

**TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER
1175 95TH STREET
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FL 33154**

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

**September 10, 2025
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of the July 22, 2025 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Committee Position on Town Council Process
3. Approve Final Mission, Vision, and Committee Values (Committee Members) and Survey Proposal.
4. Review Budget and 2025-2026 Program Proposals. (Presented by Joel Jacobi)
5. Evaluate 2026 Park Renovation Plans (Presented by Joel Jacobi)
6. Kayak Park: Design Updates and Opening Timeline. (Presented by Joel Jacobi)
7. 92nd Street Dog Park: Post-Renovation Update and Pending Tasks (Presented by Joel Jacobi)
8. Discuss and Approve the points to present to the Town Council:
 1. Adult Social Events.
 2. School Park Lighting Request.
 3. The Million Orchid Project. (Ready for Inclusion after July 22nd Approval).

ADJOURNMENT:

** Please be aware that certain "New Business" items on this agenda may be taken out of turn, that is prior to "Old Business", to accommodate members of the public attending this meeting for "New Business."*

Minute Parks and Recreation Meeting

Date: July 22nd, 2025

Board Participants:

Amarilys Gott

Alex Rangel

Mariana Mitroga

Minutes and Key Points:

1. The committee reviewed and edited a draft of the “Mission and Vision” statement, which will undergo final revision in the upcoming meeting:

Mission: To support the residents of Bay Harbor Islands by advising on the renewal and improvement of parks, recreational spaces, and community programs, ensuring recommendations are inclusive and reflect the needs of all residents.

Vision: To provide well-designed parks and effective recreational programs that promote connection within the neighborhood, aiming for a safe, supportive, engaging, and connected community.

Values:

1. **Family & Child Centered:** To prioritize creating safe, age-appropriate activities and spaces that address the current needs of residents.
 2. **Collaboration:** To represent residents’ perspectives and work as a committee to suggest creative and considerate ideas for public spaces and programs aligned with the community’s changing requirements.
 3. **Inclusion:** To advocate for spaces and programs accessible to all residents, irrespective of age, ability, or background, with a diverse range of activities.
 4. **Sustainability:** To encourage environmentally conscious planning and design to maintain the quality of parks and facilities.
 5. **Wellness:** To recognize the role of parks and recreation in supporting physical and mental health, providing opportunities for activity and social interaction.
 6. **Innovation and Engagement:** To seek and implement new ideas and meaningful programming aimed at enhancing quality of life and aligning with community standards.
 7. **Communication:** To maintain open communication and transparency regarding Parks and Recreation matters, adhering to all relevant codes and regulations.
2. **Public Survey.** The committee evaluated two proposals for a comprehensive community survey to be conducted by the city over a minimum period of one month, aiming to gather input regarding residents’ interests, preferences, and needs. We recommend offering multiple methods of access to the survey, such as QR codes included in the upcoming newsletter, distribution via community channels, the official website, neighborhood group chats, and availability at the community center,

among other channels. The survey should be provided in both English and Spanish and feature a mobile-friendly version.

The proposed survey includes the following questions:

1. In which area do you reside?

East / West

2. Age range

- Under 21
- 21 - 34
- 35 - 50
- 51 - 65
- +65

3. How many individuals live in your household, including yourself?

4. Do you own any pets?

5. How frequently do you utilize parks or community facilities?

- Everyday
- 5 days
- 3-4 days
- 1-3 days
- Never

6. How often do you participate in town events?

- Always
- Most of the time
- Rarely
- Never

7. Which amenities do you consider most valuable?

- Community Center
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Athletic fields (baseball / soccer)
- Tennis / Pickleball / Paddle courts
- Fitness equipment
- Walking paths or bike trails
- Shade structures or seating areas
- Dog-friendly areas
- None of the above

8. What types of programs or community activities do you prefer?

- Fitness – Yoga classes
- Swimming lessons
- Language instruction
- Book club

- Safety training (CPR)
- After-school programs
- Town events or festivals

9. Which of the following programs are of greatest interest to you:

- Cultural or art events
- Sports events (e.g., Full moon yoga / 5K run)
- Social gatherings
- Farmers markets
- Movie nights
- Children's sports or enrichment programs
- Senior programs
- Adult programs
- Environmental activities

10. What are your preferred times and days for using facilities or attending programs?

- Morning
- During the day
- Afternoon/Evening
- Monday to Friday
- Weekends only
- Every day

3. Adult Social Events: The committee has approved the motion to include this proposal in the agenda for the upcoming public council meeting. We propose organizing a variety of social events targeting different topics of interest, featuring guest speakers on themes such as "Women's Gatherings," "Parenting," and "Real Estate." These events aim to enhance community engagement and facilitate connections among neighbors. Possible formats include happy hours and breakfasts in collaboration with local restaurants.

Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting:

1. Approve final Mission, Vision, and Committee Values (committee members).
2. Review budget and 2025-2026 program proposals (Joel Jacobi).
3. Evaluate 2026 park renovation plans (Joel Jacobi).
4. Kayaki Park: design updates and opening timeline (Joel Jacobi).
5. 92nd Street Dog Park: post-renovation update and pending tasks (Joel Jacobi).
6. Add items to next Council Meeting agenda (to be presented by Parks & Recreations committee):
 - Adult Social Events
 - School Park lighting request
 - The Million Orchid Project—ready for inclusion after July 22nd approval.