

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

Naples, Florida, February 18, 2009

LET IT BE REMEMBERED that the Collier County 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 in Immokalee, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN:	John P. Ribes
VICE CHAIRMAN:	Edward "Ski" Olesky
	Frank Donohue (Absent)
	Barbara Buehler
	Paul Nyce (Absent)
	Kerry Geroy
	(one Vacancy)

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director, Parks & Recreation
Shari Ferguson, Regional Manager
Annie Alvarez, Regional Manager
Gary McAlpin, Director, Coastal Zone Management

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ribes called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was given.

III. Approval of Agenda

Edward Olesky moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Second by Barbara Buehler. Carried unanimously, 4-0.

IV. Approval of January 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Edward Olesky moved to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting as submitted. Second by Barbara Buehler. Carried unanimously, 4-0.

V. New Business

a) Director's Highlights - Barry Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation

Budget:

- The Board of County Commissioners will meet on February 24, 2009 to approve the Budget policy for next year and Staff will then prepare Parks and Recreation's Budget for FY10.
- If the millage rate remains the same, a reduction of 15.8% (\$3M) is anticipated
- A mid-course correction is anticipated for FY09 due to significantly lower revenues (i.e., State sharing and Ad Valorem taxes). The exact amount of "correction" was not available.
- Efforts are being made to identify areas where savings can be improved, i.e., utilities (turning off lights, etc.).
- There are no plans to increase fees at this time.
- If the BCC raises the millage rates, the reduction to the FY10 Budget will be approximately 3%.
- There may be a reduction in force in the future

Jet Port Training and Transition of Airport Lands:

- Have consulted with Miami Dade Aviation who manages the land and Miami Dade Parks & Recreation regarding a site for ATV riding
- A potential site within Collier County has been identified and was inspected
- Miami Dade Aviation and Miami Dade Parks & Recreation will make a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on February 24, 2009 to discuss plans for the site

Children's Museum of Naples:

- Land was leased from Parks & Recreation in North Collier Regional Park
- Ground breaking took place in January
- Construction should take approximately 15 months
- Joe Cox is the Executive Director

2nd Annual Diversity Festival:

- Hosted by Parks & Recreation in partnership with Hodges University
- Approximately 3,000 attended
- There were various cultural exhibits

b) Employee of the Month for January, 2009 – Barry Williams

- **Sandra Ramos**, Supervisor, Immokalee Community Park, was named “Employee of the Month for January, 2009”
- **The Immokalee Crew** was recognized as “Employees of the Month for January, 2009”

c) Bart Zino’s Resignation – Barry Williams

- Mr. Zino’s resignation was received.
- Sue Filson will advertise for applicants for the vacant position
- There was no issue with Mr. Zino and his company with respect to his relationship with the Board of County Commissioners
- The County Attorney’s Office will make a presentation to the Advisory Board at its March meeting to explain issues concerning how an Advisory Board member can manage doing business with the County and procedural issues to be observed

(The order of presentations was reversed.)

e) Presentation on Land for a Cricket Field – Gopkumar Sarangdharan

A PowerPoint presentation was made and copies of the slides were distributed to the members.

- The Naples Cricket Club is a member of the Florida West Coast Winter League and has applied for non-profit status
- The game of cricket was explained and the reasons why baseball fields and/or soccer fields cannot be utilized to play the game
- Due to the lack of a specific location in Collier County, the Naples Cricket Club plays in Fort Myers and Lehigh Acres
- The Naples Cricket Club requested that Collier County assign a dedicated cricket field for their use and to host League games
- Suggested location: Pelican Bay Park and/or the West Field of Fleischman Park
- The Naples Cricket Club will supply the Astroturf field covering to the County

Discussion ensued concerning the legality of modifying a multi-purpose park for one specific use and it was suggested that Parks & Recreation contact the County’s Risk Management Department for guidance. Additional spaces were suggested, such as Sugden Park, Manatee Park, or using a school recreation area.

- The Naples Cricket Club carries its own liability insurance
- Cricket season: October to May
- The Naples Cricket Club presented a Petition of Support containing 450 signatures

Chairman Ribes expressed support for the project stating it was a way to introduce other sports into the County.

Edward Olesky moved to approve authorizing Parks and Recreation to pursue Investigating options regarding identifying an area to locate a cricket field. Second by Barbara Buehler. Carried unanimously, 4-0.

d) Recommendation and Approval of the Vanderbilt Beach Restroom Project – Gary McAlpin, Director, Coastal Zone Management

A PowerPoint presentation was made and copies of drawings of the proposed deck were distributed to the members.

