

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

Naples, Florida, March 19, 2014

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: Edward "Ski" Olesky  
VICE CHAIR: Phil Brougham (Excused)  
Mary Bills  
John Fuchs  
Murdo Smith  
David Saletko  
Vacancy

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director Parks and Recreation  
Jeanine McPherson-Hogle, Regional Manager II  
Amanda Eberl, Administrative Assistant  
Margaret Bishop, Facilities Management  
Rick Garby, Parks and Recreation Supervisor  
Ron Holder, Senior Field Supervisor  
Derek Dimas, Parks and Recreation  
Todd Irby, Field Supervisor  
Natali Betancur, Parks and Recreation  
Carolyn Allyn, Parks and Recreation  
Ilonka Washburn, Manager Park Operations

**I. Call to Order**

**Mr. Smith** called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.  
*A quorum was established.*

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

*Mr. Fuchs arrived at 2:03 P.M.*

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Add: X. A. Ron Klein*  
*Add: VI. D. Board Member Recognition*

*Ms. Bills moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Mr. Fuchs.*  
*Motion carried unanimously; 4 - 0.*

**IV. Approval of February 13, 2014 Minutes**

*Ms. Bills moved to approve the February 13, 2014 Minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Fuchs. Motion carried unanimously; 4 - 0.*

**V. Staff Highlights**

**A. Employee of the Month – February and March**

**Barry Williams** introduced **Carolyn Allyn**; the “Employee of the Month” for the Month of February 2014 and **Natali Betancur**; the “Employee of the Month” for the Month of March 2014. They were recognized for going above and beyond their responsibilities. They were both presented the “Employee of the Month” award.

**B. Park Presentation – Golden Gate Community Park**

**Todd Irby** gave a presentation on the Golden Gate Community Park Facts and Figures. He reported Golden Gate Community Park is scheduled to begin a pilot program to teach parents “Drowning Prevention.” He addressed questions posed by the PARAB.

*Chairman Olesky arrived at 2:10 P.M. and presided over the meeting.*

It was noted Golden Gate Community Park is looking for a Program Leader and has held interviews for that position. Issues in filling position were discussed.

**Barry Williams** stated the Golden Gate Community Park never looked better than it does under Todd Irby supervision.

**Rick Garby** agreed.

**C. Immokalee Sports Complex – Fitness Center – Addressed after V. D.**

**D. Field Usage**

**Rick Garby** gave the March Turf Report on field usage, maintenance and irrigation. He addressed all questions posed by the PARAB.

Discussion was made on the Immokalee Sports Complex fields in Immokalee; if repairs to provide more irrigation could be done sooner and the need to increase funding for the Immokalee field.

**C. Immokalee Sports Complex – Fitness Center**

**Derek Dimas** gave a status update on the Immokalee Sports Complex and Fitness Center.

**Barry Williams** distributed the *Immokalee Sports Complex Fitness Expansion, The Immokalee Fitness Center Concept Plan and a Time Line* construction schedule. (See attached)

**Derek Dimas** reported the treadmills in Immokalee do work. Each treadmill was put on a separate breaker to resolve electrical power issue. The treadmills will be moved to the front, a safer location. He placed an order for approximately 20-22 pieces of new equipment. Repairs are done in-house when possible. He noted repair vendors are backed up and timing is a problem. There is only one (1) local vendor that does this type of work.

**Mr. Smith** suggested Derek Dimas notify Purchasing of response issues. Purchasing may be able to get the response issue improved.

**Derek Dimas** stated an estimated cost for a discounted treadmills fall between \$7,000 - \$8,000 each. Eight (8) treadmills are needed. Estimated cost for equipment for the Fitness Center are \$150,000 - \$180,000.

**Barry Williams** reported the Community Development Grant (CDG) Fund application was submitted to cover the renovation and the equipment in the amount of \$551,000.

**Mr. Smith** stated Facilities should respond quicker when it comes to a location that is making revenue; one (1) month is too long.

**Barry Williams** reviewed the Fitness Center Concept Plan. He noted support for the CDG Fund application with matching funds and recommendation letters from various organizations help to get a more favorable grant request response. He stated PAR do not have the matching funds. He suggested Members who belong to other organizations make the Grant request known and that donations and letters of support are in need.

It was suggested CRA be contacted for assistance. Staff responded they pursuit grant funds for their own projects. CRA helped with Airport Park.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Capital Projects Update – Facilities Management**

**Margaret Bishop** gave a status report on the following:

- Gordon River Greenway
- Eagle Lakes
- Clam Pass Bridge

- Vanderbilt Beach Bathrooms

**B. Boathouse at Tigertail Beach Presentation – Allen Bowles**

Staff distributed a quote from Superior Sheds Inc. dated February 25, 2014 and a flyer with styles of certified buildings by Carolina Carports, Inc. (See attached) **Barry Williams** reported Allen Bowles was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Bowles wanted to present the advantages of installing a boat house manned by students, 8 A.M. to sunset, and seven (7) days a week. They would be available to help out at the concession stand when needed. This would greatly increase activity and bring more visitors to the beach. Mr. Bowles agreed to volunteer to train the students.

