PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING North Collier Regional Park – 2:00 pm October 18, 2006

Board Members

- Present:John Ribes, ChairmanFrank DonohueTim TooleJohn MacDougallBeth BarthSkip Riffle
- Absent: Ski Olesky, Vice-Chairman
- Staff: Barry Williams, Director Mary Ellen Donner, Assistant Director Ray Carter, Operations Manager Amanda Townsend, Operations Analyst Tona Nelson, Sr. Administrative Assistant Joe Delate, Sr. Project Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 2:06 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance/ Invocation – John Ribes and Amanda Townsend

III. Approval of September 20, 2006 meeting minutes.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> noted to the Board that the meeting minutes are better. Barry Williams explained that beginning with the next meeting the minutes will be transcribed verbatim by a professional transcriptionist. There will be changes and some of the changes will be the need to take roll call. The Board members and staff performed a practice roll call.

<u>Motion</u>: To approve the minutes from September 20, 2006 made by Frank Donohue, seconded by Tim Toole. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

IV. <u>New Business</u>

A. Director's Highlights – Barry Williams

- The walk for United Way took place at NCRP and was very successful.

- NCRP soccer and softball fields are near completion. The grand opening will be on November 4, 2006 at 9:00 am. Commissioner Halas will be the guest "kicker."

- The Exhibit Hall Gift Shop has a variety of items for children that will introduce them to history and science. Staff has done an excellent job.

John MacDougall asked about the kayak launch at Clam Pass. He said that signage has been erected that says "Private Property."

Barry Williams explained that the signs were erected by the Pelican Bay Foundation. He indicated that there is an old canoe stand there and that structure will be taken down, but the access for citizens that want to launch a canoe or kayak is still available.

<u>John MacDougall</u> was concerned that citizens that use the launch were not consulted. Barry Williams stated that the canoe launch site land is owned by Pelican Bay. The County has an easement that is available to the public.

<u>John MacDougall</u> asked if there were other options available for storage maybe using the parking lot. There are about two dozen canoes used by the public. Barry Williams said he would have staff check into options that are available in assisting the public.

<u>John Ribes</u> stated that this has always been an "eye sore" and he found that Pelican Bay owns the property. In the past he had asked Parks and Recreation to find other options for the public because it very unattractive. Barry Williams stated that staff would look at the options available and bring this information back to the next meeting.

John MacDougall indicted that at the next meeting there will be members protesting from the local Paddlers Association.

John Ribes thinks that we can find a replacement storage area for the members to use.

<u>John MacDougall</u> said that the sign makes it appear that the canoe launches don't have access anymore. The public is very put off by the sign. Barry Williams will talk to Pelican Bay and find out what their intent about this issue will be.

B. Presentation by Frank Balzano on a proposed County Driving Range

John Ribes asked for the presenter to state his name and who he is representing.

Frank Balzano stated his name and said he is representing himself concerning a public golf driving range facility. He is here today to provide information to the Board and answer any questions. He is requesting assistance in finding land available for a public golf driving range that the County would own and he would operate.

John Ribes indicated that this issue has been a problem for Parks and Recreation in the past. I believe that this advisory board has suggested that Parks and Recreation look into some kind of practice facility. Mr. Balzano will try to get in contact with the planning department and see if there is available land.

John MacDougall stated that he thinks that an aqua range would meet this need because of the dredge and fill issues in the area. With floating golf balls, not as much land is needed. Frank Balzano said the lake would have to be a perfect rectangle and he would have to meet codes. He is basically speaking about raw land.

Skip Riffle asked if any of the beaches could be used.

<u>Beth Barth</u> asked about the hours of operation. Frank Balzano said seven days a week and depending on the area, lighting would be an issue.

<u>John MacDougall</u> asked about how many public driving ranges are available in Collier County. There is one on CR 951 just north of Fiddlers Creek. There is one in Estero. The one on Davis Boulevard and the one on Radio Road are closed. The one in Estero is too far for residents in south Collier County. This would be used year round by the residents.

<u>John MacDougall</u> asked about the one that was purchased by a private individual and Frank Balzano indicated that it is still closed and he doesn't believe that anything has been done with it.

Beth Barth indicated the same.

John MacDougall asked if Mr. Balzano had talked to this man and he indicated that he had not.

<u>Tim Toole</u> asked if Mr. Balzano had done any kind of a business plan or something a kin to that to see if the fees would offset the operating costs. Mr. Balzano has not gotten to that point because he does not have the property.

