

# City of Marco Island Florida

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

**3:30 PM**

**Community Room**

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

*Chair: Carlos Portu*

*Vice-Chair: Allyson Richards*

*Members: Adrian Conner,  
Doug Kelly, Dawn Kuhn,  
David Shagott, Dolores Siegel*

*City Staff: Daniel Smith, Samantha Malloy, Miguel Carballo, Heather Reed*

## (1) CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Portu called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.*

## (2) ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Member Kelly, Vice-Chair Richards, Member Shagott, Member Siegel and Chair Portu

**Absent:** 2 - Member Conner and Member Kuhn

## ALSO PRESENT

*Daniel Smith, Community Affairs Director  
Tim Pinter, Public Works Director  
Samantha Malloy, Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager  
Miguel Carballo, Fleet & Facilities Manager  
Martha Montgomery, Facilities Supervisor  
Dr. Richard Blonna, Marco Island City Councilor*

## (3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Led by Chair Portu.*

## (4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Chair Portu requested Item# 8a. (Casey Lucius Presenting City Government Week) be moved to Item# 5b. (Approval of the Minutes) and requested to move Item# 7 (Public Comment) to after Item# 8 (Presentations).*

*Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager Samantha Malloy requested Item# 8b. (Sarah Jensen New Instructor for Mackle Park) be moved to Item# 5c. (Approval of the Minutes).*

**MOTION by Member Siegel, seconded by Vice-Chair Richards, that the Amended Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

**Yes:** 5 - Member Kelly, Vice-Chair Richards, Member Shagott, Member Siegel and Chair Portu

## (5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. PRAC Draft Minutes August 17, 2021

[ID 21-1819](#) PRAC Draft Minutes August 17, 2021

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Richards, seconded by Member Siegel, that the Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021 be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

**Yes:** 5 - Member Kelly, Vice-Chair Richards, Member Shagott, Member Siegel and Chair Portu

b. Casey Lucius Presenting City Government Week

*Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius came forward on behalf of the City Manager's*

*office, for Florida City Government Week, to recognize the Committee members for their time and resources by serving on the Committees.*

- c. Sarah Jensen New Instructor for Mackle Park

*Sarah Jensen provided a brief introduction as a new yoga instructor for Mackle Park. She provided an overview of her experience and certifications and cited her time in the past instructing a yoga class for seniors. She relayed her classes are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Mackle Park.*

## **(6) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. October 2021 Staff Report

### [ID 21-1820](#)      October 2021 Staff Report

*Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager Samantha Malloy briefly highlighted the upcoming Movie in the Park and Halloween Spooktacular event at Mackle Park. She stated the Parks Department's Halloween theme is Heroes, specifically the individuals who support the community, as a show of support.*

*Mrs. Malloy announced the Farmers Market is back at Mackle Park on November 17, 2021.*

*Vice-Chair Richards praised the improvements at the Dog Park and requested gravel be installed at the entrance to prevent mud from developing.*

- b. Veterans' Community Park Construction Update

### [ID 21-1852](#)      Veterans' Community Park Construction Update and Schedule

*Public Works Director and Veterans' Community Park Project Manager Tim Pinter presented the schedule for Veterans' Community Park construction. Mr. Pinter stated the notice to proceed was issued in July and construction is delayed by twenty days due to a shortage in material. On-site development workers are present to continue construction on the storm drain, water, and sewer lines. Mr. Pinter stated nine donated benches are secured to be relocated around the memorial area and a vendor is being located to address the fountain pump.*

*Vice-Chair Richards questioned the estimated date of completion, of which Mr. Pinter stated July of next year.*

## **(8) PRESENTATIONS**

- c. Racquet Center Court One Conversion by Miguel Carballo

*Fleets and Facilities Manager Miguel Carballo presented the scope, details, and budget regarding the conversion of Racquet Center Court One into a permanent Pickleball Court. He stated the pricing for the project has increased due to inflation and presented the idea to resurface two courts at the same time as court two has not been resurfaced in five years. Mr. Carballo stated potential vendors have a wait time of a couple of months, with availability falling into January or February. Supervisor of Facilities Martha Montgomery stated the resurfacing project would take an estimated two weeks to complete. Mr.*

*Carballo addressed several questions from members of the Committee.*

d. Racquet Center Court Eight Report by Miguel Carballo

[ID 21-1843](#) Presentation of Court Resurfacing Options for the Marco Island Racquet Center Clay Tennis Court Eight.

