

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, February 21, 2007

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 2:00 P.M., at the Immokalee Community Park, 321 North First Street, Immokalee, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes (Excused)  
Vice Chairman: Edward "Ski" Olesky  
Beth Barth  
Frank Donohue  
John MacDougall - Absent  
Timothy Toole  
Kerry Geroy

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams - Director, Parks & Recreation  
Susana Capasso - Operations Coordinator  
Murdo Smith, Beach & Water Superintendent  
Dennis Gulley, Regional Manager

**A. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Edward "Ski" Olesky at 2:00 PM. A quorum was established.**

**B. The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation was given by Vice-Chairman Olesky.**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Add under "New Business" "Investigation of Property in Everglades for Fishing."

**Mr. Donahue moved to approve the Agenda with the above revision. Second by Ms. Barth. Carried unanimously 4-0.**

**D. Approval of January 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Toole moved to approve the January 17, 2007 meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Barth. Carried unanimously 4-0.**

**E. New Business**

**1) Director's Highlights**

- Parks and Recreation is gearing up for summer camp; registration starts April 14

- County Jam is on March 9th and 10th in Vineyards Park

**2) Cocohatchee River Park Marina Concession Agreement - Barry Williams**

- Current agreement expires this year, County does not wish to renew

- County would like to operate the marina

- Marina will be totally public, including slip rentals

- Current leases must be fulfilled

- Impetus is aqua and current marina unavailability

- Privatization takes access to water away from the public

- Staffing considerations were discussed

- Fuel sales at marina will create profit for the County

- County desires "Clean Marina Designation."

- Opportunity for public access was lost at Wiggins Pass

- Plan for fuel system needs to consider 2010 requirements

**(Kerry Geroy joined the meeting at 2:30 PM)**

**3) City of Naples Community Services Joint Meeting - Barry Williams**

- City of Naples has taken the position Fleishmann Park is used primarily by County residents, hence County should help pay costs – the County will examine numbers.

**4) Investigate Property in the Everglades for Fishing**

- Commissioner Henning has expressed concern for funding, was hoping a private company partnership could be arranged due to the size of the project
- A long-term lease agreement could be considered
- Southwest Florida Water Management is looking for boat access to replace access lost when they purchased the Picayune Strand property for their use

**F. Old Business**

**1) OHV Park Update - Dennis Gulley**

**Mr. Gulley** gave a PowerPoint presentation on the OHV Park. (See attached)

- Park is located off Route 29 on the Hendry/Collier County Line
- Amenities include rangers on site, portable toilets, helicopter landing pad, parking for vehicles and trailers, shelter for patrons from sun
- The park has some geographical features which will hinder usability; there are no trails, it has barbed wire fencing
- There is a need to address managing capacity of park
- Land for park is being subleased and must be returned in the same condition as when it was first acquired
- The issue of guns has not been addressed
- Rangers will guard gate and patrol park

**2) Non-Resident Beach Parking Sticker Update - Murdo Smith**

- A press release has been issued (See attached)
- There will be one sticker for all of Collier County, issued for a year at a time
- Project is being rushed by DEP due to unequal access to the beach
- Non-residents will be able to buy stickers in the future
- County will reimburse City of Naples for losses incurred due to parking sticker program
- 2008 sticker will be issued after March 1, 2007 but those already sold will be honored
- Beach-goers can still pay \$6.00 per day for parking in lieu of purchasing yearly sticker
- It may be possible to remove the parking meters if they are not being used due to the purchase of annual passes
- Residents in mobile home parks will be able to purchase stickers

**3) Public Driving Range Update - Barry Williams**

**Mr. Williams** presented a report regarding the public driving range in Collier County. (See attached)

- Land necessary for project has been identified
- Aqua versus land range has been discussed
- Florida Power and Light easement land could be utilized

- A visit to the landfill in Immokalee is scheduled and is a possible site
- The landfill in Golden Gate could be a possibility

**G. Recreation Highlight - Geri Lynn Waterbury and Mayte Socarras  
Immokalee Community Park and Immokalee Sports Complex**

**Geri Lynn Waterbury** gave a slide presentation on Immokalee Parks.

- There are nine parks in the Immokalee park system
- Immokalee Community Park is on nine acres, has a baseball field, softball field, playground, picnic area, lighted basketball courts, tennis and racquetball courts
- The sports complex is on 14 acres, has an adult pool, children's pool gymnasium, indoor basketball court, lighted football field and soccer field
- A youth soccer league has been started
- The fitness center offers weight training and aerobics
- Ann Olesky Park, Lake Trafford, has fishing, picnicking and a boat ramp. The boat ramp is the only fresh water boat ramp in Collier County
- The Pilwell and Panther Park has picnicking, is a wildlife destination, historic site
- Parks are popular for family outings
- Airport Park has a playground, barbecue grills and is utilized for family outings, has a large covered pavilion for picnics and weddings

**Mayte Socarras** gave an overview of after-school programs the Immokalee park system provides.

- There are over 80 children registered for after school programs, counselors offer accelerated lesson plans.
- Park rangers teach children about earth, parks and nature
- Homework time is 45 minutes long
- There are sewing classes, hip-hop class, karate class, Blast-Off Program concentrates on five children at a time, individual attention is given
- There is a fashion club
- Events include Christmas Round the World, World of Screams and an Easter egg hunt

**Ms. Barth** commented that the Park is exceptionally clean.

**(A recess was taken from 3:10 PM to 3:20 PM)**

**A brief discussion was held regarding a February 16, 2007 memo referencing "Main Government Complex Reserved Parking"**

- Reserved spaces for advisory board members have been re-established at the Government Complex

**H. Capital Project Highlight - Barry Williams**

**Naming of the Northeast Utility Facility Park (Orange Tree)**

**Mr. Williams** reported on the suggestions for names for the park and presented an Executive Summary regarding policies for naming of County-owned buildings, structures and/or other facilities. (See attached)

- Name "Velocity Skate Park" has been selected for the East Naples skate park
- Suggested names for Northeast Utility Facility Park include Corkscrew Island Regional Park, Seminole Strand Regional Park or Palmetto Regional Park

**Mr. Donohue** moved to accept Corkscrew Island Regional Park as the name to be suggested for the new park. **Second by Mr. Toole. Carried unanimously 5-0.**

**I. Informational Items**

**Attendance Report** - report included in packet

**BCC Recaps** - attached

**Recreation Activities** - reports included in packet

**Adopt-A-Park Assignments**

**Ms. Barth** reported on Caxambas, So. Marco Access and Tigertail as follows:

- Park is short of staff
- There have been some citizen complaints about parking meters
- There are not enough rangers patrolling beaches
- Meters do not give change or accept bills, are old
- New meters are being considered, could use TDC funds
- Salt water creates chronic meter maintenance problem

**Meeting Schedule** - schedule included in packet. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2007 at 2:00 PM.

**J. Adopt-A-Park - Kerry Geroy - Delayed**

**K. Public Comments**

None

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:45 PM.**

February 21, 2007

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

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**Chairman John P. Ribes**

**These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on \_\_\_\_\_, as  
presented\_\_\_\_\_or as amended\_\_\_\_\_.**