



July 8, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **Parks, Recreation and Environmental Protection Board** will be held on **Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall, City Commission Chambers.**

For citizens who cannot be in attendance, please email Mark Hamilton 48 hours in advance to mark.hamilton@sarasotafl.gov to obtain a phone number to call into the meeting.

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Proceedings will be electronically recorded. Should an individual feel that a verbatim transcription of the proceedings may later be needed, said individual has the burden and expense of arranging for same. Copies of the electronic recording may be purchased from the Office of the City Auditor and Clerk.

Mark Hamilton

Mark Hamilton, General Manager of Parks and Recreation, Liaison
Parks, Recreation and Environmental Protection Board

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**Parks, Recreation and Environmental Protection Board
Regular Meeting**

**July 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Commission Chambers
1565 First St. Sarasota, FL**

AGENDA

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – Chair Fitzgerald
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – Members
- 3) Reading of the Pledge of Conduct – Chair Fitzgerald

We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another. We will direct all comments to issues. We will not engage in personal attacks.

- 4) Roll Call
- 5) Approval of Minutes from **May 15, 2025**

6) **CITIZENS' INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS SESSION 1:** (Limited to 30 minutes)

Note to the Public: At this time, citizens may address the PREP Board on topics concerning the City. (3 minutes per person time limit) Citizens' Input is to allow citizens the opportunity to present their view on matters concerning City topics but not on items scheduled elsewhere on the Agenda. Questions and answers shall not be permitted; however, matters presented to the PREP Board may be referred the Chair, with consensus of the PREP Board, to the Administration for action and possible follow-up at a future PREP Board meeting.

7) **New Business (Limited to 15 minutes each item)**

- a. Best practice of starting and securing a Parks District - Briann Harms, Executive Director, Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District
- b. Park Reviews - A.B. Smith Park, Payne Park, Payne Park Tennis Center, Payne Skate Park, Alderman Multi-Use Trail, Laurel Park – Member Watts

8) Board Agenda Reports

- a. Parks
- b. Recreation
- c. Environmental Protection

9) **CITIZENS' INPUT CONCERNING CITY TOPICS SESSION 2:** (Limited to 30 minutes)

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10) Board General Discussion (Limited to 3 minutes per member)

11) Agenda Topics by Board Members –Request and agree on items for next meeting's agenda.

12) Next Regular Meeting is set for Thursday August 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, Commission Chambers.

13) Adjournment