Skip Riffle asked if there is a possibility that the facility would not have to be manned.

Tim Toole said he doesn't feel that this would be practical. It is not feasible. Tim Toole asked Barry Williams for his thoughts on this issue and Barry Williams indicated that there are a lot open spaces in our parks that we don't want people golfing on because it destroys the grass. The idea that was compelling was an aqua range as John MacDougall talked about. The County is not engaged in any type of golf enterprise because typically there are a lot of public ranges around and that usually these arrangements don't break even. We haven't seen a business plan by Mr. Balzano and he wants to add that as a caveat. If the Board desires we can look at the current inventory for a parcel that might accommodate this model. Mr. Balzano talked about how he would like to be a part of process if the County decides to go forward with the type of program. Barry Williams did explain to Mr. Balzano that if the County did engage in this type of activity typically we will go through a process where we identify a concession. This would be bid out through the purchasing process. If the Board desires us to look at potential parcels we can do that and obviously there are not a lot public driving ranges in Collier County, that's something that you see happening is the public ranges being sold to a private developer.

John MacDougall thinks that the Parks Department has been woefully neglectful of the golfing community in the terms of the working people who don't go to private clubs and can't afford to play golf and we haven't offered facilities for people to use. He thinks this is a good idea and the aqua range would be a better idea because it limits the use of the land. He knows plenty of people that would take advantage of a driving range in our community. Mr. Balzano has input from the community that is desirous of a public driving range because most of the public ranges are either sold to developers or closed down. John MacDougall asked staff if they thought this type of venue could be considered with a DRI with a new development that could be looked into making arrangements for this type of program. John MacDougall asked staff if any thought has ever been given into setting aside land or a pit or a lake for an aqua range. Joe Delate replied that it is possible. Amanda Townsend said that this is not something we have approached previously but there is a possibility of doing this. Amanda said that there is a possibility in the future that something might come available to do some kind of driving range with either the developer or the land owner.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> asked Mr. Balzano if a semi-circle of artificial turf for the tees would work and Mr. Balzano replied that it would work. He said it is possible that we could use artificial tees over an aqua range with a small pro shop.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> inquired about the lake behind the Collier County fairgrounds and if it could be a possible site for an aqua driving range. Joe Delate replied that this lake is called "Big Jim Bass Lake" and the Commissioners plan on making that a prized bass fishing lake. Mr. Balzano said that it depends on the shape of the lake if an aqua range is proposed. He will need at the very least for the lake to be 300 yards wide and the length at least 250 yards. Frank Donohue thinks that is a good idea because most of the public ranges have gone away.

<u>Tim Toole</u> asked if Mr. Balzano has provided distance information to staff. Mr. Balzano would have to see the lake for an aqua range. Barry Williams indicated that staff can look at Parks inventory and see what exists for a driving range. Tim Toole thinks that this venue is worth perusing.

<u>John Ribes</u> thinks the Board should make a motion giving staff direction. He believes that Parks and Recreation has not stepped forward addressing the need for some kind of a golf program, especially with the youth programs. He knows that people are interested in developing a youth program so maybe this is a way to get started for the County to provide some kind of facility. Barry Williams asked Mr. Balzano for exact specifications. Staff will look at existing parcels.

<u>Tim Toole</u> suggested that it might be helpful to talk to the aqua range in Ft. Myers.

John Ribes does not think the one in Ft. Myers is big enough especially to those participants that are not good golfers or first time golfers.

Tim Toole indicated that nets can also be used.

John Ribes considers nets unsightly and would not like to see nets in the parks.

Skip Riffle indicated that there is an aqua range off of Davis Blvd. Staff could look at this to see how it works and how well it is managed. Mr. Balzano said he had looked at this range.

<u>Motion:</u> For staff to research the feasibility for some kind of driving range in Collier County and what land parcels are available and report back to the Board. Motion by John MacDougall, seconded by Tim Toole. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Fall Recreation Guide– Mary Ellen Donner

Mary Ellen Donner provided everyone with a copy of the Recreation Guide. Three times a year we publish a program guide. We publish in the fall, winter and the spring. The guide has all the programs listed for the all the facilities in Parks and Recreation. We have approximately 22 neighborhood parks, 11 community parks, 2 regional parks and 10 beach parks.

John Ribes asked if golf was available and Mary Ellen explained that we have offered gold by using the Golden Gate County Club. Mary Ellen explained that the guide is distributed in all of the elementary schools in Collier County. Barry Williams asked the Board members to notify staff if they see any mistakes in the Recreation Guide.

<u>Beth</u> Barth said there is an oversight in this edition. She said that her name is not listed in the recreation guide. Mary Ellen said that the guide was published before she was appointed to the Board. Amanda Townsend explained about how this is an ongoing project all year round to get the guide published three times a year.

John MacDougall said it was a very nice looking guide.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> said that his name is spelled wrong and the phone number is wrong. Mary Ellen said she will make sure that all of the errors brought forward will be corrected in the next guide.

<u>John Ribes</u> has noticed an improvement in the guide over the years. He likes the slogan also. Barry Williams also provided the Board with information about the new Collier County Website.

<u>Beth Barth</u> asked who does marketing and Mary Ellen Donner said that the employee is Peg Ruby.

D. Standard Operating Procedure for Park Development – Barry Williams

Barry Williams provided information to the Board members on how a park is developed. Joe Delate wrote this procedure. This is the standard we uphold in order to be accredited, that is where this information comes from. It is an art more than a science. Public input comes from a variety of different venues during the development process. This is the process that we typically use. Permitting is very challenging. He would like to bring it up next month after the members have had the time to read the documentation.

<u>Beth Barth</u> wanted to know if we are required to comply with the state statutes or do we just comply. Barry Williams indicated that we are required to comply.

E. Presentation of the 2006 Annual Update and Inventory Report-Amanda Townsend

Amanda explained that this is the annual checkup against the Collier County Growth Management Plan. The State Department of Community Affairs mandates that each County have a growth management plan established by Community Service Standards to make sure they are keeping up with growth in their area by providing enough facilities, roads, sewers and park and

recreation facilities for the population as the population grows. Amanda reviewed the graphs and charts. She explained that the three quantified level of service standards are the number of community park acres per population, number of regional park acres per population, a value of recreation facilities per population. That valuation is \$270 per capita, community park acres is about 1.3 per 1000 and regional park acres is about 3 per 1000. Each year we take inventory and determine how many acres and how many facilities we have in our inventory to see if we are keeping up with the community service standards. In the last two years this exercise has become more important than it used to be. The State of Florida now mandates that in our 5 year program of expanding our facilities, we have to prove that we are in compliance. So this document is now scrutinized more than in the past years. She provided a copy of the actual inventory of Parks and Recreation. It shows what we have currently in inventory and what we will need to add to inventory to keep up with the community service standard and the population growth. She found that in the past we have not been giving ourselves credit for the many things we do. She pointed out some examples of this and reviewed this information with the Board and staff. We are working the numbers on a 4 month season and a 6 month season by recommendation by the Board of County Commissioners. Amanda continued to review different charts and graphs contained in the documentation. Amanda did point out the because of the Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension, the planned regional park will be classified as a community park. The road construction will cause us to lose some acreage, because the road will be constructed through the middle of the planned park.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> asked about the projections for Goodland Park. Barry Williams indicated that staff is working on the master plan and this will be presented to the Board at a later date.

<u>John Ribes</u> inquired about the Keewaydin Boat Access. Amanda Townsend explained that we are still working with Rookery Bay and the concept is still the north end of the island as a destination and to develop a cooperative agreement with them on the management of the property. It will include a boardwalk over the dunes to get to the beach area and shelter, restrooms and storage facility for park rangers to use.

<u>John MacDougall</u> asked about the Gordon River Greenway Park and wanted to know if the name is the official name of the park. Amanda explained that it is and that she came up with the name and hopes everyone likes it.

<u>Skip Riffle</u> inquired about the money set aside for the Gordon River Greenway Park. Amanda Townsend expects a reimbursement for the full \$9.9 million dollars that was granted. There is 79 acres of land. He asked when all of this will be in place. Amanda Townsend said after the land management plan is written, we will have better idea when the park is expected to be open to the public.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> asked about the amount of money building up between FY09 and FY12. If we are looking this far out, are these real numbers and Amanda Townsend indicated that they are real numbers and we will be prepared to move forward.

V. Old Business

A. Review of August 18, 2006 Revised Minutes – John Ribes/Barry Williams

<u>Frank Donohue</u> read the minutes and believes they are factual and are up to date.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> asked about the date and time of the Town Hall Meeting for Manatee Park.

