

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Naples, Florida, June 18, 2008

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 North Collier Regional Park in the Administration Building in Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes (Excused)
VICE CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky
Frank Donohue
Barbara Buehler
Paul Nyce (Excused)
Kerry Geroy
Bart Zino

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director, Parks & Recreation
Murdo Smith, Parks and Recreation
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager
Tona Nelson, Sr. Administrative Assist.
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coord.
Kerry Runyon, Regions Manager

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Olesky called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

III. Approval of Agenda

*Ms. Buehler moved to approve the agenda. Second by Ms. Geroy.
Carried unanimously 4-0.*

IV. Approval of minutes

Mr. Donohue moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting subject to the following change:

Page 2 and page 6: Change “Sydney Kittila” to “*Sidney* Kittila”
Second by Ms. Buehler. Carried unanimously 4-0.

V. New Business

1) Directors Highlights – Barry Williams

- July 4th Celebration will be held at Sudgen Park on Friday, July 4, 2008
- The Parks and Recreation Department budget has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners with a 3.6% decrease from the previous year. Within the proposed budget is elimination of 2 events, (“Country Jam” and “Salute to America”) and approximately 40 Staff positions
- The Board of County Commissioners approved the Manatee Park proposal. It will be funded by either impact fee revenues as they become available or through an “unfunded request” however there is only \$2.7M available in this fund for all Countywide projects
- He accompanied Staff for one day as they conducted the required monitoring of Sea Turtle Nesting

It was noted the 40 positions that have been eliminated from the Department are creating a strain on Staff. The Department is utilizing the Volunteer Program whenever possible to attempt to fill any gaps in service that occur.

2) Proclamation for Making “July” Parks and Recreation Month – Barry Williams

- Proclamation was provided
- Is required to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners annually
- An ice cream social will be held at Sudgen Park to celebrate July as “Parks and Recreation month.”

3) Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Anniversary Celebration/June 21, 2008 – Kerry Runyon (Regions Manager)

- The 2nd anniversary of Sun-N-Fun Lagoon will be held on June 21, 2008 from 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm.
- Anticipated to attract 800-900 persons.

Mr. Zino arrived at 2:17 p.m.

VI. Old Business

1) Post Update Extreme Volleyball Professionals Tournament May 31st – Kerry Runyon

This is the first year of a 3 year contracted event and it was highly successful. Next year, one area of improvement would be provision for an adequate number of volunteers, especially to provide for cleanup at the end of the event.

2) CAPRA Update (Planning Section 2.0) – Murdo Smith and Sidney Kittila
Sidney Kittila provided the Capra (Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies) Murdo Smith and Sidney are in the process of completing the Section. The total application is due for submittal in 2009 and will be submitted to the Board for review when it is complete.

3) Update on Co-sponsored Youth Agreement – Sidney Kittila

The Agreement is still in the revision process. Staff is in the process finishing meetings with affected groups for input. When completed it will be submitted to the Board for review.

The new Agreement will provide a better understanding of the responsibilities of the parties involved, provide consistency of usage requirements of the various County Parks as well as attempt to balance field usage for all involved.

VII. Recreational Highlights – Summer Camp is in full swing

Sidney Kittila noted Summer Camp is in full swing with 2624 individuals registered (including Specialty Camps). 90 percent of the registration was via “walk in” while 10 percent has been via the newly instituted online registration.

VIII. Capital Project Highlights – Tony Ruberto, OHV Park Update

Both the proposed temporary and permanent ATV sites are no longer under consideration in Immokalee. The Board of County Commissioners is currently negotiating with the South Florida Water Management District for a “cash settlement” (in lieu of the District’s requirement to provide a site) to be utilized by the County for developing a new ATV park. It is the Board of County Commissioner’s intent to have a group of stakeholders provide input on the location and development of a permanent site.

IX. Informational Items

Attendance Report

Submitted

BCC Recaps

Submitted

Recreation Activities

Submitted

Adopt-A-Park Assignments

Submitted

May 21, 2008

Submitted
Recreation Activities
Submitted
Adopt a Park Assignment
Submitted
Meeting Schedule
Submitted


X. Adopt a Park -- Frank Donohue
None

XI. Public Comments

Ms. Geroy requested Staff review the possibility of lighting the credit card machine at the Collier Blvd. Boat Ramp. She noted that residents have mentioned to her that it is difficult to read the instructions after sunset or before sunrise.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 4:45 PM.

COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD


~~Chairman John F. Ribes~~ Ski Olesky
Vice-Chairman

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on JUNE 18 08,
as presented or as amended .