

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

Naples, Florida, January 20, 2010

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

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes
VICE CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky
Barbara Buehler
Phillip Brougham
Kerry Geroy
David Saletko
William Shafer (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director, Parks & Recreation
Tona Nelson, Sr. Administrative Assist.
Peg Ruby, Marketing Specialist
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coordinator
Murdo Smith, Beach and Water Superintendent
Maura Kraus, Principal Environmental Specialist

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ribes called the meeting to order at 2:04pm and a quorum was established.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the Agenda subject to the following change:

- Item VII – Marketing Highlights to be heard after Item IV. - Approval of December 16, 2009 minutes.

Second by Ms. Geroy. Carried unanimously 6-0.

IV. Approval of December 16, 2009 minutes

Mr. Saletko moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting subject to the following changes:

- Page 3, item VI.b), - strike bullet point #2 "*Maintenance crews are necessary to "refurbish" the areas between each use.*"
- Page 3 item VI.b, add bullet point – "*Staff will continue to research a reward system for those leasing playing fields.*"

Second by Ms. Brougham. Carried unanimously 6-0.

VII. Marketing Highlights – Peg Ruby

www.collierparks.com

An overview of the Collier County Parks and Recreation web site was provided. The site includes a downloadable REAL (Recreation Education Leisure) Guide, links to the individual Parks web pages and links to other information useful to the public (Beach Park Regulations, meeting minutes and agendas, etc.).

Under Board discussion it was noted Staff should investigate the possibility of posting the meeting packet in advance of the scheduled meeting on the internet. This would allow interested individuals in the public to review the packet, possibly increasing public participation.

V. New Business

a) Employee of the Month for September

None

b) Recommendation and Approval to Change \$8 to Park at Conner Park – Murdo Smith

The Board reviewed the Executive Summary "*Recommendation to authorize the Chairman to authorize the County Manager, or his designee, to approve a beach parking fee of \$8.00 at Conner Park and approve the amendments recognizing revenue.*"

The proposed fee is based on the 75 additional parking spaces constructed at the Park and several other Beach Parking Facilities currently charge an \$8.00 fee for parking (Vanderbilt Beach, Barefoot Beach, Tigertail Beach, etc.).

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the request (authorize the Chairman to authorize the County Manager, or his designee, to approve a beach parking fee of \$8.00 at Conner Park and approve the amendments recognizing revenue"). Second by Ms. Buehler. Carried unanimously 6-0.

VI. Old Business

a) Goodland Boat Park Plaque/Update – Clint Perryman

The Board reviewed a proposed rendering for the Cast Bronze Plaque (designed by William Valdes, job#34173) to be installed at the Park recognizing those involved with the project. An update on the project was provided via a Slideshow highlighting:

- The site is 5.22 acres in size and the project is 70 percent complete and slated for completion by March 31, 2010.
- There will be 75 parking spaces for boat trailers and vehicles.
- There will be 16 parking spaces for other vehicles.
- The project includes a 2 lane, 37 foot wide boat ramp, boat dock, fishing pier and 12 wet slips, picnic area, Dock Master building and related improvements.
- The site will be heavily landscaped with some parking areas surfaced with pavers as opposed to asphalt.
- The proposed boat docks are permanent as opposed to "floating."

The Board noted ladders, on the docks should be considered, as during low tides, it can be difficult to access a boat.

Clint Perryman noted the County is aware of the situation, attempting to address the issue, but expressed concern ladders may create a liability issue for the County.

VIII. Recreation Highlights – Sea Turtle Stranding – Maura Kraus

A Slideshow Presentation was provided entitled "2009 Beach Turtle Summary" which outlined the results of the 2009 Sea Turtle Nesting Season. Artificial lighting continues to have a negative impact on nesting and related hatches. A "Disorientation Prevention Grant" provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission aided in retrofitting exterior lighting in the City of Naples. The County continues to enforce lighting violations

IX. Capital Project Highlight – NCRP Boardwalk - Tony Ruberto

The Board viewed a Slideshow on the construction of the Boardwalk in the Preserve at the North Collier Regional Park. The following was highlighted:

- 2006 Estimates obtained by Staff for construction of the project were in the range of \$360,000 while the low bid received for the project in April 2009 was \$159,193.
- Construction began on November 16, 2009, with construction duration of 90 days.
- The project is 95% complete, with the length of the walk being 850 feet long and 6 feet wide (generally).

X. Adopt a Park – John Ribes

Continued

XI. Director Highlights – Barry Williams

The following highlights were provided:

- Staff is in the process of preparing the new budget. The Board of County Commissioners has directed Staff to prepare a budget with a 10 percent overall reduction in expenses (from FY 2010.) Staff will propose a 5% reduction in Operating Costs and a 5% reduction in Capital project expense. The reductions were anticipated, and the Department has not filled vacancies created when employees leave their positions.
- The Board of County Commissioners approved the proposed ATV Park to be located at the Miami Dade Jet Port.
- The cold weather snap did create some stress on the turf of Park Facility playing fields. Staff is attempting to balance the use of playing fields to ensure adequate field conditions are maintained.
- An estimate of \$70,000 was provided by Consultants to prepare a Management Plan for the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff is evaluating the issue and will provide an update at the next meeting. This may include returning the Board of County Commissioners for direction on the requirement of preparing the Plan.

XII. Informational Items

Submitted

Barry Williams provided clarification on the data shown in the "*Parks Operational Data*" chart for Fun N Sun Lagoon. Attendance has decreased from 282,489 in 2007, to 150,967 in 2008 to 146,858 in 2009. He noted the 2007 data incorporated attendance from the last quarter of FY 2006; the hours and days of operation have been reduced to conform to weather, consumer demand to assist the Department in meeting operating expenses; there has been a downturn in the economy in 2008- 2009.

XIII. Public Comments/Board Member Comments

The Board recommended the following changes for the proposed Plaque at Goodland Boat Park:

- Change member name of "Dave Saletko" to "**David Saletko**"
- Identify and list the Chairman and Vice Chairman at the top of the list for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Speaker

Margaret Wynn, Friends of Barefoot Beach commended Staff on a well organized and successful release of Sea Turtles at Vanderbilt Beach on January 19, 2010.

Mr. Brougham requested Staff to review the priority list for the construction of proposed Community Centers at Parks that do not have said facilities. He recommended consideration be given to construction of a Community Center at Eagle Lakes Community Park if Manatee Park and its related facilities will not be constructed for a long period of time.

Barry Williams noted Staff would review the recommendation.

Ms. Geroy requested clarification on the status of the bottle recycle bins for Bayview Park.
Murdo Smith noted Staff is in the process of preparing an order for the bins.

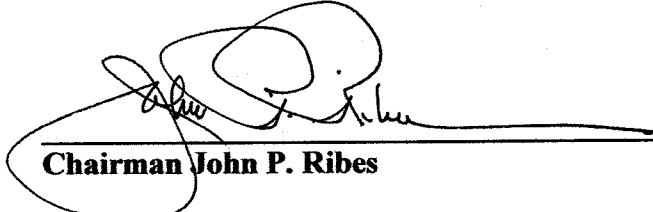
The Board requested Staff to provide an update on the status of the Bayview Park parking plans at a future meeting.

Meeting Attendance

Mr. Schafer was excused

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



Chairman John P. Ribes

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 2/17/10,
as presented _____ or as amended X.