

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

February 19, 2020

5:30 PM

Thomas Center A, Room 103 Long Gallery

## **Public Recreation and Parks Board**

*William Burger (Chair)*  
*Saeed Khan (Member)*  
*Amy Hester (Member)*  
*Sean Johnson (Member)*  
*Zane Shelley (Member)*  
*Andrew Miles (Member)*  
*Amanda Burkett (Member)*  
*David Gold (Member)*

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## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Member Johnson, Member Shelley, Member Khan, Member Burger, Member Miles, and Member Gold  
**Absent** 2 - Member Hester, and Member Burkett

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### [190861.](#) Approval of the November 20, 2019 Minutes (B)

**Attachments:** [190861 Nov 20 Minutes 20200219.pdf](#)

**RECOMMENDATION** *PRPB Approve or Disapprove Minutes with corrections*

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Shelley, that this matter be Approved as Recommended . The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

### [191002.](#) Approval of the January 15, 2020 Minutes (B)

**Attachments:** [191002 January 15 Minutes 20200219.pdf](#)

**RECOMMENDATION** *PRPB Approve or Disapprove Minutes*

A motion was made by Member Gold, seconded by Member Johnson, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

## CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

## PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPORT

### [191007.](#) Recreation Division Updates (B)

**Attachments:** [191007 Recreation Division January Updates 20200219.pdf](#)

**RECOMMENDATION** *PRPB hear updates from staff*

Heard by Recreation Manager, Billy Marcantel.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**191003. Gainesville Regional Soccer League Presentation (B)**

**Attachments:**     [GRSL Presentation.pdf](#)  
                                 [One page for PRPB.pdf](#)

Gainesville Regional Soccer League presented on recommendations for improvements at Forest Park.

Beth Rolan, Eric Wang, Rebecca Denahan, and Martin Costello represented GRSL.

Discussed requested improvements and stated safety concerns regarding fencing and lightning alert systems, and requests for Wild Spaces and Public Spaces to assume costs of improvements.

Chairperson Burger stated that the park was not currently listed as part of the WSPP projects when passed. Mr. Burger also commented on the possibility of GRSL working with the County as well with Kanapaha being another possible location for play, and also the possibility of consideration of entry fees similar to other nearby sports complexes such as Jonesville.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Steven Phillips, stated that there has been interest in petitioning that Forest Park be added to the WSPP list of projects.

Member Miles discussed impacts to current priority lists if added.

Number of residents vs non-residents using the space was also discussed.

**RECOMMENDATION**             *Hear presentation from GRSL*

**Discussed**

**191005. Foundations After School Recreation Program Presentation (B)**

**Attachments:**     [FA Rec Board Meeting Presentation.pdf](#)

**RECOMMENDATION**             *Hear staff presentation*

**Presentation was heard by PRCA Program Coordinator, Mary Harker.**

[191004.](#)

**Discussion of Naming Process for Park Located at JJ Finley Elementary School (NB)**

Jeffrey King: Presented petition to name park located at JJ Finley Elementary: Josiah T. Walls Park.

Rachel Rahvani spoke towards support of naming park.

Member Khan has asked if the Board had received any official communications and guidance.

Chairperson Burger recapped the vote in December and that we did not receive guidance from the CC. There is also possible process and action taking place, and there are thoughts that there may be other groups wanting to suggest names.

PRCA Director, Steve Phillips, stated that attorney reviewed the agreement stating that the park is SBAC property and not City property, and that the SBAC maintains control over the park where naming would be SBAC's responsibility. However it may be good to vet the process in case it is referred back to the PRPB.

The petition to rename was accepted and will be added to the agenda for the following month for public comment.

RECOMMENDATION

*Discuss the matter*

**Discussed. A petition to rename park located at JJ Finley Elementary was accepted.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

## **MEMBER COMMENT**

Member Miles and Member Gold suggested the board adopt an ideology regarding naming and renaming guidelines of facilities and parks that don't meet their standard.

Member Miles recommended making a motion that we make a statement to Commission to express an ideology that as a board we will no longer accept names for facilities using confederate names.

Member Khan recommended amending language to reaffirming.

Chairperson Burger stated he would support a motion that we reaffirm our approach to using appropriate names.

Motion was made to that the Board reaffirm their approach to using appropriate names when receiving renaming requests by Member Miles, Member Khan seconded motion. All members unanimously supported and approved motion.

**NEXT MEETING DATE- MARCH 18, 2020**

**ADJOURNMENT**