**Barry Williams** asked for advice from the PARAB if this would be something worth pursuing.

**Mr. Smith** asked if this was something that would affect the concessionaire's contract with County.

**Barry Williams** responded "yes." The shed would be for rentals. The structure would be paid over a period of 5-years.

*Mr. Smith moved to direct Allen Bowles go through current concessionaire (Food and Boat Rentals) at Tigertail Beach for endorsement to install a shed or structure. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously, 5 – 0.*

*Mr. Smith moved the structure fit in with the ambiance of the beach at Tigertail versus a shed.*

**Mr. Smith** withdrew motion.

**C. Experience the Challenge – Bettina and Harry Zafiris - Addressed after X. A.**

**D. Board Member Recognition – Addressed after VI. C.**

**X. Public Comments/Board Member Comments**

**A. Ron Klein** requested permission to place coupon books, "Local Links" on consignment to promote local businesses, at park locations where beach passes are sold. The books sell for \$20 and are good through October 2014. The County would receive \$10 for each book sold.

**Mr. Smith** voiced concern over interfering with children's fund raisers for schools and sports. He was also concern PAR would be setting a precedence for other vendors wanting to place items to be sold at park locations.

**Ms. Bills** inquired about selling restrictions.

**Barry Williams** stated previous audits focused on retail operations; PAR closed retail operations in Community Centers. Any time you deal with revenues where funds are split, accounting must be done. The question would be the ability to manage.

*Mr. Smith moved PARAB do not recommend Local Links be distributed in any park locations nor any where we sell beach parking passes. Second by Mr. Saletko. Motion carried unanimously; 5 - 0.*

**VI. New Business**

**C. Experience the Challenge**

**Bettina and Harry Zafiris** gave a presentation on *Clip N Climb, Flowboarding and Community Recreation Facility*. (See attached)

Their goal is to create a facility that provides a unique adventure, fitness, entertainment and recreation experience that serves the local community and compliments our regional and tourist destination.

The presentation overview:

- The Facility and Programs
- Overview of Market Analysis
- The Experience the Challenge Management Teams

They are seeking investors to purchase the land, build the structure(s) and lease back to them on a long term lease. They will manage the Adventure and Recreation facility. They asked for advice from the PARAB in going forward.

**Barry Williams** stated PAR is interested in a Flowrider. The BCC previously gave permission to look for land.

**Chairman Olesky** suggested they contact Ave Maria, for a potential investor.

**D. Board Member Recognition**

**Mr. Smith** suggested the PARAB recognize John Ribes for his service over all the years as a Member and Chairman of PARAB with a plaque.

The suggestion was well received.

Staff will create a proposed draft of the verbiage to be placed on the plaque and bring back draft for the Boards review and approval.

*Mr. Smith moved to recognize John Ribes, with the presentation of a plaque for his services on the PARAB over many years. Second by John Fuchs. Motion carried unanimously; 5 – 0.*

**VII. Old Business**

**A. Adopt a Park Assignments**

**Barry Williams** noted the PARAB expressed interest in meeting at different park locations when holding monthly meetings. He provided a list with meeting dates and recommended locations for months April, 2014 through March 2015.

Discussion was made on Staff recommendations and it was decided to meet at NRP and other locations as follows:

- May 21, 2014 at Max Hasse Community Park
- September 17, 2014 at Vineyards Community Park
- October 15, 2014 at Veterans Community Park
- February 18, 2015 at Immokalee South Park

Staff will provide a revised meeting schedule to PARAB at the April meeting.

It was noted two (2) sets of minutes dated February 13, 2014 required the approval of the Board.

**Chairman Olesky moved to approve the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony minutes dated February 13, 2014 as presented. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously; 5 – 0.**

**Mr. Saletko** reported on Cocohatchee River Park and reviewed the “Adopt a Park Survey” completed form.

- Attractive – Yes
- Feels Safe – Yes
- Clean/Well Maintained – Yes
- Comfortable Places to sit – Yes
- Area is busy – Yes
- Evidence of Volunteerism – Yes
- Does the location have fields – No fields

He reported the following items to be addressed:

- In the area where they park the boats; there is one (1) piling sticking out along the dock.  
**Ron Holder** will check the dock.
- As you pull in to marina, there is a planter with nothing in it. He suggested planting sea grapes.
- The marina has a light bulb out on north side of marina.
- Sea grapes need to be raked up.
- Back doors need to be replaced.  
**Ron Holder** stated the doors have been ordered.

## **VIII. Directors Highlights**

### **A. Deferred Maintenance Projects**

Staff provided last year’s Capital Project list for PARAB information. (See attached) **Barry Williams** took questions from the Board.

## **IX. Informational Items – Read only**

## **X. Public Comments/Board Member Comments – Addressed previously**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

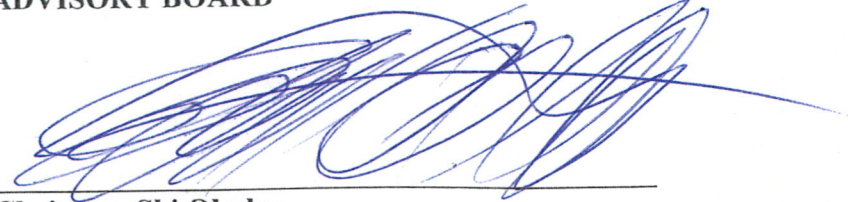
**Regular Meeting: April 16, 2014**

**Location: North Collier Regional Park, Administration Building, Conference Room A, 15000 Livingston Road is scheduled for 2:00 P.M.**

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chairman at 4:25 P.M.**

March 19, 2014

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

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**Chairman Ski Olesky**

These Minutes were approved by the Committee/Board on 4-16-14, as  
presented X or as amended \_\_\_\_.