

March 19, 2008

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Naples, Florida, March 19, 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(excused)  
Barbara Buehler  
Paul Nyce  
Kerry Geroy(excused)  
Bart Zino**

**ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director, Parks & Recreation  
Murdo Smith, Parks and Recreation  
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager  
Tona Nelson, Sr. Administrative Assist.  
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coord.  
Annie Alvarez, Senior Man. V  
Shari Ferguson, Regional Manager  
Kerry Runyon, Regional Manager**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM by Chairman Ribes.

**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. Second by Mr. Zino. Carried unanimously 4-0.*

**IV. Approval of February 20, 2008 Minutes**

*Mr. Olesky moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting. Second by Ms. Buehler. Carried unanimously 4-0.*

**V. New Business**

**1) Directors Highlights – Barry Williams**

**Vanderbilt Pier** – A neighborhood information meeting was held with approximately 300 people in attendance. Concerns outlined were traffic, parking, affects on the character of the neighborhood, etc. Gary McAlpin is going to report back to the Board of County Commissioners for input to determine the status of the project.

**Manatee Park** – Several meetings have been conducted with 3CTS, the firm in charge of design of the Park. Cost estimates have been received ranging from \$6M to \$15M depending on what options are included in construction of the project (inclusion of the fitness center/daycare center, etc.). It has been noted that staffing this type of a facility could be an issue and consideration is being given to a partnership with an organization like the YMCA. The design is awaiting approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The following step would be permitting, and then construction of the facility with completion estimated in approximately 3 years from this date.

**Pulling Property** – Discussions have taken place regarding the shifting the \$700, 000 Parks and Recreation earmarked to the City of Naples for the development of this property to the operation of the Fleischmann Park facility.

**Delasol Park** – The property will be for sale with a minimum bid in the amount for Parks and Recreation to re-coup any expenditure associated with this project.

**OHV Park** – The temporary OHV (ATV) site has been abandoned due to the Protected Species Caracara.

**2008 Agency Summit** – Barry Williams will be attending the Agency Summit on March 27-28 in Altamonte Springs. This summit is for individuals employed as Chief Administrators or second in command of Public Parks, Recreation and Leisure Service Agencies.

**2) Presentation of Parks and Recreation January Employee of the Month**

**Greg Cartotto** was recognized as the Parks and Recreation Department employee of the month for January 2008.

**3) Presentation of Disc Golf – Dale Schwegel**

**Dale Schwegel** was not present. Barry Williams will contact him to find out the status of his request.

**4) Airport Park – Joe Zaks**

**Andy Taworoski, President of Northside Naples Kiwanis** appeared before the Board in the absence of Joe Zaks. He stated that the Kiwanis provides Christmas in Immokalee at Airport Park. They serve approximately 3500-4500 dinners to migrant workers on Christmas day and noted outlets and replacement of barbeque grates, etc. are needed for this area of the Park.

The Board noted that Ski Olesky is the Immokalee representative for the Board and Annie Alvarez is the Senior Manager for this region.

**Annie Alvarez** stated that the request could be taken care of and were not aware of those issues.

**Andy Taworoski** noted that the Department has been extremely responsive to any past needs and appreciates their support and will be in touch with Ski Olesky and Annie Alvarez to address any concerns.

**5) Youth Sports Association Co-Sponsor Facility Agreement – Sidney Kittila**

**Sidney Kittila** presented a document entitled “Collier County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports Association Co-Sponsor Facility Agreement” for approval by the Board. The purpose of the document is to define a Co-Sponsored League and to assist in establishing the parameters of the relationship between the Leagues and the Parks and Recreation Department. Among other things, the agreement will be utilized to schedule practice times and game times for the various leagues in an attempt to provide an equal opportunity for field usage for all parties involved as well as alleviate possible scheduling conflicts. The Board noted the concept is favorable but the following points may need to be addressed:

*Mr. Nyce arrived at 2:53PM*

- The percentage of participants being at least 51% Collier County Residents should possibly be raised to 75% or similar number (Page 2, paragraph 3 item #5)
- Clarification of the Parks included, Pelican Bay, etc. (Page 2, paragraph 6, item #3)
- The limiting of youth leagues utilization of fields to 3 times a week; this is possible due to the growing number of Adult Leagues and associated teams requesting use of the facilities and the possible separation of these users needs (Page 3-4, item 1)
- Clarification of Board vs. Association meeting (Page 4 paragraph 2, item #2)
- Clarification of the sign or banner policy (page 4-5, item 4,5)

- Clarification on the maintenance responsibility of facility improvements provided by a Co-Sponsored League (item #7, page 5)
- Clarification on who is the applicant for waiver forms (page 6 item #14)
- The issue of travel teams falling into the rental category for facilities use and possible inclusion of these teams into the document

**Speakers**

**Brian Rodriguez of Naples Youth Soccer** addressed the Board noting they had just received a copy of the document and requested the item be tabled until their Board of Directors could review the document and provide input to the Department.

