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

Naples, Florida, October 17, 2012

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, Administration Building, Conference Room A, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN:

John Ribes

VICE CHAIR:

Edward (Ski) Olesky

Mary Bills

Phil Brougham

David Saletko (Excused)

Murdo Smith Vacancy

ALSO PRESENT:

Kerry Runyon, Regional Manager IV

Ilonka Washburn, Manager Parks Operations

Shannon Peters, Operations Coordinator

Alex Sulecki, Coordinator, Program and Land

Manager-Conservation Collier

Jake Sullivan, Park Ranger

Amanda Eberl, Administrative Assistant

#### I. Call to Order

**John Ribes,** Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:08 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

Add: VI. e. Presentation - Eagle Scout Cork Screw Island Project

Mr. Smith moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

## IV. Approval of September 19, 2012 Minutes

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the September 19, 2012 Minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

#### V. Staff Highlights

**Alex Sulecki** reported Conservation Collier has 4-Staff members now located at North Collier Regional Park Administrative Building. She gave a slide presentation on 19-Collier Conservation Preserves, acreage, wildlife, general purposes and information provided on website.

She indicated Collier County placed a "Stop" on buying new property. The remaining purchasing funds will be transferred into the Long Term Management Fund.

She stated PAR has a memorial bench and tree park. Conservation Collier is developing the Gordon River Greenway. Conservation Collier has previously talked about initiating a Donor Recognition Program. The Donor Recognition Program is not perpetual; the donated item(s) would be maintained until no longer possible. This involves taking donations and fee schedules. Staff would like to combine PAR and Conservation Collier policies to develop a draft and have a joint meeting with PARAB and Conservation Collier Committee Members.

The Advisory Board agreed to hold a joint meeting to discuss the Donor Recognition Program Policies.

## VI. New Business

## a. Adopt A Park Assignments

Staff provided the Adopt A Park Assignments agreed upon by the Advisory Board Members based on September meeting for review.

**Mr. Brougham** noted Max Hasse Community Park is no longer one of his assignments.

**Mr. Ribes** offered Max Hasse Community Park to other members and it was decided to place in "Vacant" position.

## b. Naples Kiwanis Club Presentation for Cinde Kavan

Ann Marie Foley – President of the East Naples Kiwanis Club gave a brief summary on how they focus on local children in East Naples. The Club want to present the "Distinguished Kiwanis of the Year" Cinde Kavan - Park Ranger and an East Naples resident and to Sandi Santos, a retired Park Ranger who also received the "Distinguished Kiwanis of the Year" award. (Sandi Santos was unable to attend.)

**Greg Speers – East Naples Fire Department** introduced Cinde Kavan. He reported Cinde Kavan and Dr. Donald Goddard saved an unconscious man whose paraglide crashed on Lely Barefoot Beach. The victim, his family and many ellow Park Rangers and well wishers were present.

**Greg Speers** commended Cinde Kavan and re-presented the "Distinguished Kiwanis of the Year" award.

**Cinde Kavan** stated the best thing is a life was saved. She said it was a team effort.

#### c. Permit for 5K Run at Clam Pass

**Luis Cuevas,** a Florida Gulf Coast University student is currently enrolled in a communications class. His professor wanted students to be civically engaged in the community instead of just volunteering.

He introduced Mike Koch, the founder of Ride Nature.

**Mike Koch** gave a brief summary on non-profit ministry and organization. **Luis Cuevas** requested permission to hold a non-profit, Ride Nature Fund Raiser Event to create awareness for kids to enjoy surfing, skate board, running and walking. The 5K Walk/Run would be raise support for Ride Nature. The organization has hosted beach clean-ups. The event would begin at Clam Pass Beach south 1 ½ miles and end by The Brittany condos on November 10 at 4:00 PM. Volunteer paramedics will be present.

**Mr. Smith** stated the event would end within City limits and suggested they also contact the City.

Kerry Runyon concurred.

