

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Action Item Proposal

February 24, 2022

We reside in the Southernmost City of the continental United States of America where we average 8 hours 37 minutes sunlight per day. Additionally, one in ten Floridians have skin cancer (*Florida Cancer Data System*). Our local athletic events are attended by multigenerational members of our community to show their support for our youth and adult athletic leagues.

Shade structures will reduce direct exposure to harmful, unfiltered ultraviolet rays, cool the outdoor space, as well as provide a buffer to environmental elements such as rain, wind and flying objects.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board formally recommends that the City Commission allocate funding in the FY 22/23 budget to purchase and install commercial grade shade structures for each athletic field. Additionally, it is recommended that the City explore grant funding options to assist with funding.

Currently, the bleachers are covered with wind screens that are made of fences and are attached with zip ties. They do not adequately filter harmful UV rays or buffer any environmental elements.