

# City of Marco Island Florida

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

**3:30 PM**

**Community Room**

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

*Chair: Allyson Richards  
Vice-Chair: Dolores Siegel*

*Members: Kathleen Heuschkel, Lisa Hogan,  
Doug Kelly, Mitzie Kelly,  
David Shagott*

*City Staff: Daniel Smith, Joe Parrilli,  
Samantha Malloy, Martha Montgomery,  
Thomas Keisler*

## (1) CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Richards called the meeting to order at 3:30PM*

## (2) ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Member Heuschkel, Member Hogan, Member Kelly, Member Kelly, Member Shagott, Vice-Chair Siegel and Chair Richards

## (3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Chair Richards asks everyone in attendance to stand for the pledge of allegiance.*

## (4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION that this be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 7 - Member Heuschkel, Member Hogan, Member Kelly, Member Kelly, Member Shagott, Vice-Chair Siegel and Chair Richards

## (5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

*Motion by Vice Chair Siegel, Seconded by member Mitzie Kelly.*

**MOTION that this be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 7 - Member Heuschkel, Member Hogan, Member Kelly, Member Kelly, Member Shagott, Vice-Chair Siegel and Chair Richards

[ID 24-3962](#) October PRAC Minute Approval

## (6) OLD BUSINESS

[ID 24-3956](#) VCP Art Project

*Samantha Malloy gives an update on the VCP Art Project. A local artist group had reached out to donate their talents to produce artwork on the restroom building at Veterans Community Park. Park staff met with the group at VCP and went over their ideas. They had some questions about the Vietnam statue being close by and decided to go back to their group to brainstorm some other ideas for the project. The group wrote an email to Samantha Malloy stating that the Vietnam memorial statue is an overwhelming obstacle and are worried it will spoil the serenity and welcoming qualities of the fountain behind it.*

*They are also concerned with the lack of funding from the city to put towards the project.*

*The Parks and Recreation department does not have funding in the budget for this project.*

*Ms. Malloy states she will provide updates to the committee when the artist group gets back to her.*

[ID 24-3960](#) Airnasium Update

*Mr. Joe Parrilli gives an update on the Airnasium restoration project. Bowman Architecture is working on design plans. Mr. Parrilli states that they hope to begin construction in the spring.*

*Chair Richards asks about the scope of the project.*

*Mr. Parrilli states that it is a full tear down, rebuild, and that the company is still trying to source the steel for the project. The sourcing of the steel is adding to the lead time of the project.*

[ID 24-3958](#) Spray Park Update

*Mr. Parrilli states they are working with the contractor to get the materials delivered as well as getting a signed permit. Hoping to start the project in the middle of December and is estimating a 3–4-week construction time.*

## **(7) NEW BUSINESS**

[ID 24-3957](#) Dog Park

*Member Shaggot provides pictures to address some concerns he has with the accessibility of the dog park to anyone with mobility issues.*

*Member Shaggot is asking for maintenance to be done to solve the issue of uneven terrain so anyone with mobility issues can get around the entire dog park. He also states the sod that was put in has been ruined by the dogs already.*

*Member Hogan asks if we can install beach mobility mats at the dog park to solve the uneven terrain issue.*

*Mr. Parrilli says they are looking into the pads or to put down some more concrete.*

[ID 24-3961](#) 2025 Meeting Calendar

*Ms. Malloy asks the committee members to go over the proposed 2025 PRAC calendar and asks the committee if they would like to change the meeting time to 3:00PM.*

*The committee members voted, and all agreed to keep the meeting time at 3:30PM and to keep the meeting calendar as presented.*

## **(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

[ID 24-3959](#) November Staff Report

*Ms. Malloy gives the monthly report from Parks and Recreation. She also gives an update on the farmers market stating they do not cancel unless absolutely necessary at the very last minute.*

*Mr. Smith gives a report on naming of the new park. It will be called Castaways Park. Some of the equipment that was placed at the new park didn't meet the city's standards so they will be meeting with the manufacturer to address these concerns.*

*Ms. Malloy updates the committee that they have met with someone to address the shade at Veterans Community Park and will be coming up with some ideas to remedy that issue.*

*Member Siegel asks about the status of the Pickleball project.*

*Mr. Parrilli states that the city recommends that the council rejects both bids and roll the funds up into the Parks Master plan.*

*Mr. Smith states the issue with construction is trying to get contractors to come to the island due to travel distance thus inflating project costs.*

*Chair Richards asks about getting the Parks Foundation started again.*

*Mr. Smith says the staff will investigate getting the foundation started again.*

*Vice-Chair Siegel asks about how they can guarantee the money for the pickleball project will be still allocated for future improvements to pickleball in some way.*

*Ms. Malloy reminds the committee that they can write a recommendation to the city council regarding the available funds from the project.*

## **(9) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

## **(10) PUBLIC COMMENT (TIME CERTAIN 10:00 A.M..)**

*Carla Cadwell is speaking on behalf of the residents of San Marco Villas. They would like soundproofing to help with the constant noise from pickleball play. She also asks if the city can do anything about the abandoned tennis court that has not been maintained.*

*Ms. Malloy states that can be taken care of.*

*Mr. Parrilli states the acoustic panels going up at Racquet center were not all put up due to the panels blocking the breeze coming across the courts.*

*David Cadwell is representing the community of San Marco Villas in opposition to the pickleball project. He states they are policing the courts due to players being there after hours and reporting it to the police department due to staff not being there after hours. He asks if there will be an impact study on the effect of new courts on the surrounding area.*

*Mr. Cadwell also appreciates the airnasium project at Mackle Park because he takes his grandkids there all the time.*

*Mellisa Henderson is speaking as a representative of the OCMI soccer club as well as the soccer community on the island. She states they are competing for space and have a safety issue due to the lights being out on the Mackle Park field. She states the City is allowing a Naples team to practice there as well. Ms. Henderson is concerned about there being too many teams on the fields. She asks if there is a way we could give preference to Marco Island teams instead of a Naples team that has a home field in Naples.*

*Mr. Parrilli states to his knowledge the lights were working, and his team will investigate the issue.*

*Ms. Malloy states they do not give preference to one group over another. The Parks department serves all youth sports groups, and the Naples group has been using Mackle Park for a long time. She states that if they change the policy it would need to go in front of City Council.*

*Chair Richards asks if all fields are being utilized for play on Tuesday nights.*

*Ms. Malloy states that Dawn Snyder handles all field reservations, and she does her best to schedule out all facilities. Some groups do request certain parks for their field rentals. Mackle Park is just as busy as Winterberry Park.*

*Vice Chair Siegel asks if the lights being fixed would alleviate some of the issues her group is having.*

*Member Mitzie Kelly states the playground lights were on when she was there the night prior.*

*Chair Richards asks this gets added to next month's agenda.*

*Ms. Malloy suggests that Ms. Henderson meet directly with Dawn Snyder to address the issues with the fields.*

**(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE**

*Chair Richards confirms the next meeting time and date as December 17th at 3:30pm  
Member Doug Kelly states he will not be in attendance.*

**(12) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**(13) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

**(14) ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, Chair Richards adjourned the meeting at 4:31pm.*

NOTE: TWO OR MORE CITY COUNCILORS OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT