

October 19, 2011

THE COMMUNITY MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
GORDON RIVER GREENWAY PROJECT NEIGHBORHOOD  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Naples, Florida, October 19, 2011

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Parks and Recreation Community Meeting in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 6:00 p.m. at Freedom Park Education Center, 1515 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, Florida.

Present: Barry Williams, Parks and Recreation Director  
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager  
Cindy Piper, Park Ranger Interpreter  
Alexandra Sulecki, Conservation Collier Coordinator  
Linda Martin, Volunteer

*Public Present: 25 Participants*

**Barry Williams** welcomed the members of the public that were in attendance and introduced Staff in attendance at 6:00 p.m. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to provide neighbors and the general public with information about the Gordon River Greenway Project. He introduced **J. P. Marchand, P.E.** of Kimley-Horn and Associates the Design Consultant.

Kimley-Horn and Associates provided the following Gordon River Greenway Project display boards for public viewing:

- Construction 60% Plans
- North Access
- Graphic Scale/ Special Treatment Overlay
- Overall Plan
- Site Aerial
- Bridge Images with material samples

**J. P. Marchand** reviewed the 60% Design Plan and informational display boards. He noted it was in the planning stage and opened to comments and suggestions. The rezone has been completed and submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Kimley-Horn and Associates have submitted plans to Southwest Florida Water Management, Army Corp of Engineers and Growth Management Development. The asphalt paths would be an alternate mode of transportation.

Many questions were posed and answered.

Expressed concerns:

- Gopher tortoises' protection.
- Closing park at 10:00 p.m. from a safety point of view.
- Lighting adverse to animals.
- Zoo might have concerns with lighting.

Suggestions made:

- Install a fence on eastern end to contain gopher tortoises.
- Use lighting during daylight hours and close at dusk.
- Install emergency call phones or markers in the park to expedite emergency assistance.
- Install occasional covered rest areas.
- Consider opening the park for students riding bicycles to the high school prior to 8:00 a.m.

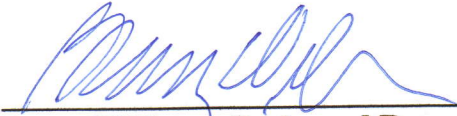
It was noted the project would be funded through a Grant from the State of Florida in the amount of 9.9 million that was previously awarded and currently being held in Florida Trust. Naples Zoo is funding the parking area 50 percent.

The public was invited to review the display boards and ask additional questions with the Design Consultant and Staff on a one to one basis.

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**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION**

  
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**Barry Williams, Parks and Recreation Director**

These Minutes were approved by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ :  
as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended \_\_\_\_\_ .