

City of Wilton Manors
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board



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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
2023-2024 Goals and Accomplishments
December 2023

Mission:

The Mission of the Wilton Manors Parks & 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 Parks & 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. If requested by the City Commission, a course of action which the City Commission should take in reference to the development and maintenance of parks, parkways, waterways, library, 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. Recommendation of rules and regulations for the operation of City parks, library, playgrounds and recreational facilities.
5. Research and recommend the amounts to be charged the public for the use and enjoyment of parks, programs, amenities, and services in coordination with other City departments as appropriate and necessary, but such charges shall not be effective until approved by the City Commission.
6. Review proposals as requested by the City Commission.

Members:

John Fiore, Chair

Dylan Salem, Vice Chair

Roger Cruttenden

George DeFrance

Patrick Harris

Helena Hantzes

Charles Higgins

2024 Goals / Activities

- Provide input and leadership in the Colohatchee Park expansion and public park access
- Provide special event support soliciting sponsorships, vendors and partners
- 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
- Review applications for cosponsorship of facility fees for non-profit groups as determined by Department Cosponsorship Policy and Procedure and offer recommendations
- Evaluate future CDBG, FIND, BBIP, FRDAP and other related grant projects and discuss needs and interests how to use
- Research and recommend new product for use by Leisure Service to increase safety, efficiency and longevity of park facilities

- Review and select nominated employees for department Employee of the Quarter recognition
- Advocate for Site 92 transfer from Broward County to the City
- Review and revise mission statement for board
- Conduct annual review, evaluation and recommendations of park rules and regulations

2023 Accomplishments

- Reviewed and suggested changes to the recreation 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.
- Made recommendations regarding the use of sunsetted Island City Foundation funds for the renovation of Mickel Park restrooms and concession equipment.
- Reviewed and made recommendations for Park Rules & Regulations.
- Evaluated and approved applications for cosponsorship of facility fees for non-profit groups as determined by Department Cosponsorship Policy and Procedure, established in April 2022.
 - Applications approved in 2023 include:
 - GENVAS Café Pride Society Concert
 - Friends of Wilton Manors Parks – Monthly Membership Meetings
 - Sunserve Monthly Senior Luncheons