



**Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board
Approved Minutes
July 6, 2022
Council Chambers
6:30 PM**



I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Chair Jeremy Good, Board Member Allison Seward, Vice-Chair Louiza Tarassova, Board Member Andrew Smith, Board Member Michael Thomas

Absent: 0 -

Chair Jeremy Good called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. City staff also present Jay Conn, Director. Chair Jeremy Good welcomed two new board members, Andrew Smith and Mike Thomas.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2022

RESULT:	Approve
MOVER:	Vice-Chair Louiza Tarassova
SECONDER:	Board Member Allison Seward
AYES:	Jeremy Good, Allison Seward, Louiza Tarassova, Andrew Smith, Michael Thomas
NAYS:	None

Vice-Chair Louiza Tarassova made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2022. The motion was seconded by Allison Gendron and carried by roll vote.

IV. PUBLIC PERIOD

Chair Jeremy Good opened the Public Period. There being no one to be heard, Chair Jeremy Good closed the Public Period.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. DECISION - AMENDMENTS TO THE PARKS NAMING POLICY

RESULT:	Approve
MOVER:	Parks and Recreation Board Member Michael Thomas
SECONDER:	Vice-Chair Louiza Tarassova
AYES:	Jeremy Good, Allison Seward, Louiza Tarassova, Andrew Smith, Michael Thomas
NAYS:	None

The Parks Naming Policy was brought back to the board for discussion with the suggested revisions made in the last PRAB meeting. Vice-Chair Louiza Tarassova had one additional minor change to the policy to change from allowing the public two months to comment on naming proposals to a two-meeting period, given the fact there is not always a monthly meeting.

Mike Thomas made a motion to approve the amendments to the Parks Naming Policy along with a revision, IV. Procedures, 3., to change "two months" to a "two-meeting period". The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Louiza Tarassova and carried by roll vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE BOARD DEEMS ADVISABLE

Mike Thomas would like to have a discussion about the possibility of renaming Homer Hough Park to Sybelia Point Park and would like to have this item put on a future PRAB meeting agenda.

Jay Conn told the board that the Ft. Maitland project is progressing nicely and is still on schedule for completion by the end of September. Mike Thomas shared that he had an idea of possibly hosting an annual paddleboard event along with Winter Park, Dinky Dock. He believes that would be a great way to promote the expansion of Ft. Maitland into a paddling park, and to show, it's not just a place for power boats. The board was in consensus that parking at Ft. Maitland would continue to be a huge issue.

Jay Conn brought up the top two items that came out of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which were to improve trails and connectivity, and take care of the parks we have. One of the sub-priorities was to create opportunities to enjoy our lakes involving viewing and non-motorized activities, and that the improvements at Ft. Maitland certainly help with this.

Jay Conn mentioned that another Master Plan project next in line is Sybelia Beach. The contract for engineering a design has been approved by City Council and construction will likely begin towards the end of the 2023 fiscal year. Upgrades will include a pre-fab restroom, a pull up to drop off paddleboards/kayaks and a launch area.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.