



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Chair Carol Richardson
Vice Chair Horace Jenkins
Member Laurie Hall
Member Matthew Webster
Member Travis White

**City Manager Rodolfo
Valladares**

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers
15100 NW 142 Terrace
Alachua, FL 32615

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Chair Carol Richardson.

Horace Jenkins, Vice Chair - Absent
Laurie Hall, Member - Absent

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Member Travis White.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Invocation led by Member Travis White.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Richardson asked the Members to review the agenda and make

recommendations.

Member Matthew Webster moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Travis White.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Staff Liaison Jack Hansen stated there was no old business to discuss.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A) OVERVIEW OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Staff Liaison Hansen discussed updates about events that were held recently and the desire to continue these events. Including discussion of Color Me Culture, Soccer games, Just Between Friends sale and the Annual Backpack Give Away.

Brandon Wilson stepped down after his 2-year term as 399 Sports and Recreation's President. Miss Shenita Sykes became President.

B) UPDATE ON CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Staff Liaison Hansen discussed updates, including music and arts programs. Discussed Legacy rooms uses, such as Zumba and Robotics practice.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Chair Richardson opened the floor for comment. Items discussed and any questions answered.

Chair Richardson asked for updates at the next meeting on the Grant application, which was submitted to the Alachua County Arts Council, and an update on Wild Spaces and Public Places for the goals for the upcoming fiscal year. Discussion of using the Swick House for the visual arts.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

James Curington suggested working to unify all the advisory boards. Stated seniors need support from the various boards.

Chair Richardson asked if there could be a joint meeting between the Senior Resources Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in the future.

ADJOURN

Chair Richardson took a motion to adjourn.

Member White moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Member Webster.

Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA,
FLORIDA:

Carol Velasquez
Presiding Officer
D Richardson

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Staff Liaison