

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

Naples, Florida, March 16, 2011

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 North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes  
VICE CHAIR: Edward "Ski" Olesky (Excused)  
Barbara Buehler  
Phil Brougham  
Gary Davis  
David Saletko  
Murdo Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Parks & Recreation Director  
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coordinator  
Nancy Olson, Regional Manager I  
Shari Ferguson, Regional Manager  
Meryl Rorer, Parks and Recreation  
Michael Toolan, Parks and Recreation  
Jake Sullivan, Park Ranger  
Gina Sancho, VPK Instructor  
Meryl Rorer, Volunteer Coordinator for Collier  
County

**I. Call to Order**

**Phil Brougham** called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.  
A quorum was established.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Barbara Buehler moved to approve the March 16, 2011 Agenda as submitted.  
Second by David Saletko. Motion carried 6-0.*

*Add: V. b. Employee of the Month for January and February (after IV.)  
Move: XII. Public Comments after V. b.*

*John Ribes arrived at 2:05 pm.*

*Gary Davis moved to approve the March 16, 2011 Agenda as amended.  
Second by David Saletko. Motion carried 6-0.*

**IV. Approval of February 16, 2010 Minutes**

*IV. - 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read "He polled"*

*Phil Brougham moved to approve the February 16, 2011 Minutes as amended.  
Second by Barbara Buehler. Motion carried 6-0.*

**V. New Business**

**a. Boat Launch Permit Parking Sticker** – *Addressed after XII.*

**b. Employee of the Month for January and February**

**Sidney Kittila** announced the Employee of the Month for January and February 2011.

**John Ribes** commended and presented the following outstanding individuals with the "Employee of the Month" award.

- January – **Gina Sancho**, VPK Instructor
- February – **Meryl Rorer**, Volunteer Coordinator for Collier County

**Meryl Rorer** distributed invitations to the Advisory Board to a Volunteer Recognition Hawaiian Luau on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**XII. Public Comments/ Board Comments**

**Public Speaker**

**Alyce Saunders**, a Naples resident since 1976; urged the Advisory Board to consider making a recommendation to change the Ordinance to allow dogs on leashes in the County parks with restrictions; dogs not on a leash, owners not picking up after their dog and vicious dogs in parks will be fined. She reasoned dogs are allowed in the City parks; 70% of households have a dog and dogs are good for owner's health, owners get out and walk plus it saves money on medical expenses.

She distributed “Pet Friendly” advertisements for mobile parks, restaurants and apartments. (See attached)

Discussion was made on when Ordinance was made, rational on why it was past, parks that currently allow dogs on leash and planned future dog parks. It was noted the Ordinance was over 30 years old.

***Phil Brougham moved to direct Staff to research policies of the City of Naples and neighboring counties. Second by Gary Davis.***

Further discussion was made on possible issues, regulations, maintenance and cost elements i.e. signage and doggy bags.

***Motion carried 6-0.***

Staff will research and provide information to the Advisory Board in May.

**Public Speaker**

**Margaret Winn**, President of The Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserves was opposed to allowing dogs in preserves.

**V. New Business**

**a. Boat Launch Permit Parking Sticker**

Staff requested issue be addressed at April meeting.

Discussion was made commercial and non-commercial sticker placement and fee policy. Staff stated the Department will be reviewing the fee policy and process for changes. Staff will make recommendations at the April meeting.

**VI. Old Business**

**a. Update on the Parks Master Plan**

**Barry Williams** reported the Parks Master Plan was submitted to the BCC. The BCC had concerns if the process was fully publicly vetted and recommended setting up public meetings to get input from Community.

He announced the 2-public meetings will be held on:

- April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at South Regional Library
- April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at the Extension Office by the Fair Grounds

Staff will notify the Advisory Board when press release is scheduled to print in newspaper. **Phil Brougham** will monitor and make sure it is publicized.

Commission Jim Coletta will facilitate both meetings; Tindale Oliver Consultants will make the same presentation given to the Advisory Board and will pass-out and collect surveys. The Commissioners plan to attend meetings.

Tindale Oliver Consultants will create a report from surveys received at both meetings and add it to the Parks Master Plan and resubmit to the BCC in June.

Staff will provide the Consultants’ report to the Advisory Board.

**b. Update on City of Naples & BCC Joint Meetings**

**Barry Williams** reported meeting with the County and City of Naples on two occasions to review programs offered to the public to identify any recreational program redundancies and create an analysis report for the County and City Managers by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

There are not a lot of redundancies in programs. The City has withdrawn request for additional funds. The City Council voted to discontinue some after school and summer camp programs, swamp buggy races, etc.

**VII. Marketing Highlights**

**Meryl Rorer** reported as follows:

- Sun-N-Fun Lagoon will be open for Spring Break from March 19-28.
- Camp Expo is scheduled on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am – 2pm for public to check out different camps around Collier County
- Easter Events at Collier County Parks
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival at East Naples Community Park  
April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
  - Bunny Workshop at Veterans Community Park  
April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
  - Easter Egg Hunt at Immokalee Sports Complex  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
  - Easter Eggstravaganza at Max Hasse Community Park  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**VIII. Recreation Highlights**

**Michael Toolan** gave a slide presentation on the Festival of the Arts Event held at Sugden Regional Park on January 29 and 30 as follows:

- Parks & Recreation co-sponsored with Bayshore/Gateway Triangle Community Redevelopment Agency.
- Event was successful with over 4,000 visitors over both days.
- There were 30 visual artists, 226 musicians and 8 local restaurants with a beer garden.
- A trolley was used to transport visitors to and from the County parking lot
- Plans are to hold event again next year.

**IX. Adopt A Park**

**David Saletko** reported on Clam Pass Park as follows:

- Free Guided Nature Walk information was posted in a lockbox at the gazebo.
- Overall Appearance is beautiful.
- Parking free is \$8.00 or free to visitors with beach parking stickers.
- Popular beach access.
- 6 trams to carry visitors to and from the beach.
- Boardwalk has an issue with recycled plastic planks with metal screws and as the planks wear down the screw heads become exposed causing flat tires on the trams and cut feet for patrons not wearing shoes.

- Naples Grand Hotel offers amenities at the boardwalks end; restrooms, grill and beach rental equipment.
- ½ price beach rental equipment is offered to Collier County residents.
- Beach hours are 8 am to sundown.
- Gazebo smells moldy and the roof is in need of repair.

**Barry Williams** responded there are plans to replace the gazebo. Staff is working through the permitting process. He will take feedback to Department. He will also contact Coastal Zone Management for an update.

The Advisory Committee urged Staff to expedite replacement of public hazard.

**X. Director's Highlights**

**Barry Williams** stated Staff is working on a Community Development Block Grant Application for an Eagle Lakes Community Center for \$1,500,000 to be submitted to BCC for approval on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to submit Grant Application to grantor is April 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be attending a technical meeting and will find out more information.

**Barry Williams** reported the ongoing Cal Ripken Baseball issue and they want to be established at the North end of town. Staff is looking for another park and plan to meet with Commissioner Hiller. The dilemma is whether there is a spot for them within the existing facilities and if the Parks & Recreation can handle 2 leagues at one time. He noted Little League has boundaries and Cal Ripken has no boundaries. He stated it is a matter of competing sports and activities occurring in the same locations.

*Phil Brougham left at 3:25 pm.*

He announced the Advisory Boards recommendation to amend Ordinance No. 89-11 removing "Key Island" from the attached list of barrier islands was moved to County Manager's agenda and postponed for a future date.

The BCC directed the Staff to make sure the "Key Island" property owners were in agreement with the amended Ordinance No. 89-11 and bring recommendation back to BCC in April.

*Phil Brougham returned at 3:30 pm.*

Staff announced a 3% budget reduction in Operating Expenses FY 2012.

**XI. Informational Items – Read only.**

**XII. Public Comments/Board Member Comments**

**Public Speaker**

**Margaret Winn** asked for clarification on where, when and time for the Park Master Plan public meetings.

Staff reiterated meeting information.

**Margaret Winn** informed Advisory Board she planned to attend a meeting tomorrow at 9:00 am regarding the ramp issue at Barefoot Beach Park

*Phil Brougham returned 3:38 pm*

**X. Director's Highlights**

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He reported a similar problem with two soccer leagues. Staff has kept both leagues at different Park locations. The leagues are very competitive and try to recruit each others players. He suggested the latest soccer and baseball leagues try to work with schools and utilize their fields. Staff will give an update at the next meeting.

He reported Parks and Recreation working closely with the Sheriffs' Office to curtail illegal activity at Sugden Park. Surveillance signage has been installed to deter the nuisance activity. Cameras and Sheriffs' surveillance has been increased.

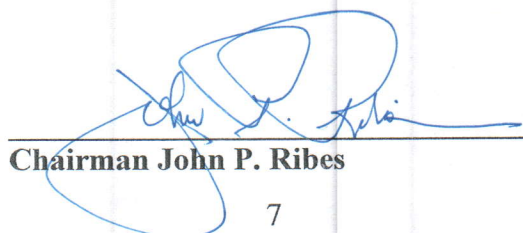
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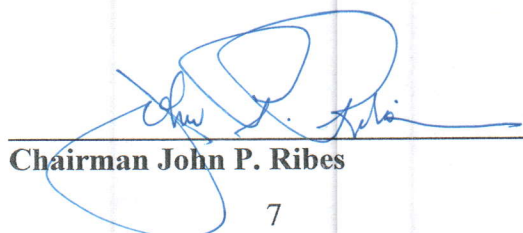
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These Minutes were approved by the Committee/Board on 3.16.11, as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended X. one type.