

# City of Marco Island Florida

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

**3:30 PM**

**Community Room**

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

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

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

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

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Richards called the meeting to order at 3:30pm on July 16th, 2024.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Heather Reed, Fleet and Facilities Coordinator, Samantha Malloy, Culture, Parks and Recreation Manager, Daniel Smith, Community Affairs Director, Darrin Palumbo, City Councilman

**Present:** 4 - Member Hogan, Member Shagott, Vice-Chair Siegel and Chair Richards

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kelly

**(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved

**(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

**Yes:** 4 - Member Hogan, Member Shagott, Vice-Chair Siegel and Chair Richards

**(6) OLD BUSINESS**

[ID 24-3722](#) Owls and Rodenticide

Heather Reed, Fleet and Facilities Coordinator gives an update on the Owls and Rodenticide project. Fleet and Facilities has been working with Growth Management, specifically the environmental planner, Kathryn Grigsby. They have been in contact with Wisdom Goodworks, a non-profit, to obtain Good Bites, an alternative and organic birth control for rodents. This is to be placed at Mackle Park as the first location. This is in the procurement stage as Fleet and Facilities is trying to obtain this product.

Chair Richards mentions that several owls have been found dead and when they are sent off for testing, they are finding that the rodenticide from eating dead rats is killing them. Chair Richards asks what is involved in testing this new option for rat control at Mackle Park.

Heather Reed, Fleet and Facilities Coordinator states that the new rat birth control will come in the form of pellets and will be placed into similar bait boxes that are at Mackle Park. Ms. Reed states that the agreement with Masey covers all the parks but we will be testing this new method at Mackle Park first.

Daniel Smith, Director, Community Affairs mentions an article in the Community affairs staff report that goes to city council includes an article in the environmental portion that mentions how the coyotes on Marco Island eat 40-50 rats within a 4-hour period.

**(7) NEW BUSINESS**

## (8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

### [ID 24-3715](#) July Staff Report

Samantha Malloy, Manager, Parks, Culture, and Recreation provided an update on summer camp registration and participants. At the time of the meeting, summer camp had 178 registrations with a daily average of about 70 campers. Mackle Park also started hosting the Hailey Mae Art Class, which was well received by the community. Parks and Recreation would like to continue this class into season and is working with Ms. Hailey to try and work out the logistics. Be Fit Over 50 is continuing at the Racquet Center and has higher numbers this summer compared to last summer. The instructor is moving after the summer, but a replacement instructor has already been found and is ready to fill her spot. With summer camp wrapping up, August will be a logistical planning month for the department going into the busy season. Be Fit Over 50 will look different next summer due to the Racquet Center construction taking out the space where the class is currently taking place in the summer. Ms. Malloy stated that with camp going on we will not be able to accommodate them at Mackle Park due to a lack of space.

### [ID 24-3730](#) VCP Art Project

Samantha Malloy, Manager, Parks, Culture, and Recreation gives an update about a proposed art project. We have some local artists who reached out and are interested in painting the walls of the restroom building at Veterans Community Park. They will be coming to the August PRAC committee meeting to present their ideas. The Beautification Committee chair will also be coming to the August PRAC meeting to discuss the potential of a new park at the parcel of land next to the racquet center.

Ms. Siegel asked about how we would find the price of getting the building painted in a primer before the artists can paint.

Ms. Malloy says we cannot get an exact price until we know the artist's vision for the project. We will need a quote from a company to paint the primer, but the department does not have additional funds to put towards this project. We will need to gather public input and comments about this project before we make any decisions.

Chair Richards asks if this will conflict with Mr. Rubenstein's idea of turning that building into a welcome center. We will be inviting him to give his ideas about this at the September PRAC meeting.

### [ID 24-3732](#) Dog Park Update

Heather Reed, Fleets and Facilities Coordinator gives an update about the Dog Park. Fleets and Facilities has received the purchase order for the new sod for the dog park. Affordable landscaping will need a month to receive the sod and then install sometime in August.

Ms. Richards asks if they will be sectioning off the dog park to do the work in sections. Ms. Reed says a temporary fence will be put up to allow the sod to take root into the ground.

Ms. Richards asks for an update on the repairs to the Airnasium at Mackle Park. Ms. Malloy gives an update stating the patchwork done to the roof has fixed the issues with the puddles on the court.

Ms. Reed states that the design costs to re-do the Airnasium is going to city

council for approval, the estimate is \$84,000.

Ms. Reed gives an update on the Spray Park; the vendor has the contract and Fleets and Facilities is looking to submit the direct material purchase for machinery.

Ms. Hogan asks Ms. Malloy how we will be locking the gates for the Racquet center since there are updated hours. Ms. Malloy states that Mackle Park staff go and lock the gates when they close the park to adhere to the new closing policy and hours.

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

Mr. Palumbo states he loves camp Mackle and liked supporting the Camp via more funding. He also asks if the schools can donate or allow the Parks to use their space.

Ms. Malloy states that she has already reached out that is not a viable option to use for adult classes.

Mr. Palumbo is trying to reach out to some citizens to get us more shade donated to the parks. Specifically, Veterans Community Park. He states we are severely lacking in shade and will try to gather funding and ideas to solve this problem.

#### **(10) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

August 20th 3:30pm. All members present confirmed attendance.

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

Update on Racquet Center  
Lee Plumber Park – September

#### **(13) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

None

#### **(14) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Richards adjourned the meeting at 3:57pm

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Thomas Keisler  
(Administrative Assistant)

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