

January 16, 2013

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

Naples, Florida
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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.
at North Collier Regional Park, Administration Building, Conference Room A,
15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes
VICE CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky
Mary Bills
Phillip Brougham
David Saletko
Murdo Smith

(Vacancy)

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director - Parks & Recreation
Kerry Runyon, Regional Manager IV
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager
Amanda Eberl, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ribes called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.
A quorum was established; six 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

Addition:

- Under Item VI, “*New Business*”
 - D: “Adopt-a-Park”

Mary Bills moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Murdo Smith. Carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

IV. Approval of Minutes: December 19, 2012

Correction:

- On Page 3, under Item VI-b., “*New Business*”
 - Strike the words “eliminating or” from first bullet point

Mary Bills moved to approve the December 19, 2012 Minutes as amended. Second by Murdo Smith. Carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

V. Staff Highlights:

B) Capital Projects Report – Facilities Management: Tony Roberto

- Installation of concrete sleeves
 - Three bids were submitted
 - CSJ Construction submitted the lowest bid - \$87,455

Barry Williams requested a recommendation from the Board to approve the bid.

- Additional approval will be sought from the Tourist Development Council.
- An out-of-cycle request for funding will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Staff has recommended the work should be done and if funding is not approved by the BCC and the TDC, General Fund Reserves would be utilized for the project.

Murdo Smith moved to approve obtaining appropriate funding to complete installation. Second by Mary Bills. Carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

A four-page report was presented to the Advisory Board. Some of the items include:

Gordon River Greenway Park

- Deadline to submit bids – January 30th
- The BCC will award the contract on February 26th
- Construction should begin by mid-to-late April

Eagle Lakes Playground:

- Old playground has been demolished
- The BCC has approved new equipment
- Home Depot expressed interest in working with the County regarding landscaping and installing benches (“Home Depot Grant”)
- Sun shades have been obtained for the sand lot and the climbing equipment
- Tennis court will be resurfaced

Ski Olesky suggested approaching the Rotary Clubs of Naples for donations.

Corkscrew Lake Road Access:

- Design phase has been completed
- Construction built-out: in April or May
- Ramp will be installed

Max Hasse Expansion:

- Project is completed.
- Ribbon cutting: January 17th

Eagle Lakes Community Park – Community Center:

- A designer has been hired
- Total budget: \$2.1M

Phil Brougham requested to review the design plans.

Barry Williams stated the plans will be available in March and are similar to the concept submitted approximately the years ago.

Murdo Smith requested an update on the East Naples Skate Park.

Barry Williams stated it was not currently established as a project.

Vanderbilt Beach Restrooms:

- The Board of County Commissioners has agreed to enter into a settlement agreements with the neighboring community
- Will present new concept to the BCC on January 22nd: renovate existing restrooms and build an additional larger facility near the existing restrooms
- Low profile
- Plans will be brought to the Advisory Board for review

A) Field Usage Report – Rick Garby

(A slide show was presented.)

- Softball and soccer fields are in good condition.
- Every field (60+) has been aerated.
 - Veterans Park field will be aerated within the next two weeks.
- Slides showed examples of irrigation repairs.

- Sun-n-Fun stone project: eliminated maintenance hazards.
- Frost damage: Hardest hit area – Immokalee
- Dog Park: Clearing, stripping of trees and basic cleaning
- East Naples Skate Park: ceiling was painted

VI. New Business:

A) Tigertail Beach Concession – Tony Smith and Martina Smith

- Previously requested permission to serve beer and wine at the Tigertail Beach Concession – approximately two years ago
- Re-submitting request
- The concession has been in operation for twenty-four years – one of the longest running in Collier County
- The restaurant serves good food and customers (especially European visitors) constantly request a beer or glass of wine with their meals
 - Not typical “concession” food
 - Not a “bar” atmosphere
- Business has been lost due to inability to accommodate customers’ requests
- It has become difficult to attract customers – new construction walkway leads to south and away from the concession area which cannot be viewed from the Park
- Plan: To attract visitors for an early dinner as they return to parking lot
- Surrounded by a residential area – will not turn into a “Spring break” party spot
- Even Disney serves wine and beer in its parks
- Hours of operation: limited to standard park hours (dawn to sunset)
- Opportunity to increase revenue

Barry Williams noted:

- Staff had opposed the previous request several years ago
- Experience with Waldorf-Astoria beach location has been positive
- Anticipate same success at Tigertail
- Current Ordinance permits beer sales at Goodlette and Port of the Isles
- Other parks have limited consumption of alcoholic beverages to deck area
- Visitors are primarily tourists
- Staff supports request

*(Barry Williams left at 3:45 PM.
Kerry Runyon served as Staff Liaison.)*

Discussion:

- Opposed to concept – located in exclusive residential area
- Question: Potential “next step” – to book bands and expand hours?
- Containers will be restricted to plastic glasses for wine and aluminum cans for beer (as in other parks)

Kerry Runyon noted if the Advisory Board supports the request, it will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

Phil Brougham moved to recommend supporting the request to allow consumption of wine and beer at Tigertail Beach Park, limited to the concession deck area only, during normal hours of operation (dawn to sunset). Second by Mary Bills. Motion carried, 4 – “Yes”/1 – “No.” David Saletko was opposed.

