

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, January 16, 2008

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the 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 the North Collier Regional Park in the Administration Building in
Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes
VICE CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky
Frank Donohue
Barbara Buehler
Paul Nyce
Kerry Geroy
Bart Zino(Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director, Parks & Recreation
Murdo Smith, Parks and Recreation
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager
Tona Nelson, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coordinator
Ilonka Washburn, Operations Manager

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM by Chairman Ribes.
County Commissioner Donna Fiala was also in attendance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the agenda subject to the following addition:

New Business, Item #6, Non-resident permit parking

Second by Ms. Geroy. Carried unanimously 6-0.

IV. Approval of December 19, 2007 minutes

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the December 19, 2007 minutes. Second by Ms. Buehler.

Carried unanimously 6-0.

Mr. Donahue arrived at 2:09 PM

V. New Business

1) Directors Highlights

A. Delasol Park – Barry Williams reported that the Board of County

Commissioners requested and analyzed the costs associated with “*not*” building the Park as the neighbors have raised concerns over public access to the Park which is located in a gated community.

B. CAPRA accreditation update – Jake Salzman, Park Ranger and Safety and Security Committee member reported:

- Parks and Recreation policies are being reviewed as part of the CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies) accreditation
- Items under review are Park Ranger responsibilities and safety aspects for employees. They are
- Also in the process of soliciting input from the various Park Managers.

C. Barry Williams noted that Frank Pullman, a Parks and Recreation employee passed away and condolences will be sent to the family on behalf of the Board.

2) Collier County Supervisor of the Year 2007

Murdo Smith, Water and Beach Superintendent was recognized as Collier County Supervisor of the Year for 2007.

3) Election of Officers for 2008 – Board Members

Mr. Donahue moved to nominate John Ribes as Chairman and Edward Olesky as Vice Chairman for 2008. Second by Ms. Geroy. Carried unanimously 6-0.

Mr. Ribes and Mr. Olesky accepted the nominations.

4) PARAB 4-Year Review – John Ribes

The Board reviewed the “Advisory Committee/Board Four-Year Review By The Board of County Commissioners For Fiscal Year 2008”. After a brief discussion the Board requested the document be amended to include the body of all motions for 2007 as well as the concerns of the Board regarding the lack of adequate boat access, soccer and Little League fields within the County.

Mr. Nyce moved to table the topic until the revised document was provided to the Board. Second by Mr. Donahue. Carried unanimously 6-0.

5. Inter-local Agreements for Elementary Schools J&K – Barry Williams

Barry Williams provided two proposed Inter-local Agreements that have been approved by the Collier County School District and are awaiting approval by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

He noted the agreements were standard agreements and provide for the permission for the public to utilize the fields at the Schools after hours and on weekends, etc. The fields are used for soccer, Little League flag football and other public activities. There are restrooms available on-site during these hours for use by the public. The costs associated to the County are on-going maintenance of the fields and of lighting expenses.

A discussion ensued on the status of Little League opportunities at Collier County School facilities. The members requested that if possible, a representative of the School District attend the next meeting for discussion on this issue.

Mr. Nyce moved to approve the agreements. Second by Mr. Donahue. Carried unanimously 6-0.

6. Non-Resident Beach Parking Permits

Barry Williams stated that Staff has recommended a fee increase from \$30 to \$52 for an annual, non-resident Beach Parking Permit. This proposal is scheduled for review on 1/29/08 by the Board of County Commissioners. He noted at this point, the \$52 is in line with data he has received from other jurisdictions. The daily non-resident parking fee option will remain in place.

A discussion ensued regarding possible resistance from the Hotel industry as well as the Tourist Development Council. Whether the fee is too high or too low and how this may affect the generation of revenue and whether the location of the sticker should possibly be placed in the rear window as opposed to the bumper for enforcement purposes as well as concerns by rental car companies with stickers placed on bumpers. Also, whether a 3 or 6 month term for the permit should be offered.

Mr. Nyce moved to approve the Non-Resident Beach Parking sticker price at \$60 and that over the next 30-60 days Staff looks at alternatives specifically less than 1 year

passes whether they be weekly or monthly, also add an additional location of the sticker.

For lack of a second the motion was not considered.

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the request as presented for a sticker price of \$52. Second by Mr. Donahue. Carried unanimously 6-0.

VI. Old Business

1) Adopt a Park Assignments – Board Members

Barry Williams submitted a list of all Parks that are located within the County for review by the Board per there request from the previous meeting. There are a total of 48 Parks and the Parks are assigned for site visits on a rotating schedule every 2 years. Not all Parks are currently visited.

In order to ensure that the coverage is adequate the Board determined that each member should review the list and select 8 Parks within their geographic area to cover. The parks could then be placed on an appropriate cycle for visitation. The list of the 8 Parks is to be submitted to Mr. Williams and he will revise the Adopt-a-Park list for review at the next meeting.

2) Immokalee Sports Complex Pool Update – Barry Williams

It was noted that there has been a temporary solution to the pool heater. A permanent solution will require drilling of a new well. He will provide updates as they become available.

VII. Recreational Highlights

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Cold Weather Policy – Bradie Allen and Kerry Runyon

Bradie Allen provided the “Collier County Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedures Manual,” Effective Date October 2007 for review by the Board.

The Policy provides for the closing of facilities based on cold air temperatures. This is a business policy as the temperature is cooler, less people utilize the facilities and when they remain open they are required to be staffed regardless of usage.

The Policy provides that in the event of a forecasted high temperature of 59 degrees or lower, Sun-N-Fun Lagoon shall be monitored for potential closure.

At the Golden Gate Aquatic Facility and Immokalee Sports Complex temperatures of 54 degrees or lower shall constitute grounds for facility closure.

VIII. Capital Project Highlights – Tony Ruberto

Tony Ruberto submitted a document entitled “Collier County Parks and Recreation Capital Projects Update, January 2008” for the Boards review. In addition to the report, it was noted that:

- Manatee Park is on schedule
- South Immokalee Park has received a \$147,000 grant for construction of a permanent Community Center for the site.

Mr. Nyce left the meeting at 3:48PM

Sydney Kittila, Operation Manager returned with the revised document for item V.4 - PARAB 4-Year Review

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the forwarding of the report to the Board of County Commissioners with the stipulation that the attendance report be attached to the report. Second by Mr. Donahue. Carried unanimously 5-0.

IX. Adopt a Park – Bart Zino
None.

X. Informational Items
Submitted.

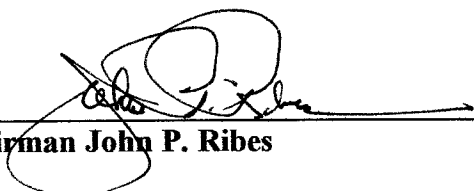
XI. Public Comments

Donna Fiala, County Commissioner stated that although the permits expired and need renewing for the East Naples Soccer fields, this may be a positive as construction prices have now dropped so the overall cost may be less than anticipated. Also, despite neighborhood opposition, the County intends to continue to move forward with the Vanderbilt Pier proposal to assist in providing beach access for the community.

Chairman Ribes noted an email to the Board from William Grotendick indicating his interest in establishing Bocce Ball Courts at Vineyards Community Park

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 4:01 PM.

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**



Chairman John P. Ribes

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 1.20.08
as presented _____ or as amended X.

*** CORRECTION OF FRANK'S NAME THROUGHOUT.**