

**MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY  
EAST OF 951 AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Naples, Florida, June 18, 2024**

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County East of 951 in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 7:00 PM in REGULAR SESSION at the Heritage Bay Government Services Center, 15450 Collier Boulevard Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

Mark Teaters, Sr., Chairman  
Robert Raines, Vice Chair  
Michael Ramsey  
Rae Ann Burton  
Kimberley Donna Ellis  
Christina Aguilera (absent)  
Bruce Hamels (absent)

Also present:

Parks & Recreation Assistant Division Director, James Hanrahan

- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Parker Klopff.
- **Roll Call:** Quorum established.
- **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:**  
Mark Teaters: Motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected; Robert Raines seconded the motion. *Approved unanimously.*

**Housekeeping – Mark Teaters, Sr.:**

- Staff and residents can sign up to receive emails from the County directly from their website.
- CIGM tool needs to be utilized better, however it's not currently working properly. East of 951 population is at 58,000 with a projection of 68,000 by 2030. There will be a need for another park, regional or community. The County no longer provides services for neighborhood park improvements.
- Immokalee CRA focuses solely on the town of Immokalee and new parks in the future. Commissioner McDaniel is working with the school system to include improvements, new bathrooms, etc. List of topics for future discussions includes the Collier County

Sheriff Department and Code Enforcement, but no location has been determined yet. Also, the lifecycle of the landfill, libraries, and falling trees on powerlines in Golden Gate Estates has a concern of starting fires. FPL has a Storm Secure program; they are working to bury lines underground to certain areas. We are working to get a representative to speak.

**Mike Ramsey:** I would also like a representative from LCEC to talk to us about the 125ft power poles and I would like to hear from someone from TECO as well.

- Ideas should be sent to Parker and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The recent purchase of 22,000 acres will be discussed, roadways, traffic, affordable housing & transportation as well as State Road 29 & Oil Well Road and the expansion of Camp Keais Road, roundabout on Immokalee Road and Camp Keais Road; along with the connection to State Road 82, which will connect to Collier County to the east at the intersection of SR 29 and Immokalee Airport. There is no master plan yet.

**Mike Ramsey:** We would like an update from the Division of Forestry on whether they plan on moving operations from Randall Blvd to Picayune Strand.

**James Hanrahan, Parks & Recreation, Assistant Division Director: [PowerPoint Presentation]**

An update on Big Corkscrew Regional Park, which opened in 2021 with two softball diamonds and two rectangle fields. In 2025, it will have an outdoor fitness court. The park has a large maintenance area, ten pavilions (rentals available) or are first come first serve, an Aquatic Center with a competition pool and two slides which is getting heavily used by the community. Sports teams, programs, and events included an Easter Egg hunt and Trunk or Treat, with over 2,000 participants.

Athletics: A memorandum of understanding with Naples Bears-Pop Warner Football and Florida West Soccer serves over 1,000 kids and 30 businesses, a VPK Program, and summer camps with over 280 children, including teenagers.

Paradise Coast Sports Complex Phase II included creating a dog park, restrooms, walking paths and Rec Plex (indoor gymnasium which includes basketball courts).

Collier County approved the purchase of the Williams Property which will have a Park. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, they approved \$4,000,000.00 for turf including artificial turf which will allow play year-round, some will remain grass. Aquatic facility, main pool and kiddie area. We are still in need of lifeguards.

The Paradise Coast Sports Complex falls under the Tourism Department, Marissa Baker can provide more information if needed at a later meeting. It has an outdoor seating area; the next phase will add one more soccer field for a total of 10 fields to be completed soon.

[Q&A]

**Bruce Hamels (absent):** wanted to ask about discounts for seniors.

**James Hanrahan:** There is a 40% discount for Collier County employees, Collier County Public School employees and first responders as well as a family discount of \$190/annual pass.

**Public Comment:** With the expansion of Wilson Blvd., it will lead right to the Paradise Coast Sports Complex.

**Mike Ramsey:** Happy to see the focus on Immokalee. South Park renovations and updates we are working with CRA to identify other pieces of property.

**Mark Teaters:** Big Corkscrew Regional Park revised for Phase II ideas for kids, eliminate circular field and the debate about whether to fill in the rock pit or not. It would use more land space.

**James Hanrahan:** We will have to get more information about that from the project manager.

**Public Comment:** What about Ave Maria recreation areas?

**James Hanrahan:** Ave Maria has a private organization the runs their parks. We would like to partner with them as some point.

**Public Comment:** What is the utilization?

**James Hanrahan:** Corkscrew still has room, but Immokalee Sports Complex is at capacity.

**Committee Recommendations Update, Mark Teaters:**

Motion proposed to the group to discuss boat ramps in the estates. We have six locations including Golden Gate Blvd, Faka Union, and Golden Gate Blvd. between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Mike Ramsey:** We can add this topic to the master plan.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Robert Raines made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mike Ramsey.

*Approved unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Collier County East of 951 Ad Hoc Advisory Committee*

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*Mark Teaters, Sr., Chairman*

*These minutes were approved by the Chairman of the East of 951 Committee*

*on \_\_\_\_\_, (check one) as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended*

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