

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA AGENDA ITEM

General Services Department/ Parks & Recreation Division

Date: September 15, 2023

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator

From: Beth Powell, Interim General Services Director / Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Kickoff Public Meeting September 27, 2023

The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners encourages all citizens to participate in planning future expanded recreational opportunities. County residents are invited to attend a public meeting to kick off the Parks and Recreation Master Planning process. The kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm, at the Intergenerational Recreation Center, located at 1590 9th St. SW, Vero Beach, FL, 32962. There will also be a Zoom option for remote attendance. Zoom information can be found on the County's website at IndianRiver.gov.

The County will engage a nationally recognized parks, recreation and sports consulting firm, PROS Consulting Inc., to lead the planning process in collaboration with Perez Planning + Design, Chen Moore and Associates, and key county staff. The assessment and action plan are expected to be complete by September 2024.

The County plans to keep citizens informed through a crowdsourcing platform, a one-stop shop for all information related to the project including meeting details, technical reports and relevant contact info. In addition to public meetings, and the crowdsourcing platform, the Consulting Team will be mailing a statistically valid survey to households throughout the County. The team will also be conducting interviews, creating focus groups at a future meeting, and they will assess program and facility needs and review future demographic data, trends and usage statistics.