

## Parks Safety Council

### Meeting Summary

Monday, June 26, 2023,

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

### Meeting Attendance

**Park Safety Council Members:** Chair Bruce J. Tyson, Walter Bryant.

**Zoom:** None.

**Visitors:** None.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Director Chiquita Moore, Director Daryl Joseph, James Taylor, Lyndsey Smith, Michelle Godwin-Ware.

**Zoom:** Wallen Magnus.

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1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Bruce J. Tyson, Park Safety Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified there was no quorum.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** The Park Safety Council (PSC) will approve the March meeting summary when the Park Safety Council when the PSC seats are filled.
3. **Elected Officials Report:** None.
4. **Review of Safety Reports:**
  - **Director Darryl Joseph**
    - Director Joseph introduced Lindsay Smith to the Park Safety Council. Ms. Smith is part of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services team and oversees updating the Park Safety Report. The park's maintenance team provides Ms. Smith with updates on the progress of safety items listed on the safety report.
    - The report now includes numbers for each comment related to an issue at a park. The number for that comment correlates with the number for the corrective action.
    - The PRCS team is focusing on providing immediate attention to items that are unsatisfactory with hazards and making sure a plan is developed to address them.
  - **Lyndsey Smith**
    - Repeat items on the safety report are marked as priority. The crew is notified when an item on the safety report is a repeat item and is told it needs to be addressed immediately.
  - **Director Darryl Joseph**
    - The PRCS Department has started a Parks master plan which will result in many updates being made to the park safety report daily.
    - The work is getting done. It is just a matter of documentation of the items that are completed and in progress, once the crew is in from the field.
    - PRCS will receive another 50 million dollars for parks, walking trails, and boardwalk improvements. Unsafe playgrounds will be taken out and replaced. A list of these parks and their locations will be posted on the PRCS website for the community to view.
    - A good deal of the safety issues are maintenance items and will be resolved once playground equipment, boardwalks, and trails are repaired and or replaced.

**5. Park Safety Council's Member Comments:**

- **Chair Tyson**
    - Requested an update regarding the selection of interested citizens for the empty seats on the PSC for Planning Districts 5 and 6. The PSC has three empty seats on the PSC, Planning Districts 1, 5, and 6 and cannot move further on several items, such as the Safety Standards, because they don't have a quorum.
  - **Director Chiquita Moore**
    - Stated that she was advised that the City of Jacksonville is currently in transition and will be allowing the incoming administration to make the decision on the selection of new PSC members.
    - The PSC meetings are open to the public, so those who are interested may attend the PSC meetings as interested citizens until selections have been made. One of the new administration's focuses will be filling the many empty commission and committee seats with people throughout Duval County.
    - Once the PSC is fully staffed, it can start working on policy again.
  - **Walter Bryant**
    - Inquired if the PSC could approve the fourth-quarter report.
  - **Director Daryl Joseph**
    - The PSC should continue to draft its quarterly reports. The drafted reports can be approved once the PSC is fully staffed.
    - Would the PSC like a column added to the safety report to place item numbers?
  - **Chair Tyson and Walter Bryant**
    - The numbers on the report are fine as is.
  - **Walter Bryant**
    - Will meet with Lyndsey Smith to discuss the format of the quarterly reports at the end of the PSC meeting.
  - **Chair Tyson**
    - suggested that the PSC not meet in July one because the PSC does not have a quorum and City Council breaks in July.
- 6. Chairs Report: None**
- 7. Public Comments: None**
- 8. Subcommittees and Liaisons: None**
- 9. Chair Tyson, Park Safety Council Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 28, 2023, at 11 a.m.**

**LOCATION: Ed Ball Bldg., 214 N. Hogan Street, 8th Floor Conference Rm. 851**

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