highlighted on the announcement board at the downtown turn of US98 and that we routinely offer stories for the Apalachicola Times.

**B. City Commission report**

The September city commission meeting will be at 4 pm for only one hour so it was suggested that we limit the items we bring for approval. At the August city commission meeting Commissioner Elliot's had proposed a motion rescinding protection for the historic city squares but learned that 1) bathroom renovation for ADA compliance could be achieved within the current guidelines and 2) that the city comprehensive plan includes the protection of the squares. A workshop was proposed for the historic city squares but the proposal was tabled.

**IV. Business matters**

**A. Unfinished business**

Citizen Memorialization Project

After productive discussion about the proposed citizen recognition plan, it was decided:

1. to eliminate citizen awards from the citizen recognition plan.
2. to remove a "death" requirement from the plan
3. to wait to propose a city non-profit. Commissioner George is going to look into whether donations to the city are tax deductible and how the city will handle

donations that will exceed the cost of the item (as when a brick costs \$20 but the requested donation is \$75 to cover installation labor, etc.)

4. to set the cost of personalized bricks to \$75 per brick.

## **V. Adjournment**

Torben Madson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary