

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

March 15, 2013
Naples, Florida

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 2:00 P.M. in **REGULAR SESSION** at the North Collier Regional Park, Administration Building, Conference Room A, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

Chairman: John P. Ribes
Vice Chair: Edward "Ski" Olesky
Mary Bills
David Saletko
Murdo Smith

(Vacancy)

Excused: Phillip Brougham

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director - Parks & Recreation
Amanda Eberl, Administrative Assistant
Jeanine McPherson, Regional Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Edward "Ski" Olesky called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. A quorum was established; four voting members were present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Invocation was offered by Mary Bills.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Olesky moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Murdo Smith. Carried unanimously, 4 – 0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 17, 2013

Correction:

- Title Page – Location was changed to **Naples, Florida**

Murdo Smith moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting as amended. Second by Mary Bills. Carried unanimously, 4 – 0.

V. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

A) Field Report – Rick Garby

- A copy of a Field Usage Report for 2013 was distributed to the Committee Members.
- Report detailed hours available, hours used, and percentage of utilization for the following County parks on a quarterly basis:
 - Corkscrew Elementary /Middle School
 - Eagle Lakes Community Park
 - East Naples Community Park
 - Eden Elementary School
 - Golden Gate Community Park
 - Gulf Coast
 - Immokalee Community Park
 - Immokalee Sports Complex
 - Max Hasse Community Park
 - Naples Park Field (Starched Petty)
 - North Collier Regional Park – Soccer
 - North Collier Regional Park – Softball
 - Osceola Elementary School
 - Palmetto Elementary School
 - Sabal Palm Elementary School
 - Tony Rosbough
 - Veterans Community Park
 - Veterans Memorial Park
 - Vineyard Community Park

Questions were raised concerning the computation of hours and why the school's usage was included.

Barry Williams agreed if the Report counted the hours used by the Schools for programs, it should also count the same hours as available

Jeanine McPherson noted it was not based on a 24-hour per day availability but on how much usage the turf could withstand per week, i.e., 30 hours for softball and 20 hours for soccer.

Mr. Williams stated the Report would be reviewed and brought back before the Committee at the next meeting. He noted the Report did take into consideration the amount of time each field was used by the Schools which affected the maintenance needs for that field.

(Chairman John Ribes arrived at 2:15 PM.

Vice Chairman Olesky turned to the meeting over to the Chairman.)

B) Employee of the Month – February, 2013

- **Jake Sullivan, Senior Park Ranger**, was honored as the Employee of the Month for February, 2013.

Director Barry Williams recognized Mr. Sullivan with a plaque and thanked him for his outstanding service to the County.

C) Parks Showcase: Veterans' Community Park – Jeanine McPherson, Regional Manager, and Shannon Darrow, Supervisor

- A brochure was distributed to the Committee Members.
- Statistics:
 - Resident Beach Stickers – \$40,000
 - Non-resident Beach Stickers – \$5,000
 - Users – 120,000
 - Program participants – 2,500
- Community Partners/Co-Sponsored Sports Leagues
 - North Naples Little League
 - Calverton Baseball League
 - Naples Girls' Softball Little League
 - Senior Softball League
 - Naples Roller Hockey Association
 - RSVP Bone Builders
- Summer Camps
 - Offers special programs
 - Theme: "Play – Connect – Discover"
- Improvements:
 - New A/C installed
 - Replaced all foul nets (safety issue)
 - Installed borders around all fields
 - Renewed "rover run"

- Staff:
 - 5 full-time employees
 - Need: additional Program Leader
 - Level of Service has been maintained

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Advisory Board Application Interviews

- **Janice Wohl** rescinded her application.
- Interviews were conducted of the following applicants:
 - Kathleen Watts (via telephone)
 - Neil Curley
 - George Fogg
 - John Fuchs
 - Marilynne Huston
- Each applicant provided an overview of personal background as well as professional history/accomplishments.
 - Concerns were expressed regarding the ability of all candidates to attend the total number of scheduled meetings (many indicated they would be out of the area for three or four months).
 - John Fuchs stated he would be available to fly into Naples to attend meetings as necessary.
- After lengthy discussion, the candidates were ranked.
 - The top two candidates were John Fuchs and Marilynne Houston.
- The Advisory Committee decided to recommend both candidates with Mr. Fuchs as primary and Ms. Houston as the alternate.
(Note: An Alternate can attend meetings but cannot vote unless required to achieve quorum.)

Vice Chairman Olesky moved to approve recommending John Fuchs for membership on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with Marilynne Houston as the Alternate, and to forward the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for review and appointment.

Second Mary Bills. Carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

B) Adopt-a-Park Assignments

(1) Mary Bills

- *Bayview Park*
 - Inspected on a Sunday – “jam packed” – parking is not sufficient even with addition of new parking spaces on Hamilton
 - Benches and tables near the restrooms are very nice
 - Wooden benches (overlooking the water) need attention, i.e., new paint
 - Path by the water – needs to be weeded

(Mary Bills left at 3:40 PM.)

(2) David Saletko

- *Clam Pass Park*
 - (Reference: website – www.explorenaples.com)
- *Connor Park*
 - Restrooms are very nice
 - New Turnaround works very well

(3) John Ribes

- *Barefoot Beach Preserve*
 - Submitted two-age written report with photographs
 - Totally understaffed – Staff is very committed but overworked
 - Ranger Office space is not functional – too small
 - Concession is not up to standards – needs a kitchen
 - Restroom facilities are being upgraded but not good
- *Vanderbilt Beach Garage*
 - Is in good repair

VII. DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS:

- “Dogs in the Park” Ordinance was passed by the Board of County Commissioners
 - Effective Date: June 1st
 - All parks will allow dogs except the beach parks
 - Will educate public concerning rules/regulations
- Budget
 - Will present to the County Manager next week
 - Two new parks will open in 2014
 - Requesting additional staff
- Bayview Project
 - Playground is being installed
 - Anticipated completion: June, 2013

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

(None)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

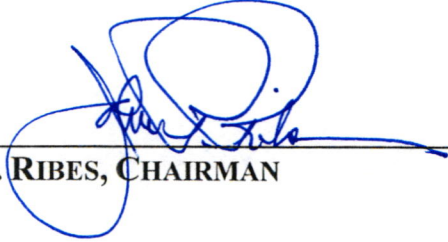
(None)

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

(None)

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Vice Chair at 4:10 PM.

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**



JOHN P. RIBES, CHAIRMAN

The Minutes were approved by the Board/Committee on 6.19, 2013,
"as submitted" OR "as amended" .