John Ribes stated the meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2006. Barry Williams stated that Mr. Mudd is working with Commissioner Fiala on the Town Hall Meeting on November 6th and the discussion on Manatee Park will take place at that time.

<u>John Ribes</u> stated that he didn't think that the meeting place and time had been set. He received a call from Commissioner Fiala after the last meeting. Two things came out of it. One is that she is very anxious to get the input from the people in the area and two she is very enthuasitiac about the Board's attendance and participation. She will look forward for all of the Board member to be represented.

Skip Riffle said he would pass on this.

Frank Donohue said he thinks the Board should sit as a body together at this meeting.

<u>John Ribes</u> said that this is open for discussion at this time. He did not know who was handling the meeting arrangements. Commissioner Fiala promised to get back to him.

<u>Beth Barth</u> said that it is scheduled for Enchanted Shores Community Center at 4:00 on November 6th.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> asked if Enchanted Shores is next to the proposed park. Beth did not know.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> felt that the time of day would preclude the working class people form attending. Particularly the people that want to play in the park, cannot be there.

Skip Riffle feels that most people will not be off work at that time.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> said that the soccer players will all be working so it is not fair to the community.

John MacDougall said that the time of day for the meeting will not get a fair representation of the people in the area. It will get mostly retirees.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> said that there will be a big turnout from the people living in Enchanted Shores.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> feels that it is the wrong time to have the meeting and he might communicate this to Commissioner Fiala.

John Ribes said he did not know was handling or organizing the meeting.

Frank Donohue said that maybe he will call Mr. Mudd and express his feelings.

John Ribes feels that the time in inappropriate for working class people. He will make arrangements to be there. He feels that it extremely important if the

town hall meeting is setup to expressly discuss a park, he believes there should have participation by this Board and by Parks staff. Barry Williams said he did not know the details of the meeting arrangements, but staff will be in attendance.

<u>Beth Barth</u> said that by the same token, meetings held at 2:00 in the afternoon, like this meeting is not a time that is available to the working people either.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> said that this is not a town hall meeting and that this is something for a particular issue. A town hall meeting means a lot of participation and not just someone representing an entity like we had two meetings ago. This is a public event and the Commissioners and the Advisory Board members would be more swayed by more actual physical numbers. There is large impact at town hall meetings and there will not be fair representation if the working public is not available to attend. It should be in the evening or on a Saturday but not at 4:00 in the afternoon.

<u>Skip Riffle</u> said that having a meeting in the afternoon is an easy way to get the pressure off by putting it at a time when the people using it the most will not be available to attend. This has happened this way for years.

<u>John Ribes</u> feels that if it is a meeting only to discuss Parks and Recreation, then the group that needs to be organizing this is this Advisory Board. Barry Williams said that it is Commissioner Fiala's meeting and that she has invited the Board member and staff to attend. Staff will be in attendance and available to participate.

<u>John Ribes</u> said that we have held Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings in the evenings to get the proper input. For example the special meeting we had to discuss beach parking.

<u>Skip Riffle</u> said that at that particular meeting (beach parking) it was the Commissioners were in very poor attendance at that meeting. Barry Williams indicated that John Ribes should be the one to communicate the Board's suggestions to Commissioner Fiala that the meeting should be held in the evening or on a Saturday.

John MacDougall asked about the entire venue. There was discussion about where Enchanted Shores was located. The reporter from the Collier Citizen said that Enchanted Shores is located on Manatee Road.

<u>Skip Riffle</u> said that he voted on the Open Air Market by phone. He wanted to go on record that he was against the market but it is not in the minutes. He was advised that he must be present to vote.

<u>Tim Toole</u> asked about the survey results. Barry Williams responded by saying that the results are on hold until the town hall meeting is completed on November 6th. We are holding off on the Parks survey to allow Commissioner Fiala to pole the neighborhood for input as she desires to do.

<u>Tim Toole</u> asked Barry Williams if Commissioner Fiala asked to put Parks survey on hold.

<u>John Ribes</u> stated that any decision regarding the park not be decided on until she had the town hall meeting. Once the meeting is over he hopes the input from both surveys will come back to this Board for review. Barry Williams stated that Parks is honoring Commissioner Fiala's wishes and that Parks will hold off until the town hall meeting is over.

John Ribes feels that there was some miscommunication at the very beginning of the process that started all the issues with Manatee Park.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> wanted to go on record one last time that he is against the time of the town hall meeting. He wants to make a formal motion if the members want to send something to the BCC. Barry Williams reminded the Board members that they are invited to attend the town hall meeting and be represented.

