



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 18, 2025

9:00 AM

MacKenzie Hall - 800 Dunlop Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 9:01 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Denick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Chairperson Christopher Denick, Vice Chair Wendy Walker, Committee Member Kyle Sweet, Committee Member Bernard Arroyo, Committee Member Dorothy Plumb and Committee Member Ralph Quillen

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Angi Semler Welch

a. Motion to Excuse Absent Member(s):

Committee Member Plumb moved, seconded by Committee Member Quillen to excuse Committee Member Semler-Welch. The motion carried.

Excused: 1 - Committeemember Angi Semler Welch

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of the ~~July 17, 2025~~, meeting minutes

The July 17, 2025 meeting minutes were adopted August 21, 2025.

This was a scrivners error and should have been August 21, 2025 minutes to be adopted. The August 21, 2025 minutes will be available at the October meeting.

b. Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

Chair Denick asked Recreation Director Andrea Miller if she had any comments to add to the proposed meeting schedule. Recreation Director Andrea Miller spoke to the proposed schedule, stating the only date that may cause conflict is March 19, 2026, due to Spring Break.

Discussion ensued regarding the allowance of unattended committee meetings.

Committee Member Sweet moved, seconded by Committee Member Quillen to approve the 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

6. Old Business

- a. September 8th City Council Meeting Information Item -
Shared Use Path (Extensions & Enhancements) Recommendations

Recreation Director Andrea Miller provided an update from the City Council meeting that was held on September 8, 2025. Ms. Miller spoke to the general feedback and direction council provided regarding the committee recommendations on the Shared Use Path Enhancements.

Discussion ensued regarding a timeline for the enhancements and the projected costs of the enhancements.

Ms. Miller spoke to the next three priorities City Council requested the Committee to continue to assess.

-3 Way stop at Rabbit Rd.

-Reconfiguration for West Gulf and Nerita St.

-New Path extension at Casa Ybel to Main St.

- b. Ballfield Sod Restoration Project Update (Committee Member Sweet)

Committee Member Sweet provided an update on the Ballfield Restoration Project.

Discussion ensued regarding a minor issue that has refrained the ballfields from opening up sooner. Committee Member Sweet informed the Committee that two spots on the fields will need to be excavated due to the condition of the clay. Committee Member Sweet spoke to the process of excavating the clay and what is to follow. He informed the committee that the ballfields will be open by their next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding events that are taking place on the ballfields and the potential grand reopening date.

- c. Discussion on Future FY27-FY31 Capital Project Recommendations

Recreation Director Andrea Miller provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding potential Capital Improvement Projects. Director Miller requested

recommendations on the areas listed below for potential improvement projects.

- Green space area at Community Park

- Skate Park/Archery area

- Open space on the pool deck area where the slide once was

Discussion ensued regarding elevation issues, insect issues at Community Park, and the new enhancements being done at Rutenberg Park.

Discussion ensued regarding potential replacement options for the slide area on the pool deck area at the Recreation Center. Possible shade sail, umbrellas, or replacement of the slide. Discussion continued regarding shade sails vs. umbrellas (coverage, takedown for storms, and maintenance.) Committee came up with a consensus that umbrellas would be the most cost effective and better option for that area.

Discussion ensued regarding fencing around the exposed electrical pool light wiring. Committee inquired about options of what could be done to make it more permanent.

The committee inquired about the green space area behind the pickleball/tennis court area. Suggestion of a possible dog park.

The committee came to a consensus to exclude Bowmans Beach Parking from Capital Improvement Recommendations.

Director Miller will update the grid for the Committee's next meeting. The Committee as well will come to a full consensus to present to council for their recommendations next meeting.

7. Reports

a. Recreation Revenue

Director Miller spoke to the reports provided. The trends tends to remain consistent. Revenue for FY 2025 is currently \$753,000.

b. Recreation Membership

Recreation Director Andrea Miller provided an update to the recreation membership staying consistent.

Discussion ensued regarding previous membership counts prior to COVID and the feedback from non-residents on the new rates.

Discussion ensued regarding the sales of the beach passes coming up soon could be a potential opportunity for promoting membership.

c. Recreation Program Updates

Director Miller spoke to updates on attendees and new activities.

- Toddler Times for Thursday mornings
- Youth Soccer
- Co-Ed Softball
- Swim Team
- Triathlon Training Program
- Youth Basketball

Discussion ensued regarding the Physical Balance Workshop. Discussion continued into other small gathering events that the Recreation Center that is currently holding and other events that will be upcoming.

Discussion ensued regarding the After School Program and the wait list. The committee inquired if there is a wait list because of staffing issues.

Director Miller provided an update on job fairs and advertisements for hiring.

Discussion ensued regarding the school enrollment for 2019 vs. the current enrollment numbers and previous years as well. Discussion continued with school funding and the requirements needed to keep school funding.

d. Sanibel School Enrollment 2025-2026

Director Miller provided an update on student enrollments. Currently there is 210 students enrolled 10 days post the new school year.

8. Chairperson's Report

Chair Denick thanked the Public Works Department and Director Miller for having the puncture vine pulled.

Discussion continued regarding other patrons and organizations along the island that were appreciative and helped remove the vine as well.

Chair Denick inquired if there will be a more permanent solution.

9. Committee Member Reports

No comments at this time.

10. Next Meeting Date

- a. Thursday, October 16, 2025

11. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

12. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 A.M.