



## **Metzger Park Local Improvement District Advisory Board Minutes**

Date: January 26, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom

### Item 1: Call to Order, Introductions, Sign-in

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Carl Fisher, Tom McGowan, Jordan Silk, Wilton Cloud

Absent: Michael Meadows, Timothy Anderson

Public: None

Staff: Carl Switzer, Peyton Ellis

### Item 2: Public Comments

- None

### Item 3: Approval of Minutes

- July and October 2025 minutes approved

### Item 4: Operations Report

- Staff updated the MPLIDAB on routine maintenance updates at Metzger Park.

### Item 5: Old Business

- Fiscal Year 2026-27 LID Maximum Annual Assessment  
Staff recapped the MPLIDAB endorsed plan to increase the maximum annual assessment to maintain and operate the park for the next five fiscal years and laid out a fiscal plan to replace the playground. The MPLIDAB voiced support for the plan at its July and October 2025 meetings.

Operations, maintenance and capital projects at Metzger Park are funded solely by the Metzger Park Local Improvement District (MPLID). No general fund dollars are utilized for these purposes.

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) approves the maximum annual assessment for the MPLID each year.

**Need for Increase:** There are two fundamental reasons that an increase is needed:

- 1) **Operations and Maintenance Costs-** Based on a five-year look back at the parks budget, current market trends and rising administrative costs, parks staff project an average annual increase of 7% over each of the next five years.
- 2) **Capital Replacement-** The playground equipment at Metzger Park has reached the end of its useful life. While currently safe and passing annual inspections, the parts and pieces required to maintain it are no longer or soon will no longer be produced. The play equipment for the youngest children is 50 years old and the main play structure, with an expected useful life of 20 to 25 years, is now 23 years old. A strategy to produce replacement funds now is critical. The estimated replacement cost for all playground equipment is between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000. Parks anticipates the need to seek grant funding which requires a cash match. An increase to the maximum assessment will allow for annual contributions to the Metzger Park fund balance over the next five years and provide matching funds for a playground replacement project.

An on-line Metzger community survey in 2023 asked residents to prioritize future capital projects. The top priority was path improvements, which were completed in 2025, followed closely by replacing the playground equipment. There is demonstrated support from both the MPLIDAB and Metzger community for playground equipment replacement.

**Proposed increase to the FY 2026-2027 MPLID maximum annual assessment:** Staff have begun the process of initiating an increase to the maximum annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Staff analysis projects that an increase from \$318,000 to \$639,000 will, for the next five years, produce sufficient revenue to absorb the annual cost increases for managing the park and allow sufficient funds to accumulate in the fund balance to replace the playground equipment. It is anticipated that the increase would happen for FY 2026-2027 and be held at that rate for five years with no additional increase to the maximum annual increase during that time. The Board will still approve the annual maximum assessment every year.

This was discussed with the MPLIDAB at their July 2025 meeting and at this meeting. A postcard was sent to all residents of the LID in September 2025 advising them that this would be discussed at the October 2025 MPLIDAB meeting.

Staff advised that this financial plan and request to increase the MPLID maximum assessment would be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at their January 27, 2026, meeting.

- Staff advised that a review of the bylaws would be conducted at an upcoming meeting.



Item 6: New business

- The MPLIDAB discussed applicants for open seats on the board. The MPLIDAB has seven voting members and two non-voting alternate positions. The MPLIDAB unanimously voted to recommend Barrett Johnson, Roy Beaty, and Erin Lafollette to the Board of Commissioners for appointment. Also, Tom McGowan and Jordan Silk recommended for re-appointment.
- Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2026. MPLIDAB members should arrive at 9:00 a.m. to help prepare for the event.

Item 7: MPLIDAB Issues/Discussion

- None

Item 8: Next Meeting: April 27, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.