

City of Wilton Manors
Recreation Advisory Board



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2021 Goals and Accomplishments

December 2021

Mission:

The Mission of the Wilton Manors Recreation Advisory Board is to solicit, receive and accept donations and gifts for aid in development, maintenance and improvements of the City's parks, public ways, and public recreational facilities, subject to approval of the City Manager. Additionally, the Recreation Advisory Board shall make recommendations to the City Commission on the following:

1. All public parks, dedicated parks, playgrounds, parkways, undeveloped parklands, and recreational facilities located within the City or on lands owned by the City.
2. The acquisition, development and maintenance of parks, and playgrounds in the City.
3. The maintenance and conduct of playgrounds, recreational centers and other recreational activities in the City, and equipment, buildings, and facilities.
4. The establishment of rules and regulations for the operation of City recreational facilities and for the fees to charge the public for use and enjoyment.

Members:

Carl Shearer, Chair

Patrick Harris, Vice Chair

Helena Hantzes

Jose Cedeno

Lisa Theisen

Janet Yuen

Dion Westerman

2021 Goals / Activities

- Provide input and leadership in the Colohatchee Park expansion and public park access
- Provide special event support soliciting sponsorships, vendors and partners
- Continue to evaluate potential land acquisition opportunities and provide input
- Provide support with parks system master plan
- Recommend priorities for future 2022 City Bond Issue
- Evaluate Site 92 Proposal from Broward County once provided
- Develop Environmental Support for the City
- Evaluate Fee Schedule to help offset costs to sustain programs, amenities and services
- Review Park Naming proposals and offer input for selecting the appropriate park names
- Evaluate future CDBG and related grant projects and discuss needs and interests how to use
- Implementation of The Green Initiative findings and recommendations

2021 Accomplishments

- Revised user Fee schedule to offset City costs of recreation programs, and services to ensure public enjoyment of City facilities, which includes the dog park, boat storage and facility rentals, and addressing fee reductions for non-profit organizations effective fiscal year 2022
- Secured unanimous board approval regarding CDBG #48 funding for replacement of closed TOT playground at Hagen Park utilizing a physical community outreach approach
- Secured unanimous board approval to recommend full funding of our 10-year Parks System Master Plan and presented to the City Commission for their consideration and approval
- As requested by the City Commission, we conducted public outreach and presented results to the City Commission, which included unanimous board approval to move forward with the Site 92 acquisition proposal from Broward County.
- As requested by the City Commission, we conducted public outreach and presented to the City Commission, which included unanimous board approval to move forward with the Colohatchee Park expansion for future access as outlined in the 2010 Parks System Master Plan
- As requested by the City Commission, we conducted public outreach and presented results to the City Commission, which included unanimous board approval to move forward with the Kiwanis Club “gifting proposal” of their land and facility to the City
- Successfully provided special event support in soliciting sponsorships, vendors and partners (e.g., Taste of the Island)
- Completion of Justin Flippen Park and with formal dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony
- Pursued FRDAP application for the significant repurposing of Hagen Park
- Reviewed and secured unanimous board approval to retain current LOS of 4.25 versus consideration of lowering to 3.0 acres
- Successful start-up of Manors Market at City Hall – Sunday’s Farmer’s Market and Food Trucks
- Reviewed and approved Art Walk solicitations utilizing a formal application process
- Continue to nurture The Green Initiative with organic practices provided it’s successful and sustainable
- Today, our board is the most diverse and youngest in tenure among all City boards and we are proud of it!