



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 17, 2025

9:00 AM

Sanibel Recreation Center - 3880 Sanibel Captiva Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 9:04 AM

3. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Chairperson Christopher Denick, Vice Chair Wendy Walker, Committee Member Angi Semler Welch, Committee Member Kyle Sweet and Committee Member Bernard Arroyo

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Ralph Quillen and Committee Member Dorothy Plumb

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Denick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Motion to Excuse Absent Member(s):

Committee Member Welch moved, seconded by Vice Chair Walker to excuse absent members: Plumb, Sweet and Quillen. The motion carried.

Excused: 3 - Committeemember Ralph Quillen, Committeemember Kyle Sweet and Committeemember Dorothy Plumb

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of the June 26, 2025, meeting minutes

Committee Members noted an error on page 2 regarding the conversations with Ms. Miller on the topic of Sanibel Sports and the City taking on the insurance payments for the group in order for them to continue to provide services to the children. Ms. Miller further noted on page 2 the responsibilities of each entity. Deputy City Clerk Hicks noted clarifying the error and could bring the minutes back for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Public Comment

None at this time.

6. New Business

a. Community Park Discussion (Committee Member Quillen)

Deputy Recreation Director, Char Durrand, introduced the item, touching on topics to address like what projects were completed at the park in this years budget cycle, what is budgeted for next year, along with projects slated for the area in the future. She introduced Scott Krawczuk, the City's Deputy Public Works Director, who gave a brief overview and history of the work done.

Mr. Krawczuk spoke to the maintenance and repairs done to the equipment and areas of the park. The shuffleboard resurfacing, shade structure replacement, fire ant maintenance, and planting project for the volleyball area. Discussion ensued regarding standing water in the fields at the park. Mr. Krawczuk noted the unusual rainy season might be causing the lingering water. He also noted that the park backs directly onto the Sanibel slough or Sanibel Wetlands. Ms. Durrand noted opportunities to apply for grant funding. Committee Member discussion continued regarding the events that take place in that space, as well as the updates that could be made to make it more attractive for events or organizations to rent out for their events. Members came to a consensus to bring the item back at the next meeting to discuss options, priorities, and funding opportunities. Mr. Krawczuk concluded his report regarding the volleyball net maintenance. Committee Member discussion continued on the topic of multi-use courts, addressing the missed opportunities for this area, benefiting guests and residents to enjoy of all ages.

7. Reports

- a. Recreation Revenue
- b. Recreation Memberships
- c. Recreation Program Update

Ms. Durrand gave an overview of the attached report. Discussion ensued regarding trends. Ms. Durrand noted it is still hard to tell where trends will continue due to recovery efforts still happening across the island. Committee members inquired regarding a large increase in revenues for June. Ms. Durrand spoke to increased advertising and marketing efforts to various accommodations on the island.

Ms. Durrand gave an update on the Center and spoke to the pool deck resurfacing happening now at the Center. After-school program sign-ups are ongoing, currently waitlisted while the Center anticipates hiring more counselors for the program. There being a need for lifeguards and counselors to increase the capacity of the center and fulfill the waitlist. Committee members inquired about the number of students enrolled in after-school, Ms. Durrand noted it's about the same as last year. Discussion continued regarding hours at

the center and working to expand hours back to pre-COVID and pre-storm hours.

8. Chairperson Report

Chair Denick took this time to thank staff and volunteers for the success of the 4th of July event.

9. Committee Member Report

a. Ballfield Sod Restoration Project Update (Committee Member Sweet)

Committee Member Sweet gave an update on the ball field maintenance project. He spoke positively about the progress made on the fields, waiting for the grass to continue establishing, with rain totals varying vastly, which is contributing to the slow expansion of the plugged grass. Looking at August re-opening for parts of the fields for school district use and continuing to monitor for usage.

10. Next Meeting Date

a. Thursday, August 21, 2025

11. Public Comment

None at this time.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 A.M.