

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER Commissioner Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Kingston Neal, Commissioner Kenneth Robinson and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Donna King.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Wyatt motions to allow Commissioner King to participate via telephone. Second by Commissioner Neal.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner King.

MOTION CARRIES

Ms. Cowart calls Commissioner King – no response.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Beach update – ribbon cutting ceremony: date discussed and decided upon Saturday, September 17 at 10 am.
2. Park donation agreement: Commissioner Wyatt noted a typo on page 3, line 4 of the agreement.
3. Verizon contract: discussion among Commissioners concluded with item on agenda for discussion/approval for January 2023.
4. Wrestling event and fundraiser event: group presentation and discussion. Ms. Cowart will follow up on the steps for ticket sales with the City. Commissioner Neal discussed this type of activity promotes undesirable behavior. Promoters stated the show can be geared more towards family.
5. NPRA Equipment purchase: Commissioner Wyatt asked the Executive Director has authority during the conference to purchase up to \$40,000 in playground equipment. Commissioner Robinson stated car rentals are no longer necessary with the availability of Uber, taxis, etc.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. Business Office

a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: Ms. Cowart reviewed written report submitted with additional updates.

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Skof report: Mr. Skof reviewed written report submitted with additional updates. The BINA hearing will be held at the September meeting.

2. Parks

Superintendent of Grounds report: Mr. Winter report: Commissioner Johnson reported parks and golf course are in normal summer operations.

3. Golf

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe gave update on upcoming golf outings and all

golf carts are repaired. He continued the new carts will not be delivered until the end of 2022 or beginning of 2023.

4. Recreation

a. Superintendent of Recreation report: Ms. Johnson report: Ms. Johnson submitted flyers and stated Summer Camp ended this week. Mr. Erwin gave an update on the Flames Football program.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards spoke about concerns at Community Days, his petition for an elected School Board for District 187 and how children do not use the parks.

Pastor Alex Soler: Pastor Soler asked for clarification on start date of building usage and stated their church can help get new lighting installed for the stage.

Dr. Sandra Leconte: Dr. Leconte spoke about the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner and hoped Commissioners would attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt motions to adjourn the Committee Meeting. Second by Commissioner Neal.

Voice vote: Aye: all Nay: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner King.

MOTION CARRIES at 7:20 pm

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Kingston Neal, Commissioner Kenneth Robinson and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Donna King

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: waived as recited in Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Wyatt motions to allow Commissioner King to participate via telephone. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner King.

MOTION CARRIES

Ms. Cowart calls Commissioner King – joins meeting via telephone at 7:27 pm

1. MINUTES: Commissioner King motions to approve the Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting (07/20/2022) and Special Meeting (08/04/2022) as presented. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner King motions to approve the monthly bills – invoices paid (07/15/2022 –08/12/2022): \$43,936.27, invoices due: \$385,582.69, invoices to be paid by credit card – approximate: \$10,384.21 and first of the month bills (September) – approximate: \$10,600.00. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve the monthly payroll: \$165,757.50. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve all petty cash funds: \$19.44 (Business Office).
Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and
Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

5. FINANCE REPORTS: Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve finance reports as presented in the Board Packet.
Second by Commissioner King.

Commissioner Wyatt asked for a report on the Sounds of Caribbean Fest and report from Mr. Hightower.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and
Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

FINANCE: COMMISSIONER NEAL: as presented in Committee Meeting.

GOLF: COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: as presented in Committee Meeting.

PARKS: COMMISSIONER WYATT: as presented in Committee Meeting.

RECREATION: COMMISSIONER KING: as presented in Committee Meeting.

Commissioner King motions to approve finance reports as presented in the Board Packet. Second by Commissioner
Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and
Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: wrestling event – 11/20/2022 in Blue Room

Commissioner Wyatt motions to postpone approval of wrestling event – 11/20/2022 in Blue Room until
September meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and
Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: fundraising event – 08/27/2022 in Blue Room
Commissioner Wyatt motions approve fundraising event – 08/27/2022 (Healing Waters) in Blue Room.
Second by Commissioner King.
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES
3. Approval: park donation agreement as presented
Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve park donation agreement as presented with necessary corrections. Second by Commissioner King.
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES
4. Approval: authority for Executive Director to spend up to \$40,000 at NRPA Conference to purchase equipment
Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve authority for Executive Director to spend up to \$40,000 at NRPA Conference to purchase equipment, plus or minus three days. Second by Commissioner King.
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Johnson motions to adjourn Regular Meeting. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Voice vote: Aye: all Nay: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES at 7:36 pm

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary