



PARKS AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 09, 2025, at 6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers – 105 S. 2ND Street, Flagler Beach, FL 32136

PRESENT: Chair Erica Corpening, Tim Davis, Fred Ferrara, Quentin Parker, Jen Vaders

EX-OFFICIO: City Manager Dale Martin, CRA Director Casey Ryan, Recreation Director Tom Gillin, Executive Assistant Katherine Monroy, Maintenance Director Bryan Mosio

GUEST: Project Manager Tim Salka, Catalyst

ABSENT: Morgan Gallina

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Erica Corpening called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Davis led the pledge.
3. **Roll Call / Determination of Quorum:** Ms. Settle confirmed that a quorum was present.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Approve the Minutes of March 5, 2025: Motion by Quentin Parker, seconded by Tim Davis, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Review Playground Renderings and Costs from Catalyst: Tim Salka received proposals from Game Time, Playmore and REP Services. Mr. Salka reviewed each proposal with the Committee.

GameTime

GameTime's focused was on ADA compliance. GameTime chose an ocean theme for the equipment. Discussion included the cost of the rubberized ground cover; other materials that would be ADA compliant; samples of such materials; whether the surfaces would be UV stable and pervious; belted seats on the zipline to allow for inclusivity; the percentage needed in the grant for ADA compliance; limited shade covering for the area; restricted play value due to height restriction of ADA equipment and the increased the size of the playground area. The committee felt the playground appeared to be for younger children and the shade covering was limited. Total cost of proposal: \$590,764.50

Playmore - Playworld

The theme of this playground was Sunken Treasure. Playmore used the size of the current Wickline playground when designing. The equipment was divided by age group (2-5 and 5-12). Discussion included the ground cover was colored turf (at a much lesser cost than rubberized flooring); cost including demolition; more shade structure; the amount of equipment for the space; covering all age groups; fencing; not giving up green space; the type of hardware necessary to withstand a coastal environment; ADA equipment; the amount of space necessary for swings; the number of slides in the plan; the cost of the shade structures compared to the cost for residential use; warranty conditions and whether the warranty would allow for City staff to work on the structures. Total cost of the proposal: \$339,999.00.

REP Services

The theme for the playground was Ocean Beach. REP Services made their design using more landscape than what currently exists for the playground. The design included two sections for the age

groups, included integrated shade structures for more coverage of the overall playground. Discussion included the cost of the shade structures; the number of accessible features; the type of finish used on the hardware; the cost not including demo and warranty limitations based on location; the increased size of the playground adding \$80,000. Total cost of the proposal: \$695,366.03

Final Discussion

The committee liked the look and design of the Playmore-Playworld. There were features from the individual proposals that individual committee members wanted to see in the park, such as, the zipline, the boogie board feature and the integrated shade structure. The subject of using wood for the structure was discussed. The committee was informed of the amount of maintenance necessary to maintain a wooden structure compared to the material of the structures proposed. They liked the design took into account the amount of space the City currently has for the playground and the current amount of the proposal being more on target with the FRDAP grant amount.

The committee really wanted to see more shade structures incorporated in their design and there is not a swing for a toddler and/or special needs. Mr. Salka reported there is a design that incorporated independent shade structures, enabling the shade portion of the structures to be removed prior to a storm or Hurricane Season.

Mr. Ferrara suggested perhaps changing one of the swings to a bucket swing, adding a shorter zipline and the independent shade structures. Mr. Salka felt it would be much easier to manage with a firm budgeted amount.

Discussion turned to the budgeted amount for the FRDAP Grant and whether the amount could be negotiated given that the prices quoted in the grant were a few years ago. Mr. Martin thought if the amount of the grant is non-negotiable, we would need to go to the Commission to see if there is money in recreation or reserves to compensate for the cost of equipment now.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Salka to move forward, giving Playmore a not to exceed amount of \$500,000 for playground equipment and to incorporate independent shade structures, a bucket swing and a zipline. Mr. Salka did not think there would be enough room for a zipline. Mr. Ferrara asked for a shorter zipline and a single zipline instead of the longer, double zipline depicted in the rendering.

Mr. Salka asked Mr. Martin to include an amount for a site survey. The survey submitted has expired. Mr. Martin responded the \$500,000 is for the playground equipment only. He would like that to be walk out the door/ready. The survey can be paid for out of CRA funds that have been budgeted for this fiscal year.

The deadline of the FRDAP grant is the end of May and because Wickline Park is within the CRA, we will need to schedule a Special CRA Meeting before the last Regular Meeting in May. Mr. Salka thought the estimated cost for the survey would be \$40,000 and there may be engineering work needed. Mr. Martin indicated there is urgency in getting the survey completed. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Salka to come back with warranty information and specifics regarding the demolition and any other costs.

- b. Discussion and Action Regarding Selection of Playground Equipment: Motion by Jennifer Vader, seconded by Quentin Parker to have Catalyst move forward with the playground equipment and a comprehensive shade structure from Playmore with a not to exceed amount of \$500,000. The motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

- a. Next Meeting Date - May 14, 2025 – Erica Corpening will be traveling.

- 7. **Public Comments:** RJ Santore liked the swings in the Playmore rendering. He would like to see shade covering over the swings and the hardware needing to be corrosion resistant.

8. **Other Business:** Mr. Salka will be in touch with Casey Ryan or Dale Martin to get information back to the Parks Committee.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion by Fred Ferrara to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.