John Ribes feels there are several things important to that meeting and the timing of the meeting is one issue, the second thing is attendance from the Board and the third thing if for Parks staff to be on the agenda to present Manatee Park and how it was developed. He feels that it is important for all the public to know this information before they make any decision. He feels that everyone needs to understand the process in order to make a proper decision. Barry Williams will be at the meeting and will be available to give input if asked to do so.

<u>John MacDougall</u> asked what efforts will be make to get the information out to the people in that area that will utilize the park. He would like to see some minority representation at the meeting. Barry Williams said that there can be a recommendation from the Chairman, John Ribes to Commissioner Fiala. A town hall meeting is open to the public and advertised that way.

<u>John Ribes</u> interrupted and tabled the discussion because of a note he received from Joe Delate. Joe Delate explained that he is leaving and taking a job at the Transportation Department. So this is his "swan song." He thanked the Board for their input and advice that he was given over the years. <u>John Ribes</u> thanked Joe Delate for his contribution to the Board and to Parks and Recreation. He wished Joe well with his new career and the best of luck. <u>John MacDougall</u> feels that it won't be a town hall meeting as previously described. It will be stacked with all the people in that community (Enchanted

Shores.)

<u>Frank Donohue</u> asked if a public service notice is in the newspaper. Amanda Townsend answered that yes it will be in the newspaper.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> asked if this notice could be posted in the parks in the area. Barry Williams said that Collier county Customer Relations Department will send the notice to the newspapers, television and radio for the public notification.

John Ribes thinks that we need to list our concerns and he will get this information to Commissioner Fiala.

<u>Tim Toole</u> feels we are losing sight of the fact that is Commissioner Fiala's meeting and she can run it how she wants.

John Ribes thinks this Board needs to be careful on trying to run the meeting.

<u>Beth Barth</u> said that the County Commissioner voted 4-1 to allow Commissioner Fiala to organize this town hall meeting. The East Naples Civic Association is against this park and this is what this is all about. They want the input from the community and the all the Commissioners are aware that if Commissioner Fiala wants this meeting there is a good reason. She did not want this meeting to take place in August and it was miscommunicated which was brought to Barry William's attention by Commissioner Halas. It was apparent in the September BCC meeting that Commissioner Fiala was given support by all the Commissioners for this meeting to take place. She said each Board member can attend the town hall meeting individually. She said she was under the impression that this Board was not supposed to discuss this at this meeting today.

<u>John Ribes</u> said that he was the one that brought the subject of Manatee Park up at the meeting today because of the conversation that he had with Commissioner Fiala. He also stated that the Advisory Board cannot be told what it can and cannot discuss at the meetings.

<u>Beth Barth</u> said as individuals the Board members can attend. It is her understanding that this Board is not supposed to take any kind of stand, this town hall meeting is supposed to be a clean start.

<u>John Ribes</u> still has concerns about the time of the meeting. Frank can call Mr. Mudd if he wants. John will communicate to Commissioner Fiala information as a Board member only.

<u>Frank Donohue</u> said that he had no problem calling and objecting to meeting time.

<u>Motion</u>: To approve the minutes from the September 20, 2006 meeting. Motion by Frank Donohue, seconded by Tim Toole. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Fee Policy Update – Mary Ellen Donner

Mary Ellen Donner passed out an executive summary with the changes in the Fee Policy. On October 24th, the Fee Policy will be discussed by the BCC for the third time. They made some changes and Mary Ellen Donner reviewed the changes with the Board. Many of the changes were at North Collier Regional Park and the Sun-N-Fun Lagoon.

<u>Skip Riffle</u> asked if the fees are set or are they open to comment. Barry Williams indicated that the fee policy that this Board recommended has been changed somewhat. At this point any input will have to wait for the next revision.

<u>John MacDougall</u> asked about the Rangers educating the public about cigarette butts. Mary Ellen Donner explained that this is an ongoing education process with the public.

<u>Skip Riffle</u> asked about fines for minors. If a citation is issued to a minor, then it will be expected that the minor will have to pay the fine. Mary Ellen Donner stated that she is working with the Code Enforcement Board on policy and procedures.

