



# **PARKS AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING SILVER LAKE PARK, N. DAYTONA AVENUE AND N. 17TH STREET, FLAGLER BEACH, FL AGENDA**

**Wednesday, June 05, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

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**ALL MEETING ITEMS WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL MEETING IS COMPLETE.**

- 1. Call the meeting to order**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Old Business**
- 4. New Business**

[a.](#) Presentation and Suggestions for the City Budget

- 5. Other Business**

[a.](#) Park Improvements and Suggestions

- 6. Adjournment**

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# STAFF REPORT

Meeting Name: Parks Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Date: May 31, 2024

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**To:** Parks Committee

**From:** Kate Settle, Deputy City Clerk

**Date:** May 31, 2024

**Item Name:** Field Trip Schedule

**Background:** At the last Park’s Committee Meeting, it was the consensus of the committee for the representative of each park to present their ideas they wished to change at the park and to provide a list of items to the City Manager for consideration for the budget.

**Attachments:** the Schedule of the tour of parks for June 5, 2024.

June 5		
Stop	Park	Presenter
1 <sup>st</sup> Stop	Silver Lake Park, N. Daytona Avenue and N. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street	Quentin Parker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stop	Palmetto Park, 108 N. Palmetto Avenue	Fred Ferrara
3 <sup>rd</sup> Stop	Custer Park, 220 Palm Dr	Erica Corpening

Kathleen Settle

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**From:** Benjamin Belhumeur <belhumeur14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 3:01 PM  
**To:** Dale Martin  
**Subject:** City Park/playground improvements

You don't often get email from belhumeur14@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Mr Martin,

This is Benjamin Belhumeur, finally having the opportunity to send you some suggestions regarding potential upgrades to city parks, specifically the playgrounds therein.

Not being a professional engineer in the field of playground design, some of these suggestions, I understand, may not be feasible. I am, however, as I'd mentioned when we spoke, a father of six and have a fair bit of practical experience regarding the subject.

Below is a short list with the considerations I'd have voiced when the ad-hoc committee meets, along with explanations for each suggestion. I have organized them into what I would consider priorities, from highest to lowest.

Of course I am available to answer questions or provide clarification as needed.

1. Canvass Shades (example shown)



These shades provide a wide array of uses regarding the playgrounds. Shade keeps the children (and parents) allowing them to stay and utilize the park for longer periods of time, as opposed to leaving as a result of the sunlight and/or heat. Additionally, the shade keeps the equipment protected from the sunlight, equipment which can become unbearably hot and rendered useless to small children, and shade slows the aging/weathering/sun-bleaching of the equipment itself, increasing the amount of time before the next, we'll say, replenishment.

## 2. Benches inside any applicable fencing

Too often, with Wickline Park's playground being an example, are the seating/benches provided for parents and onlookers positioned outside the safety fencing around the playground's perimeter. This is a cause for concern for parents who may need to get to their children quickly, in the event of an emergency. Placing the benches inside the playground [proper] would better allow a parent/guardian to attend to the children as needed.

## 3. Rubberized ground flooring

Of all the surface materials regularly found at children's playgrounds, the "pour-in-place" rubber flooring, which can readily be described as a rubber mat, is the most preferred by parents and children alike. Adversely, tire chunks as well as wood mulch and pine straw, splinter the children when they trip and/or fall, and become a hot-bed for unwanted trash, glass, and, in some cases, even hypodermic needles. The general consensus is that this flooring is the most comfortable for the children, as well as the safest, some protecting children from falls of, up to, ten feet. Pour-in-place is also ADA compliant, easily repairable, and generally lasts in excess of ten years.

## 4. Dawn to dusk hours

Though not agreed to by all, the preference of many is that parks, specifically their playgrounds, be closed to patrons at dusk. Lighting the playgrounds specifically, attracts, not only children who would, as a result, usually be playing in a low-light setting, creating safety concerns, but also loiterers, who may leave behind trash, glass bottles and worse for the children to find the next day.

Thank you again for the consideration, and your willingness to bring this to the powers that be.

I Remain,

Benjamin Belhumeur  
USMC (Ret)  
919.750.5462

Flagler Beach, FL population age distribution

A complete breakdown of Flagler Beach's age demographics from 0 to 85 years, distributed across 18 age groups is listed in the table below.

