

## Parks Safety Council

### Meeting Summary

Monday, March 25, 2024,

Ed Ball Bldg., 214 N. Hogan Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

### Meeting Attendance

- **Park Safety Council Members:** Chair Bruce J. Tyson and Walter Bryant.
- **Zoom Members:** None.
- **Staff and Elected Officials:** Daryl Joseph; Daniel Piastuck; Terrence Hurst; Michelle Godwin-Ware.
- **Zoom Staff:** Wallen Magnus; James Taylor.
- **Visitors:** John Nooney, Philanthropic Resiliency.
- **Zoom Visitors:** None

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1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** The meeting was called to order by Bruce J. Tyson, Park Safety Council Chair, at 11:02 a.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified that there was no quorum.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** Meeting summaries will be approved when the Park Safety Council has full membership.
3. **Elected Officials Report:** None.
4. **Introductions:**
  - **Dan Piastuck**, Park Facility Safety Officer, reported fewer reports of unsatisfactory hazards. Mr. Piastuck asked the PSC how PRCS could narrow down the safety report and perhaps make it more specific for easier reading. He introduced Terrence Hurst, Park Maintenance Supervisor.
  - **Chair Tyson** requested that old items that have been closed out no longer appear in the report.
  - **Dan Piastuck** suggested creating an archive of the closed items. The report should be filtered out every 90-120 days.
  - **James Taylor** advised that the software keeps a record of all items, which is why the closed items still appear in the safety report.
  - **Chair Tyson** suggested that when an issue is completed and a closed date is input, the program automatically updates the safety report spreadsheets to indicate closure.
  - **Director Daryl Joseph** recommended that none of the columns on the safety report be blank. Not only should the spreadsheet list the issues by number of importance, but if there is no update for an issue, that should be noted on the report, that there is no update. Mr. Piastuck and Director Joseph will be tasked with making sure that the columns are not blank. This will be an implemented process improvement. Director Joseph asked if the PSC had additional process improvement suggestions for PRCS. The process improvement suggestions made by the PSC so far have been instrumental to PRCS's progress. Many playgrounds are in the process of being updated. The status of some are in the planning phase, and others are in construction. A listing of the playground equipment status can be found on the Jacksonville.gov website at <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming.aspx> and is updated once a week.
  - **Bruce Tyson** stated that improvements are still being made and that he has no recommendations. Suggestions can be sent to Mrs. Godwin-Ware before the next meeting, and they will be forwarded to Director Joseph and Mr. Piastuck for review.
5. **Public Comments:** John Nooney with Philanthropic Resiliency thanked Director Joseph and the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department for doing a good job. He stated that public access to the waterways needs to be improved and increased. The North Florida Land Trust

recognizes the recreational value that Jacksonville's waterways could provide. Mr. Nooney is looking for a sponsor to assist with better access to waterways.

6. **Chair's Report:** Chair Tyson stated that the PSC had created the Park Safety Standards, which have been approved by the PRCS Department but have not been approved as the final draft by the PSC because they could not obtain a quorum. Chair Tyson inquired who he could speak with about the possibility of the PSC Executive Order being amended to allow more than one member from each of the six planning districts, or if the number of members needed for a quorum be waived. Four members must be present to constitute a quorum. However, there are only six members, making it difficult to obtain a quorum if more than two members are out.
  - **Director Joseph** said PRCS is actively seeking solutions to this challenge to ensure the smooth functioning of meetings. He will first speak with the Director of Boards and Commissions about filling the vacant positions on the PSC and research the possibility of reducing the number of members needed for a quorum.
  - **Chair Tyson** stated that perhaps the meeting should be suspended until there is a quorum.
7. **Subcommittees and Liaisons:** None
8. **Chair Tyson, Park Safety Council Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.**

**NEXT MEETING:** The May 20, 2024, meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2024.

**LOCATION:** Ed Ball Bldg., 214 N. Hogan Street, 4th Floor Conference Rm.

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