

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

Naples, Florida, February 18, 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 Immokalee Sports Complex, Immokalee, 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  
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager  
Annie Alvarez, Regional Manager

**I. Call to Order**

**Chairman Ribes** called the meeting to order at 2:00pm 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 addition:*

Item V.1 – Chuck McMahon, Golden Gate Little League

*Second by Ms. Geroy. Carried unanimously 5-0.*

**IV. Approval of January 20, 2010 minutes**

*Mr. Brougham moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting subject to the following correction.:*

Page 2 – Item IV. - from “Second by Ms. Brougham” to “Second by *Mr.* Brougham.”

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

**V. New Business**

**1. Chuck McMahon – Golden Gate Little League**

**Chuck McMahon, Golden Gate Little League** presented petition signed by approximately 70 persons and photographs which document concerns over the condition of the Little League fields at Golden Gate Community Park. The League had opening ceremony on February 13, 2010 and found the facilities sub standard. He addressed the Board highlighting:

- Poor drainage on the fields
- Lack of pitchers mounds
- Electrical box in disrepair
- He has been informed the Staff will only “line” the playing field once a week, which is unacceptable based on the amount of play.
- The bathrooms were inaccessible.
- Concern on enforcement of parking regulations for the boat ramp spaces after 5:00 pm

He expressed concern the facility has been “abandoned” by the County since Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Staff relocated to North Collier Regional Park. The League pays fees to use the facility and the existing conditions of the fields are unacceptable. He requested the Board and Staff to take action to address the problems.

**Barry Williams, Director, Parks and Recreation** requested the League supply Staff with their schedule of events in advance.

**Mr. McMahon** noted Staff, at some level was aware of the event. He will provide a schedule to Mr. Williams.

**Mr. Williams** noted Staff would conduct a site visit on February 24, 2010 to address the concerns.

**a) Employee of the Month for December**

The Board recognized Greg Torres as Employee of the Month for December.

**VI. Old Business**

**a) Bayview Park Parking Plans – Gary McAlpin**

**Barry Williams** provided the update noting the concept to increase the number of parking spaces at Bayview Park in the area of the existing parking and play area will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners in March. The County has not determined the future status of the parcels acquired in the neighborhood for the original concept of expanding the parking in the area. Indications are the new plan addresses the concerns expressed by the homeowners who reside in the area.

*Mr. Saletko arrived at 2:30pm*

**b) Eagle Lakes Community Center – Barry Williams**

**Barry Williams** provided an update on the concept of utilizing the approximately \$2.5M reserved for the development of Manatee Park for construction of a Community Center, Fitness Center and Aquatic Center at Eagle Lakes Community Park. The current economy has caused a delay in the construction of Manatee Park which may not be constructed for 5 – 10 years. In March the County intends to open up public dialogue on the concept to assist in providing a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. He noted it is the County's intent to ensure the residents affected by a decision are in favor of the concept before proceeding.

**VII. Marketing Highlights – Sr. Expo, Spring Events – Annie Alvarez**

Senior Expo was held at Golden Gate Community Center on February 10, 2010 with approximately 50 vendors in attendance. Staff is pursuing a Summer event with the inclusion of various non profit organizations who provide recreational programs to the public (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)

At the March meeting, the Summer Camp Campaign will be presented to the Board.

**VIII. Recreation Highlights – Immokalee After School & Boot Camp Fitness Classes – Annie Alvarez**

- A major renovation of the Immokalee Sports Complex continues. To date, the locker rooms, etc. have been renovated. Staff is currently obtaining estimates for the replacement of the basketball court flooring and bleachers.
- The Complex is home to a large summer camp program which serves the residents of Everglade City, Immokalee, Labelle, Lehigh Acres, etc.
- An overview was provided on the Immokalee After School & Boot Camp Fitness Classes.

**IX. Capital Projects – Immokalee South Park - Tony Ruberto**

An update on the status of the renovations proposed for the Park was provided noting:

- The project has a budget of approximately \$1M and includes the construction of a Community Center.
- There are existing structures on site which will be removed via demolition or Fire Department Training exercises.

- A \$147,000 Federal Grant was received to help fund the project.
- The project will be bid out utilizing the Best Value Offer (BVO) Program.
- The proposed Community Center will be 4100 square feet with an estimated construction cost of \$200 a square foot.
- It is anticipated the project will be completed by July 2010.

*It was noted Staff should consider the concept of allowing the buildings currently on site be acquired by any interested individuals and relocated off site.*

**X. Adopt a Park – Kerry Geroy**

A written report “*Adopt a Park, Sudgen Regional Park – February 2010*” was presented to the Board for review.

She recommended Staff consider evaluating the manner information is made available to the public regarding the Recreational Programs provided at various facilities. As an example, consideration of web pages dedicated to the individual facilities activities, etc.

**XI. Director Highlights – Barry Williams**

**Barry Williams** noted he was provided very little advance notice of Mr. McMahon’s presentation regarding the conditions of the Little League fields at Golden Gate Community Park. He took issue with the concept of the County “abandoning the Park.” In the past 3 years, the County has invested approximately \$1.3M in the Park including drainage improvements, re-grading soccer and baseball fields, new playground equipment, new picnic shelter, new boat ramp, new fencing, resurfacing of tennis courts, new water slide, construction of a maintenance shed.

He provided the following Director Highlights:

- The Senior Games are underway.
- Staff met with Brandon Dowdy, CEO of YMCA to discuss the opportunities available for partnering activities and events between his organization and Parks and Recreation. It was noted this concept should be expanded to other non profit organizations involved in recreational activities (Boys and Girls Club, Step by Step, etc.)
- The development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan required by the Growth Management Plan moves forward with a proposal for development of the plan being provided by Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Inc. A scope of work for development of the Plan should be available in April.
- The drawings for Airport Park in Immokalee have been completed.
- The expansion to the 951boat ramp has been completed.

**XII. Informational Items**

Submitted

**XIII. Public Comments/Board Member Comments**

**Ms. Geroy** requested Staff to conduct a site visit of the boat facilities at Bayview Park. There are some pylons which should be padded as there screws sticking out posing a safety

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and boating hazard, more cleats need to be installed for tie offs where boaters load and unload boats.

**Barry Williams** noted Staff will contact the necessary parties for a site visit.

**Barry Williams** noted Board members will be contacted by Staff on their preference for receiving meeting materials. (electronic vs. US mail, etc.)

**Mr. Saletko** recommend Staff consider signage at park facilities, as necessary to notify the public of improper activities which may cause damage to the infrastructure (kicking soccer balls, throwing lacrosse balls and hitting baseballs against fences, etc.). This would assist public education and remind the parents in attendance to curtail the activities.

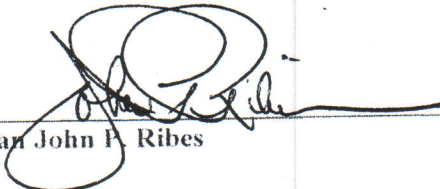
Meeting Attendance

*Mr. Shafer was excused.*

*Mr. Saletko was late.*

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:30 PM.

COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

  
Chairman John F. Ribes

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
as presented  or as amended \_\_\_\_\_

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