

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
MAY 27, 2010**

Present: Fran Dyer, Montez James, Stephen Lyon, Luise Smith, Marilyn Stephens

Absent: Bruce Henry, Larry Kraker, Rory Lundberg, Rebecca Murphy

Approval of minutes - *Motion was made to approve as written and seconded by the Board and approved by unanimous vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Marissa Moore, Planner with City of NSB, addressed the board to discuss the revision of the comprehensive plan; specifically the Parks and Recreation open space element. Board members were provided a copy of the original plan and a copy of the proposed changes for discussion. One change is regarding changing the standards for how different types of parks are designated, i.e. a neighborhood park is currently identified as one acre per thousand population but would be changed to 2 acres per thousand population provided in 5 acre increments and a regional park is currently recommended to be 20 acres. This is the recommended guideline (not mandatory) as put forth by the State of FL.

Adhering to the guidelines has an impact on future development. When new development is proposed/approved, any shortfall would require either the City or the developer to compensate, bringing the park requirement up to standard. Timelines also need to be established. At what time should improvements occur based on population?

Money to fund projects should be set aside now going forward as part of the City's capital improvement plan. The proposed plan has been established to maintain a manageable development plan and to prevent falling too far behind within the guidelines. The board discussed multiple points (golf courses, bike paths, pool) within the proposed plan to determine the most necessary amenities, making suggestions for possible eliminations/additions.

Current land deficiencies are equipped play areas/tot lots and neighborhood parks based on population through 2025. Total current park acreage is 6.963.

Board recommends guideline change to identify neighborhood parks as follows: 2 acres per thousand population provided in 2-acre increments, rather than 5-acre increments. Such change will allow for reclassification of existing parks to hopefully eliminate standard deficiencies. It was also suggested to bring tot-playing equipment to either the Live Oak property or Babe James Center to satisfy the tot lot requirement and a splash pad at Babe James would qualify as "equipped play". These changes would allow for the parks to come out of the negative within the proposed standards.

Board agrees parks land map is needed. Park master plan would show existing parks, areas where parks are needed and what types are needed.

Recommendation to Planning & Zoning from Board to approve proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan was made with the following changes:

- neighborhood park development criteria as discussed;
- reclassification of parks to satisfy suggested requirement;
- eliminating golf courses and pools as facilities that the City is going to provide as a level of service standard;
- adding bike paths and boardwalk, jetties, and catwalks as a level of service standard the City shall provide.

Motion was made to approve the Plan with proposed changes and seconded by Board and approved unanimously.

INLET SHORES PARK HOURS: There is concern that there is not a street light within 200 feet of park, therefore, it is proposed that hours should be established as dawn to dusk.

Motion was made as proposed and seconded by Board and approved unanimously.

BUDGET CUTS: Department budget cuts were discussed. Volunteer help will be necessary to support programs. Expenses are high and personnel expected to be cut. (Babe James center costs \$180,000 to operate annually.) The goal is to keep the level of service the same, although with less resources.

SUMMER PROGRAMS: It was noted there are no busses for day camp this summer.

Meeting adjourned.