The Advisory Board’s recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners.

B) Goodland Arts Alliance Agreement – Tara O’Neil

- Goodland has attracted a number of professional artists
- There is no zoning for business to permit opening a gallery in a home
- Only commercial sites on Marco Island are limited to Marinas and restaurants
- Goal: To restore four old cottages for use as an artist’s studio with a gallery to display and sell the artists’ works on a year-round basis
- Currently allowed limited display space in the Museum’s Exhibition Hall
- The County does not have the funding to repair the cottages which are owned by Parks and Recreation
- Commissioner Fiala has expressed interest in the proposed project
- Goodland Arts Alliance has received non-profit status
- March 10th - Arts Festival will be held

Ski Olesky suggested the Arts Alliance meet with Barry Williams to draft an agreement between the organization and Parks/Recreation outlining the project. He supported the concept and requested more detailed information.

Kerry Runyon stated the agreement will be brought back to the Advisory Board for review at the next meeting.

Suggestion: Murdo Smith requested modifying Agenda format to include notations for each item concerning whether a vote is necessary from the Advisory Board .

C) Parks and Rec Fee Policy

Kerry Runyon outlined the proposed changes:

- Page 1: fourth and fifth “Whereas” paragraphs were added;
- Page 7: under “Beach Parking Facilities Fees” – strike last sentence in (1-b).
- Page 15: under “O” – change heading to “Donations” (strike “Memorial Bench and Tree”)
- Page 15: under “1.” – change heading to “Bench Donations”

The Board was requested to approve only the changes – not the entire Fee Policy. The Policy will be presented to the Board in September for approval.

Mary Bills moved to accept and approve the changes to the Fee Policy Resolution as presented. Second by Murdo Smith. Carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

Phil Brougham suggested the members email proposed revisions to Barry and Kerry for inclusion in the next round of changes.

Murdo Smith noted the fees for early drop-off (prior to 8:00 AM) and late pick-up (after 5:00 PM) from summer camp were not included in the document. He stated the fees were not fair since parents were restricted by their employers' hours of operation. **Kerry Runyon** will contact the Summer Camp personnel for more information.

Mr. Smith suggested removing the line item for "Veterans Park Fitness" on page 12 (table) since it is not appropriate – no facility exists.

He asked if the Golden Gate Community Center fees would be approved before the next review in September.

Response: "Yes."

D) "Adopt-a-Park"

Phil Brougham:

- *Paddle Park* (adjacent to 951 Boat Ramp)
 - Area was "pristine"
 - Restroom facilities were spotless

Murdo Smith:

- *Freedom Park*
 - Boardwalk was in good shape
 - No trash was visible
 - Issues:
 - Landscaping around the center needs attention – mulch should be "refreshed":
 - Walkway around Lake – trees should be sprayed to avoid insect infestation
 - Oak trees look more like shrubs than trees
 - Landscaping around shelter (near center of the Park) was "atrocious"
 - "Maintenance standards have slipped and must be addressed" – the Maintenance Plan should be reviewed
- *Pelican Bay Park*
 - Vendor near tennis courts is satisfied
 - Issues:
 - Annual Fee is \$400.01 – should be rounded to dollar amount
 - Old picnic tables should be removed – rusty
 - Vendor requested information concerning limos and cabs – could they be removed from parking lots during prime time to ensure public has sufficient parking spaces
 - Playground – mulch should be "refreshed"
 - Oak trees at entrance should be trimmed – currently blocking view of flag pole
 - Soccer field – fencing near backstop needs to be tied down

Mr. Smith stated the overall condition of the Park has improved since his last inspection.

- *Vineyards*
 - Issues:
 - Basketball Courts – should be resurfaced – down to asphalt
 - Tennis and Racquetball Courts – pressure clean the surfaces
 - Concrete sidewalks - to be replaced
 - Landscaping needs attention – difficult for grass to grow due to sand – consider installing mulch instead

VII. Directors Highlights:
(None)

VIII. Informational Items:
(None)

IX. Public Comments/Board Comments:

- **Murdo Smith** requested an update on the state of the vacant position.
- **Phil Brougham** noted the deadline to apply is January 25th (per current Press Release).
- **Suggestion:** Add topic to the next Agenda

X. Adjournment:

Motion was made with a second in support to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:20 PM.

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**



John P. Ribes, Chairman

The Minutes were approved by the Board/Committee on 1-20, 2013,
“as presented” or “as amended” .