



City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Chair: Dolores Siegel

Vice-Chair: Brian Lynch

*Members: John Aguis, Matt Huneke,
Fred Kramer, John Martini,
Darin Spindler*

City Staff Liaison: Samantha Malloy

*Daniel Smith, Joe Parrilli,
Martha Montgomery, Clair Lovgren*

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

3:30 PM

Community Room

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Siegel called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

(Note: Vice-Chair Lynch did not confirm his presence at Roll Call; his participation was later confirmed at 3:34 P.M.)

Present: 6 - Member Aguis, Member Huneke, Member Kramer, Member Martini, Member Spindler and Chair Siegel

Not Present: 1 - Vice-Chair Lynch

Also Present

City Councilor Schwan

City Councilor Henry

CITY STAFF:

Mike McNees, City Manager

Jose Muchati, Fleet and Facilities Coordinator

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Siegel.

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On behalf of Member Aguis, Samantha Malloy, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Manager, requested that the agenda be amended to move Member Aguis's presentation on Pickleball Setback to Housing before the scheduled discussion on the Future of the Racquet Center, presented by City Manager Mike McNees.

MOTION by Member Spindler, seconded by Member Kramer that the Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 25-4723](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft - PRAC Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025](#)

**MOTION by Member Spindler, seconded by Member Aguis that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes of September 16, 2025 be Approved.
MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

(6) OLD BUSINESS

Member Spindler reported that he met with Member Scherzinger from the Beautification Advisory Committee and confirmed funding for the planting of additional trees throughout the city's parks. He noted his intention to present a detailed map of proposed planting sites at the next meeting so that the project could move forward promptly.

Chair Siegel and Member Spindler took a moment to commend Samantha Malloy and Dan Smith for their instrumental roles in securing Home Depot's participation in community improvement projects. Chair Siegel expressed her gratitude toward Home Depot for its support and contributions to enhancing city spaces, and members briefly discussed several of the improvements that have been completed under this partnership.

Chair Siegel also expressed appreciation to committee members and community donors for helping maintain Marco Island's designation as a Tree City USA community. In addition, she thanked those who contributed financially toward the purchase of Christmas decorations around the island.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

[ID 25-4789](#) Discussion of Racquet Center Future - Mr. McNees

City Manager Mike McNees, speaking on behalf of City Council, addressed the Committee regarding the future of the Racquet Center. He presented two key questions for the Committee's review:

- 1. Is the current fee structure appropriate for the situation we have today with pickleball?*
- 2. Is the membership model we currently have for the Racquet Center the best, most optimal, or preferred model?*
 - a. What process would you devise to come up with an answer to that question?*
 - b. What are the alternatives?*
 - c. Or are we perfectly happy with the way it is?*

Following discussion among the Committee and City staff, members agreed to convene a workshop soon to explore these issues in greater depth, with opportunities for public input.

[ID 25-4729](#) Pickleball Setback to Housing - Member Aguis

Attachments: [BoisePickleballOpinion](#)

[City of Boise Settles Lawsuit, Pickleball Courts at Two City Parks](#)
[Transitioning Back to Tennis Only](#) [News](#) [City of Boise](#)
[DailyMailFloridaRobertDavi](#)

Member Aguis presented findings from his research into the sound impact of Pickleball courts on nearby

residential housing.

(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

[ID 25-4724](#) Parks Summary Report

Attachments: [Parks Summary Report](#)

Ms. Malloy responded to Mr. Oliverio's comment about moving the Racquet Center to Veterans Community Park, and advised the Committee of the community criticism that might occur if this space is converted into a potential Racquet Center location.

Ms. Malloy presented the Parks Summary Report and invited questions from Committee members.

Chair Siegel inquired about some of the upcoming events. Ms. Malloy informed her of the upcoming events run by the City of Marco Island Parks and Recreation Department:

-October 24th, at 7:05PM, Movie in the Park will be occurring at Mackle Park and on behalf of City Government Week there will be 50 free bags of Popcorn.

-Saturday October 25th, from 4:00PM – 6:00PM there is the Halloween Spooktacular, at Mackle Park.

-November 7th, from 6:00PM – 8:00PM there will be a free concert, A Tribute to Veterans, at Veterans Community Park.

-November 11th, at 11:00AM there will be the annual Veterans Day Ceremony that is a collaboration event with the American Legion.

Member Martini suggested relocating the Farmers Market to the area in front of the bandshell at Veterans Community Park. Ms. Malloy responded that such a relocation would damage the grass area used for public seating during community events.

Chair Siegel inquired about the status of the planned demolition of the existing racquetball court and the expansion of the Racquet Center parking lot. Fleet and Facilities Manager Joe Parilli reported that the project will proceed once the newly hired Procurement Manager has fully assumed his duties.

(9) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION & FUTURE AGENDA

[ID 25-4725](#) Proposed Future Agenda Items

Attachments: [Proposed Future Agenda Items](#)

None.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT TIME CERTAIN 4:15 P.M. OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER

City Councilor Deb Henry provided an update on the total funds donated for holiday decorations.

The following Marco Island Residents came forward to provide their thoughts and input on the recent discussion of the Racquet Center Future.

- 1. Mr. Cadwell*
- 2. Mr. Oliverio*
- 3. City Councilor Bonita Schwan*
- 4. Mr. Gunkel*

(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

Next meeting date will be meeting on November 18th at 3:30 P.M.

(12) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

None.

(13) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Siegel adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Clair Lovgren, Administrative Assistant

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