Mr. Brougham moved to approve the 5k Run at Clam Pass. Second by Mr. Olesky. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

#### d. 2012 AUIR Packets

**Shannon Peters** gave a slide presentation on the Annual Update & Inventory Report (AUIR) FY 2012.

- Community Park Acres, Loss: 1.2 acres/ 1,000 population
- Regional Park Acres, Loss: 2.7 acres/ 1,000 population
- Recreation Facility Type Guidelines
  - Water Access Points
  - Alternate Fields
  - Hard Courts
  - Indoor Recreation Facility
  - Pathways
- Planned Recreation Facilities FY 2012-2017

Staff reported the Planning Commission approved the report and recommended the Advisory Board approve the 2012 AUIR.

**Mr. Brougham** expressed the need to evaluate how the "level of service" and the "utilization decline of fields" are calculated and/or described. He addressed doing an evaluation with the Planning Commission and to PAR. Barry Williams indicated through an email, he would bring back to the Advisory Board for consideration.

He recommended the budget include adequate funding for planned recreation facilities park maintenance.

Mr. Ribes concurred.

Mr. Olesky moved the Advisory Board approve Staff recommendations on the 2012 AUIR. Second by Mr. Brougham, with an informal stipulation that Staff schedule a discussion on potential changes in AUIR. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

### e. Eagle Scouts Cork Screw Island Project

**Mr. Ribes** took a moment to recognize the Honorable Burt Saunders. **Jonathon Saunders** petitioned the Advisory Board for permission to do a service project at Cork Screw Island. The project planned is to build a path to access fishing area:

- A mulch walking path is approximately 2,600 ft. long and 12 ft. wide.
- ➤ 5,000 sq. ft., from parking lot off Oil Well Road next to Palmetto Ridge High School approximately ½ mile to lake.
- > The mulch has been donated.
- Eagle Scout Troop 165, family members and volunteers plan to build path on October 27.

His future intentions include making this a flag ship project for other troops to come with other Eagle Scout projects.

**Mr. Smith** suggested the installation of a plaque to recognize the Eagle Scout Project.

**Jake Sullivan** stated it could be done and his name would appear on the plaque. Plaques have been installed at other Eagle Scout Projects sites.

Mr. Olesky moved to accept Jonathon Saunders offer (Eagle Scouts Cork Screw Island Project) to install mulch path. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

## VII. Directors Highlights

**Kerry Runyon** reported East Naples Community Park held a public meeting on October 11, 2012 on the velocity skate track and to get improvement suggestions and feed back from users. She reported skate tracks generally need a major overhaul every 5-8 years. Skate parks attendance has declined. The latest in skate parks is to

create a street type environment. Ben Johnson will be at the Advisory Boards next meeting to show design elements.

Phase II on the Eagle Lakes Playground plans include adding additional features. Commissioner Fiala is currently reviewing plan and costs. Equipment will be installed within 3-4 months.

Lacrosse Boy and Girl Tournaments will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November. The direct economic impact on sport tournaments scheduled between January and October 2013 is estimated to reach \$3,238,254. Lacrosse teams will be coming from all over the country. A hotel room booking is estimated to be 6,000.

#### VIII. Informational Items

Ms. Bills gave an Adopt A Park Report on Sugden Regional Park.

- Areas around the drinking fountains, beach area ladies restroom and playground equipment could use a good cleaning.
- > The shoreline weeds need to be addressed.
- An available floating dock needs to be moved to park.
- Internet service and a good phone system are needed.

She recommended Staff follow-up with Comcast to see what can be done to bring a line to the park.

Staff will research the floating dock and Comcast issues and provide the Advisory Board with an update.

**Mr. Ribes** noted a Capital Projects Update Report dated September 25, 2012 was provided in the Informational Items.

## IX. Public Comments/Board Comments

None

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chairman at 3:43 PM.

COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

John Ribes, PARAB Chairman

These Minutes were approved by the Committee/Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as presented \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, OR as amended \_\_\_\_\_\_.