



City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final

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, September 16, 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

Present: 7 - Member Aguis, Member Huneke, Member Kramer, Vice-Chair Lynch, Member Martini, Member Spindler and Chair Siegel

Also Present

City Councilor Schwan
City Councilor Henry
City Councilor Gray

CITY STAFF:
Jose Muchati, Fleet and Facilities Coordinator

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Siegel.

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Member Spindler, seconded by Vice-Chair Lynch that the Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 25-4662](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft - PRAC Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2025](#)

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

(6) OLD BUSINESS

Member Martini inquired about the impact of budget cuts on Parks and Recreation maintenance. Fleet and Facilities Manager Joe Parrilli reported that the cuts only affect new capital projects planned for Fiscal Year 2026. Further discussion on this topic took place between Staff and Committee members.

Member Martini requested an update on the shade structures at Veterans Community Park. Director of Community Affairs, Dan Smith noted the project still requires a bid but added that a community member has pledged to donate funds for its completion.

Chair Siegel asked whether Marco Island will maintain its Tree City USA designation. City Councilor Bonita Schwan informed the committee that the Tree City USA funds, as of date, are included in the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget with additional support allocated by the Beautification Advisory Committee.

Member Aguis recommended assigning life spans and scheduling timelines for future projects to allow for effective pre-planning prior to structural expiration.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

None.

(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

[ID 25-4697](#) Summer Camp Partnership Recognition - Samantha Malloy

Parks, Culture, and Recreation Manager Samantha Malloy presented Certificates of Recognition to the Marco Island Library, Marco Island Historical Museum, and Marco Island Presbyterian Church for their support during the 2025 Camp Mackle Summer Camp.

- i. Marco Island Library*
- ii. Marco Island Museum*
- iii. Marco Island Presbyterian Church*

[ID 25-4663](#) Parks Summary Report

Attachments: [Parks Summary Report](#)

Mr. Smith provided an update on the Home Depot Foundation project, including the scope of work and anticipated start date. Further discussion took place between Staff and Committee Members.

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

Chair Siegel inquired about evening events at the Veterans Community Park bandshell. Ms. Malloy outlined upcoming programming. Further discussion took place between Staff and Committee Members regarding this topic.

(9) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION & FUTURE AGENDA

[ID 25-4664](#) Proposed Future Agenda Items

Attachments: [Proposed Future Agenda Items](#)

Member Aguis requested adding "Pickleball Setback to Housing" to the October agenda.

Member Spindler stressed the importance of aligning programs with community requests and incorporating elements of the Parks Master Plan.

Member Spindler suggested adding "Volunteer Days at the Park" to a future agenda.

Chair Siegel informed the Committee that she talked with a previous Committee Member about the Owl Project to get more information on what would be needed to move this project forward.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

Marco Island Citizen, Tom Gunkel, raised concerns about Racquet Center capacity and recommended exploring private management options for facility operations.

City Councilor Bonita Schwan invited members and residents to join the Parks and Recreation Foundation Committee and clarified details regarding Tree City USA.

Councilor Deb Henry suggested contacting the Boy Scouts of America for volunteer support, noting opportunities for Eagle Scout projects.

(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

Next meeting date will be meeting on October 21st at 3:30 P.M.

(12) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Committee and staff further discussed Mr. Gunkel's comments regarding the Racquet Center.

(13) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Siegel adjourned the meeting at 4:42 PM.

Clair Lovgren, Administrative Assistant

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