John MacDougall asked if policy is for the fees to cover part of the costs of operation in the parks because the Commissioners seem to think that the fees should be lower and Parks is using the fees to run the business. Barry Williams stated that he was required to point out that our revenue for user fees versus ad valorum fees was for them to make that the policy decision. Barry Williams met with the Commissioners one on one to explain charging user fees and if you don't charge user fees then you will reduce the level of service that can be provided. <u>Skip Riffle</u> asked if the user fees go back into the general fund or back to the Parks and Recreation operating budget. Ray Carter explained that the money will back to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year.

D. Open Air Market Update – Mary Ellen Donner

Mary Ellen Donner explained that staff has met with Janele Smith several times. The market will open at Sugden Regional Park in December. It will open twice a month through April.

<u>Beth Barth</u> asked what the objections were at the very beginning. Mary Ellen Donner said the charges are based on the Parks and Recreation Fee Policy. Her cost will be \$40.00 per hour for the green space and the fund raising fee. She will be open for five hours daily.

<u>Skip Riffle</u> asked about the clean up after the market closes and the vendors leave. Mary Ellen Donner explained that the department is basically playing this one day at a time since this the first experience that Parks has had with this type of venue. Barry Williams said that we will try this based on the recommendation form the Advisory Board at the last meeting.

Skip Riffle believes that this is a mistake to under take the Open Air Market venue.

VI. Monthly Recreation Highlight

Child Safety Fair Presentation – Jeanine McPherson, Veteran's Park Jeanine McPherson and Laurie Johnson passed out information to the Board members on the Child Safety Fair that took place on October 14, 2006 at Veteran's Park. Jeanine explained that how the Child Safety Fair started by a citizen that had a child that was missing. This year there were 1,986 in attendance. 1,586 were transported by bus from Pelican Marsh Elementary School and there were 400 walk-ins. There were 31 exhibits with 6 event partners and 3 sponsors. Veteran's Park received \$1100 in donations. Based on a survey taken from 128 families, the Safety Fair was rated as excellent overall. The residence participation was from all over Naples and Bonita Springs. Laurie Johnson gave an overview of all the exhibits available in Safety Town. Barry Williams said that the safety fair was a great success. John Ribes stated that he is impressed and all the Board members were in consensus.

VII. Informational Items

The Board members reviewed the informational items in the packet and did not have any additional comments.

VIII. Adopt – A – Park – Skip Riffle

<u>Skip Riffle</u> reported that East Naples Community Park looks very good. He is impressed with the new expansion to the facility. He is concerned about the pavilion in the back of the property that is shared with the school. Staff will check into this and get back to the Board on the results. Golden Gate Community Center is in excellent shape and really looking good. He stated that staff is working hard and doing a good job. He said he is very impressed.

IX. Additional Comments

<u>John Ribes</u> said he wanted to update the Board members on a meeting he had with the Community Services Advisory Board for the City of Naples. One of the members is very concerned about the Kayak Launch at Clam Pass. There are concerned about Fleischmann Park and how it is being used and the City wants the County to participate in monetary upgrades. This Community Services Advisory Board would like an exchange of ideas on how to meet the needs of the citizens of the City and the County. John does not feel that the numbers that the City has for Fleishmann Park are accurate. They indicate that 80% of the users of Fleischmann Park are County residents. John explained that he did not agree with the figures and asked them to look at it again and then after that if they would like to return to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board again, they would be welcome. Barry Williams indicated there has been discussion about a joint workshop in December with the City of Naples to deal with some of these issues.

<u>Skip Riffle</u> said that he found it very disturbing with children in the community breaking into the A/C units in the City parks and schools to use the Freon to get high. Barry Williams said he will check into this and report back to the Board at a later date.

<u>Beth Barth</u> wanted to know why Parks and Recreation did not have a booth at the commeration ceremony at the Naples Zoo. Amanda Townsend said that she did not get an invitation for the department to set up an exhibit booth. She said that she got a personal invitation but did not receive an invitation for the department to have an exhibit.

<u>Beth Barth</u> said that Commissioner Halas was there and that several other departments were represented but not Parks and Recreation and she was concerned and wanted to know why we did not participate.

<u>Beth Barth</u> said that the Zoo officials told her that they had invited the Parks Department. Barry Williams said that he is on the Naples Zoo Board of Directors and he knows that the Parks Department did not receive an invitation to set up an exhibit. He received a personal invitation to attend. Barry Williams will ask at the next Naples Zoo Board meeting about the invitation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is at North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall on November 15, 2006 at 2:00 pm *** ***On 10/23/06 Copy of minutes and agenda mailed to BCC office.