Share Data

Age Group	Population	% of Total Population
Under 5 years	151	2.98%
5 to 9 years	106	2.09%
10 to 14 years	140	2.76%
15 to 19 years	138	2.73%
20 to 24 years	127	2.51%
25 to 29 years	199	3.93%
30 to 34 years	135	2.67%
35 to 39 years	122	2.41%
40 to 44 years	149	2.94%
45 to 49 years	253	5%
50 to 54 years	445	8.79%
55 to 59 years	874	17.26%
60 to 64 years	532	10.51%
65 to 69 years	402	7.94%
70 to 74 years	553	10.92%

75 to 79 years	316	6.24%
80 to 84 years	185	3.65%
85 years and over	237	4.68%

Above chart from 2023

Wickline Park, geared for all ages.

The percentage of the park dedicated to children (say 10 and under) seems sufficient since that group makes up approx. 6.5-7% of the city’s population. The equipment needs updating, but, the physical area seems of a reasonable size.

Exercise equipment is generally used by those in the 20-50 year age range or 20-22% of our population, unless someone who uses this has any suggestions the current equipment would seem sufficient

Pickle ball/tennis courts seem to be a sport that adults lean towards. If we say that that encompasses adults from 25 to 74 years of age that is approx. 73% of our population. Not being a pickle ball or tennis player I have no idea if this is up to standard, but, since a vast majority of our population could participate in this sport, this portion of the park should be kept up to date.

Volleyball court, a sport generally played by mid-teens to mid to late 40’s or roughly 22-23% of our population. At the last parks meeting (this past week) there was conversation that the volleyball court should be repaired and refreshed.

Basketball court, a sport that anyone can play but 10-59 is a reasonable spread for this sport or roughly 50% of our population. Courts are in place and maintenance is minimal.

SUGGESTIONS

Our older population (55+) has little to do with this park (aside from those who play pickle ball or tennis) and that group makes up roughly 60% of our population. There is a gazebo that would be perfect for an adult 2-person swing. This is by the back parking lot, so, it is an easy walk from that parking lot to the gazebo for seniors. Additionally, there is a spot right there that would be perfect for a horseshoe pit (right behind the tennis courts). This would allow older folks the ability to enjoy the park while walking to a minimum. Today (5/4/24) a group was in the gazebo doing yoga, so, this area is used, but a swing could still be used hung from the North wall (facing south) and would not interfere with usage.



In addition, improvements to the kid's area and updating the volleyball court, would seem to be the best use of money for the park and would be inclusive to all age categories

May 23, 2024

To all parties concerned:

I have included with this letter a list of parts I replaced and installed on the swing set in the park on N. Palmetto Avenue in Flagler Beach. The park is across the street from the house at 109 N. Palmetto Ave.

A copy of this letter and parts list will be given to the City Manager and the Flagler Beach Building Department so the swings can be inspected.

Playset Parts had the exact replacement parts that match the original ones. I replaced old worn out parts promptly because I feared a chain or other things could break at any time and did not want the park to close for repairs. School is almost out and the swing is used daily.

I saved the parts that I removed and welcome anyone to look at them. I don't think anyone would want their children or grandkids to use those swings the way they were. The worn parts will prove that. The swings are now in good order.

Sincerely.



John Timmins  
127 N. Palmetto Ave.  
Flagler Beach, FL  
Phone or text: 386-451-5226

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Section 5, Item a.




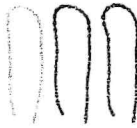








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SH-24	Galvanized Ductile Iron Pipe Beam Swing Hanger <i>Pipe Diameter: 3-1/2", Pendulum: Clevis</i>		E5-1 & F5-1	4
S-145-Y-Y	Commercial Half Bucket Swing Seat with 5'6" Fully Coated Chain (KIT) <i>Swing Color: Yellow, Chain Color: Yellow</i>		N3-1 & S12-1	1
SH-40	Clevis		BIN4 & A2-2	2
H-55F-Y	Fully Plastisol Coated Swing Chain - Color: Yellow		S12-1	2
S-14-Y	Commercial Rubber Half Bucket Swing Seat - Color: Yellow		N3-1	1
S-178-B-Y	Molded Flat Swing Seat with 8'6" Soft Grip Chain (KIT) <i>Swing Color: Blue, Chain Color: Yellow</i>		F3-2 & S9-1	1
H-85S-Y	Soft Grip Coated Swing Chain - Length: 8'6" - Color: Yellow		S9-1	2

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S-17-B	Molded Flat Swing Seat Color: Blue		F3-2		1
SH-40	Clevis			BIN4 & A2-2	2
SH-41	Hex Tool for Clevis Shackle			BIN3 & A1-3	1

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