



City of Naples

City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

Community Services Advisory Board Meeting – September 23, 2025 – 2:30 p.m.

It is noted for the record that all documentation electronically appended hereto is also contained in the file for this meeting with the City Clerk's Office.

1) Call To Order

Chair Muracco called the meeting to order and presided.

2) Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Christina Muracco, Chair

Cassie Barone, Vice Chair

Laura Oscher

Brian Smith

Nathaniel Smith

Staff Members Present:

Chad Merritt, Community Services Director

Jason Collins, Recreation Superintendent

Aaron Hopkins, Community Services Deputy Dir.

Ali Duran, Executive Assistant

3) Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Muracco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) Announcements

None.

5) Public Comment

None.

6) Changes To The Agenda

None.

7) Approval of Meeting Minutes

None.

8) Regular Agenda

8.A) Director and Staff Report.

Community Services Director Chad Merritt informed the Board that the name of the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department was reverting to the Community Services Department, along with all its titles. He then provided an overview of the Director and Staff Report, highlighting that the second public outreach was completed for the Cambier Park Playground Project, that the Master Plan Project kickoff was completed in July 2025, and that the consultant will be gathering information from various stakeholders in the upcoming months.

Community Services Director Merritt informed the Board that funding was proposed in the budget for operating the Naples Dog Park, and staff will present the Board's recommendation to have it funded through the General Fund at a November 2025 City Council meeting. He then provided updates for the ongoing Capital Improvement Projects, the Baker Park Design Project, and the Naples Pier Reconstruction Project.

Community Services Deputy Director Aaron Hopkins stated that the City's first Halloween 5k sold out, noting that a total of 350 runners will be participating on October 10, 2025. He also informed

the Board that October 7, 2025, will be National Night Out at the River Park Community Center, October 25, 2025, will be Fright Night at Fleischmann Park, and the Naples Christmas Parade will be on December 9, 2025, with the main viewing area being moved from City Hall to Sugden Theatre on 5th Avenue South. Lastly, Deputy Director Hopkins stated that staff had been updating the Marina Operations Manual for the City Dock, and it will be presented to the City Council in October 2025. Questions were answered throughout the presentation.

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9) Member Communications

None.

10) Adjourn

3:14 p.m.

Minutes approved: 10/21/2025.