**Paul Nick, adult soccer player** noted that the County residents are fortunate to have the quantity and quality of facilities available compared to other jurisdictions. He requested clarification on the effects of the document on Adult Leagues and requested that adult soccer organizations be allowed to provide input on the document.

*Mr. Zino moved that Staff revisit the document to address the concerns outlined in the discussions today (At this meeting). Second by Mr. Olesky. Carried unanimously 5-0.*

**6) Adding Lights at Parkside Elementary School – Barry Williams**

The Board reviewed a proposal to provide lights on a green space at Parkside Elementary School. It was noted the space is not a defined field, but a multi purpose area that will be open to use for various activities (baseball, kickball, soccer, etc.). The funds are available to install the lighting however, a discussion ensued on whether there is a demand for another lighted field in this area as it is in close proximity to Eagle Lakes Community Park.

A question was asked: if there is no clear demand, should this proposal be postponed until demand occurs and utilize the funds for other purposes?

It was noted that there has been no specific demand for lighting of this field, however there is always a need for more lighted fields. If it is postponed until the future it will become more expensive to complete the installation and if field is lighted now, it will become utilized immediately under a “build it and they will come philosophy.” In addition, the County will derive revenue for the lighting from the various groups that will utilize the space.

*Mr. Olesky moved to approve the installation of the lights as presented. Second by Mr. Nyce. Carried unanimously 5-0.*

**VI. Old Business**

**1) Adopt a Park Assignment – Barry Williams and Board Members**

It was noted that some Adopt a Park Assignments are still due. Staff will prepare the assignment list based on the requests submitted and provide it to the members for review.

**2) Updated Fee Policy – Barry Williams**

The Board reviewed a draft document entitled “Resolution No. 2006-296, 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft 3/11/08” outlining the Collier County Parks and Recreation Department Facilities and Outdoor Areas License and Fee Policy. It was noted that the document will be reviewed by the Board (PARAB), then provided to the Productivity Committee for review, then returned to the Board (PARAB) for their approval and ultimately sent to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

**Barry Williams** reviewed the document page by page. Following the review, the Board recognized the following items need to be addressed:

- Elimination of Boat Launch Fees for Golden Gate Community Park and Lake Trafford Boat Ramp, (page 2, item #5)
- The requirement for a groups memberships to be Collier County residents be more than 51%(page 3 item c)
- Consideration that non profit groups and or Tax Exempt groups, etc. be re designated to Category II rates (page 2, item B.1)
- Consideration in an increase of the Open Beach Area fee (page 5)
- Re-consideration of the Beach Parking Fee for residents

*Mr. Zino moved to direct Staff to present the recommendations of the Board (PARAB) to the Productivity Committee for review and return the document to the Board (PARAB) for final review. Second by Ms. Buehler. Carried unanimously 5-0.*

*Mr. Zino left at 4:30PM*

**3) CAPRA Update – Kerry Runyon**

**Kerry Runyon** provided the Human Resources Section of the CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation for Park and Recreation Agencies) to the Board for review.

**VII. Capital Project Highlights – Tony Ruberto**

**Update on Oaks Neighborhood Park**

**Tony Ruberto** provided and updated the Oaks Neighborhood Park project.

**VIII. Recreational Highlights – Annie Alvarez**

**Country Jam**

It was noted that Country Jam was an overall success considering this was the first year for the event at the new location at the Collier County Fairground. Attendance was down from last year but this decrease was attributed to the unseasonably cold weather.

**IX. Informational Items**

**Attendance Report**

Submitted

**BCC Recaps**

Submitted

**Recreation Activities**

Submitted

**Adopt a Park Assignments**

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Submitted  
Meeting Schedule  
Submitted

**X. Public Comments**

Paul Nyce recommended that for safety of soccer participants (players, officials, coaches, etc.) Staff develops a requirement for the anchoring of portable soccer goals. This item will be place on next month's agenda for discussion.

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 4:40 PM.**

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

  
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Chairman John P. Ribes

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 4-16-08,  
as presented X or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.