*Fleets and Facilities Manager Miguel Carballo presented the background information on Court eight's maintenance and design. He stated the system is over fifteen years old causing unreliable systems and the court has experienced vandalism. Mr. Carballo noted that all boxes have been rekeyed, locked, and a camera has been installed to prevent any further vandalism. Mr. Carballo presented nine potential options to the Committee explaining each option's estimated cost and Pros and Cons.*

*Chair Portu questioned the lifespan of the cushioned court versus a hard court. Mr. Carballo stated all courts are resurfaced every four to eight years, and depending on use with maintenance, both courts will last a long time.*

*Member Shagott requested to obtain feedback from the community for the best practice on resurfacing Court one.*

*Member Kelly requested the court fences around the pickleball perimeter be extended.*

*Chair Portu called for Public Comment*

*Tim Clune (S. Collier Blvd.) reminded the Committee of the numbers of players for tennis and pickleball and proclaimed there were uneven areas on the courts that need to be leveled if the courts are resurfaced. Mr. Clune noted additional facilities in the distance of the Racquet Center for parking.*

*Angie Corle (Butterfield Ct.) expressed her support in having more permanent courts for pickleball, stating pickleball is played throughout the day each day.*

*Diane Shagott (Bounty Ct.) relayed her opinion to resurface courts one and two at the same time as soon as possible and expressed her opinion in converting court eight into a mixed-use court to allow for more capacity.*

*Margo Folley (Cape Marco Dr.) voiced her favor to resurface court one and two when possible and provided her opinion that court eight should be developed into a permanent pickleball court.*

*Roseanne Christ (N. Collier Blvd.) stated court eight has been unavailable for tennis players to utilize and noted that the parking lot has reached capacity.*

*Grace Cheng (Seaview Ct.) informed the Committee that court eight is currently used as a teaching court for tennis professionals and recommended that court eight be converted into a mixed-use court to gauge frequency between the two sports.*

*Kim Houghton (Delbrook Way) came forward as a tennis player questioning the mission of the Racquet Center and requested for tennis to be preserved.*

*Laura Carney (Swallow Ave.) expressed that parking is still a concern and relayed that a dual-use court creates confusion due to the number of lines. Continuing, Ms. Carney questioned the rush for a decision regarding court eight.*

*Jeff Saline (Hollyhock Ct.) shared his perspective on the usage of the courts at the Racquet Center and urged for court eight to be changed based on current utilization.*

*Steve Stark (Dill Ct.) requested staff consider logistics, if pickleball courts are being "revamped", to provide a walkway between the fencing for individuals to walk on and off courts without interrupting games.*

*Vice-Chair Richards expressed concerns regarding individuals tripping from fractures on the courts. Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager Samantha Malloy informed the Committee that many of the leveling issues come from the subsurface. Additionally, Mr. Carballo stated resurfacing will mitigate most fissures on the surface. Chair Portu conveyed a need for a warranty on all future work on the courts to prevent continued problems.*

*The Committee discussed recommendations from City Staff regarding resurfacing courts one and two and the proposed maintenance options, but a vote was not taken.*

## **(9) OLD BUSINESS**

*None.*

## **(10) NEW BUSINESS**

*None.*

## **(11) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

*Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager Samantha Malloy happily announced that shade structures have been installed at Mackle Park's playground.*

*City Councilor Blonna gave thanks to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the Parks Department, and the public for their dedication to the community.*

## **(7) PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Kim Houghton (Delbrook Way) shared that tennis players have a higher charge for membership and league play and requested the rate structure be re-evaluated for the services tennis members receive.*

*Eve Stoebel (Stevens Landing Dr.) requested more bike racks at the Racquet Center.*

*Community Affairs Director Daniel Smith announced the San Marco "Wellness Way" PUD Park is to be going forward to the Planning Board and breaking ground within the following months.*

## **(12) ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.*

*PREPARED BY:*

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*Heather Reed, Administrative Assistant, Parks and Recreation*