

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 16, 2025

**Attendees:**

**Members (6/7)**

Torben Madson, presiding  
Faye Gibson  
Donna Ingle  
Elinor Mount-Simmons

**Guests**

Mark Milliken  
Lynn Wilder

Despina George,  
City Commissioner

**I. Call to order**

Mark Milliken called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:30 PM on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the Apalachicola City meeting annex building on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Torben Madson joined the at 5:40 and chaired the balance of the meeting.

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

Minutes from the November 24, 2024 meeting were distributed. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Mark Milliken, seconded by Donna Ingle, and passed unanimously.

**III. Business Matters**

- A. Torben met with City Manager Travis Wade. Topics discussed included a proposed citizen input session regarding the future of the fountain at Riverfront Park as well as the need for having a potable water source at that park. Mr. Wade supported the idea of the session and will follow up with the request for a potable water source.
- B. Discussion of format for the session
- 1 Proposed date is March 13, 2025, 5:30 to 7:00 PM
  - 2 Proposed location is Holy Family
  - 3 Proposed title is “Invitation for Community Input”
  - 4 Content:
    - a Introduction of topic including the repair/maintenance issues with the fountain and the need for landscaping
    - b Present 4 to 5 options to discuss in groups
    - c Have guidelines for discussion on each table
    - d Break into discussion groups
    - e Summarize and thank the public for their time.
- C. Tree committee has worked on Jan 25 Arbor Day celebration, plans for supports(cables and buttresses) for the Chestnut Cemetery Chapman Oak. Lafayette Park plan has been approved but the city does not have the contract yet.

- D. The local veteran's groups have been alerted of the committee's willingness to assist with planning Veteran's Day and Memorial Day events and will contact us when needed.
- E. Torben Madson would like to see a Friday sunset celebration at Riverfront Park. Other ideas included an outdoor movie night on a Tuesday or Thursday during June, July and August.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

.The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM