



# **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL-PUBLIC ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026-2:00 P.M.**

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1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Programs and Facilities Update
5. Budget Discussion and Recommendations
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment



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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2026 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were: Chair Candace Vick, Vice Chair Mike Pearson and Members Peggy Schiavone, Grace Bannerman, Melanie Champion, and Ray Edwards. Member Suzannah Tucker could not attend. Town Manager Bryan Chadwick and Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson were also in attendance.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Agenda Approval**

Chair Vick asked for agenda approval.

*Make a motion to approve Member Champion; second Member Schiavone; approved by all.*

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Vick asked for approval of the minutes.

*So moved Member Bannerman, second Member Champion; approved by all.*

**Programs and Facilities Update**

In a discussion on programs, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that shag lessons have been enjoyable for participants and will go through next week to conclude the six weeks of classes. The number of participants was discussed. She continued that the Town's birthday party is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2026. She told members if they had not registered and planned to attend to let her know. She also covered a new program that would begin involving the county's bookmobile coming to Bridgeview Park on Wednesdays every three weeks. The start date had not been communicated yet to the town.

Moving to a dredging update, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that the AIWW Crossing/Bend Widener project to put sand on the east end is scheduled to occur mid-March based on the last information obtained from the Corps. Additionally, as an update, the Block Q/Jordan Boulevard Master Plan RFQ responses will be on the February agenda for consideration by the BOC.

Focusing on facilities, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated the new playground equipment is currently scheduled to ship 3/1/26 and the company will be reaching out to her mid-February to coordinate removal. She said staff has been evaluating public accesses for any strain placed on them by the snow load. Finally, she reported that Halstead Park repairs will begin in the next couple of weeks and are scheduled to take 60 days for completion. The stage/dance floor specifications are being drafted and staff expects them to go out to bid shortly. Member Champion asked when the playground will be complete. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said they are aiming for before Easter. Chair Vick asked about the specific dimensions of the pavilion stage and dance floor and stated she had heard some comments she didn't think were true as far as size. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated 40' x 40' for the stage. Member Bannerman asked if any new parking was being considered as part of the stage construction. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that other than the four spots outlined on the plan for the bands it was not part of that scope of work and would be addressed as part of the overall master plan.

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson told the board the next meeting would need to focus on budget discussions for next fiscal year.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn by Member Edwards (2:18 p.m.) second by Member Schiavone; approved unanimously.*

## **From Parks and Recreation Master Plan CIP**

### FY 26/27- From CIP

- Educational Signage Halstead
- Parking Lot and Site Development Scotch Bonnet
- Future Park Development ICWW Access Point

### FY 25/26-Push Right

- Kayak/Canoe Launch Halstead
- Restroom Building Scotch Bonnet

### Current Projects That Will Carry Over Into Next Fiscal Year

- Master Plan for Block Q/Jordan Boulevard Completion
- Stage/Landscaping?
- Dock Dredging

### Bridgeview Park

- Playground currently being updated
- Continue to evaluate dock dredging

### Jordan Boulevard Pavilion

- Being considered as part of Master Plan

### Sailfish Park

- N/A-plan voted down; is part of ADA audit

### Halstead Park

- Work being completed on pier in this fiscal year budget.

### Holden Beach Pocket Park

- Revolving art sculpture researched. Will require coordination with high school art classes as most economic path forward through stipend if explored. Priority?

### Holden Beach Fit Trail

- Timbers painted and updated. Look to add in equipment over time.

### Olden Holden Bike Route

- Was delayed until Ocean Boulevard bike lane was installed.

### Beach/Water Access Sites

- Parking signage is a part of paid parking
- Crosswalks added per DOT standards
- Regular restroom -114 OBE
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- ADA accessibility increased various beach accesses (915 OBW, 329.5 OBW, 114 OBE, Jordan parking) and newly added (pier), 339 OBE and 801

### Scotch Bonnet Park

- TBD – dredge spoil placement major impact. Requires Corps' coordination. Regained some access for public works; next winter dredging?

### Future Community Park Development (Holden Beach Pier)

- Purchased and various site improvements to include campsite utilities, better beach access, handicapped accessibility, walkway, parking, portable restroom, shower

### Future ICWW Access Points

- Further out in plan

### Future Linear Park (connect Town Hall to recreation facilities near bridge)

- Further out in plan- considered as part of Master Plan

### Future Linear Park (Sandspur Waterway Walk)

- Further out in plan

### Future Dog Park

- Further out in plan; Scotch Bonnet Park not an option