- The Board of County Commissioners directed Coastal Zone Management to obtain a proposal to refurbish the restroom facilities at Vanderbilt Beach
- A public meeting was held on February 17, 2009, at the North Collier Regional Park

Current facilities:

- In relatively bad shape and too small - not adequate for the community
- Age: 15+ years
- Both the Women's and Men's facilities need complete modernization
- A Conservation Easement runs alongside the area to be renovated – the structure cannot encroach the Easement area

Proposed structure:

- Current lift stations have the capacity to handle the new system
- The existing footprint of the current facilities will be utilized
- The facilities will consist of 8 stalls and sinks for each component
- ADA accessibility mandates the use of walkway ramps which will be constructed according to Code with a 1' in 20' horizontal distance
- The deck will be elevated, pursuant to FEMA guidelines, to a minimum height of 16 feet
- The deck will provide space for a concession area (currently located on the beach and operated by "Cabana Dan") and it may be possible to add some tables/chairs to the area
- The concession area is approximately 360 square feet and could potentially be expanded in the future if necessary – only basic refreshments are served at the moment (i.e., soft drinks, ice cream, sundries)
- An informational/educational kiosk will be located on the deck area

Mr. McAlpin stated the cost for renovations will be approximately \$1.2M and will take approximately 2 years to complete. The presentation will be made to the Pelican Bay Association for their approval within the next two weeks.

The members asked the following questions:

- *Is the size of the handicapped ramp large enough?*
"Yes, according to ADA's requirements.

- *Can the size of the deck be increased in the future?*
“No”
- *Is the concession stand large enough?*
“Yes, the goal was to remove the present concession stand from its current location on the sand.”
- *Who is “Cabana Dan”?*
“He is a contract concessionaire with the County and will be allowed to bid on the new location if he chooses.”

Chairman Ribes asked if a recommendation was required by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Edward Olesky moved to approve the proposed plan to renovate the Vanderbilt Beach Restroom Facilities. Second by Barbara Buehler. Carried unanimously, 4-0.

VI. Old Business

a) Adopt a Park Response from January 21, 2009 Meeting – Barry Williams

- Bart Zino’s report was provided to the members
- Also included in the packet of information was the Adopt-a-Park Assignments and Reporting Schedule

b) Review of PARAB Ordinance

- A copy was included in the packet of information provided to the members for their review

VII. Marketing Highlights – Sponsorship Policy – Shari Ferguson, Regional Manager

- The new Sun-N-Fun Lagoon brochure was distributed
- The Sun-N-Fun Lagoon is now open (weekends)
- Beginning March 6th, the Lagoon will be open on Friday nights; Admission is \$5.00
- The “Senior Expo” was held on Wednesday, February 11th, at the Golden Gate Community Center – 60 vendors participated and over 1800 Seniors attended
- Co-op promotion with “King Richard’s” – “buy one, get one free”
- Accreditation begins and Parks & Rec Staff is invited to attend a Kick-Off Social Hour on Friday, February 20th, at the North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall; Board of County Commissioners were also invited to attend
 - A sample of the marketing promotion item (“Mardi Gras” theme) and a copy of the Invitation to the Social Hour was distributed to the members
- The “Rec Guide” has been completed and is being printed
- Promotions for weekend activities have been advertised on the radio, and in the newspapers
- 2,500 flyers were distributed in the schools

Barry Williams asked the Advisory Board members who may attend, in order to avoid any problems with the Sunshine Law regulations, to not discuss Board business either with themselves or BCC members.

VIII. Recreational Highlights – 8 v 8 Soccer – Annie Alvarez

- Approximately 200 adults are playing in the Adult League and 70 children are in the Youth League
- The volleyball court may be converted to a sand soccer field – will be the first in Southwest Florida to have a sand field
- Moving forward with plans to add lights to 3rd soccer field for night games

IX. Capital Project Highlights –Updated Capital Project Report

- An update was provided for the members to review

X. Adopt a Park – Kerry Geroy

- Tiger Tail Beach: in good shape, grounds look good, Staff is very friendly
- Gulf Coast Community Park: was recently vandalized
Ms. Geroy asked if Staff had information concerning the number of instances of vandalism. **Barry Williams** will research the subject and provide a report.
- Isle of Capri: very tiny, cute playground, a Bocce field and bike racks are available

XI. Informational Items Submitted:

- **Attendance Report**
- **January Minutes, signed by Chairman**
- **Copy of Bart Zino's resignation**
- **Copy of Adopt-a-Park Report**
- **Copy of PARAB Ordinance**
- **Copy of Elevation Drawings for proposed renovations to Vanderbilt Beach restroom facilities**
- **Copy of PowerPoint presentation given by Naples Cricket Club**
- **Copy of Petition of Support submitted by Naples Cricket Club**
- **Copy of Sun-N-Fun Lagoon promotional flyer**
- **Copy of Invitation to Accreditation Social Hour**
- **Copy of the Adopt-a-Park Assignments and Reporting Schedule**
- **Advisory Board meeting schedule**

XII. Public Comments – NONE

XIII. Member Comments:

Kerry Geroy asked for information concerning the Board's action regarding Bay View Park.

Barry Williams stated the Board of County Commissioners, at the February 10th meeting, upheld the Planning Commission's recommendation to not approve a zoning request to expand parking outside of the Park's boundaries.

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Staff is investigating the possibility of expanding Bay View Park and then increasing the existing parking.

Annie Alvarez stated Park & Rec is in the process of removing exotics from Gulf Coast Park.

Chairman Ribes stated the next Advisory Board meeting will be held on March 18, 2009, at the North Collier Regional Park.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:40 PM.

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**



John P. Ribes, Chairman

These Minutes were approved by the Board/Chair on MARCH 18, 09
as presented X, or as amended _____.