

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, February 17, 2016

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 2:00P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at Immokalee Community Park, 321 North 1st Street, Immokalee, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky
VICE CHAIRMAN: Phil Brougham
Mary Bills
John Fuchs
McMurdo Smith
David Saletko (Excused)
Rebecca Gibson-Laemel

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Division Director
Margaret Bishop, Senior Project Manager
Rick Garby, Superintendent
Miguel Rojas Jr., Administrative Assistant
Amanda Townsend, Director of Operations & Veteran Services

- I. Call to Order Vice Chairman Brougham** called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.
- III. Approval of Agenda**
Mr. Fuchs moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Bills. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.
- IV. Approval of January 20, 2016 Minutes**
Ms. Gibson-Laemel moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Brougham. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.

Mr. Olesky arrived

V. Staff Highlights

a. Parks after the Storm (Jan. 16) – Rick Garby

Mr. Garby presented a Power Point slide show documenting damage to the parks resulting from the January 16, 2016 storm as follows:

- Golden Gate Community Park incurred the most damage from this specific weather event including large trees toppled, a downed light pole tower, dug out bleacher collapse and extensive debris in the parking lot necessitating park closure for several days. All pole lights were removed in the field based on the recommendation of an engineer as the wind resistant load was compromised.
The Committee questioned the impact the tree loss has on “shade” in the park. Staff acknowledged there is a loss of shade and “sun shades” are proposed in the five year capital plan.
- Gordon River Greenway Park had a downed light pole and several trees.
- Clam Pass experienced breaks in the concrete wall and tidal surge damage to walkways.

Mr. Williams updated the Committee on recent actions taken:

- Staff will have all park system light poles evaluated and request funding to replace aging concrete poles.
- Staff is communicating with Risk Management regarding the Golden Gate Community Park fallen light pole replacement and a broken sewer line for insurance reimbursement. There is a provision for ball park field light replacement.
- Tree removal cost was twenty seven thousand dollars and a claim has been submitted to the insurance provider.

Staff to prepare a report detailing projected costs for repairs and damages for submission to Risk Management for evaluation.

b. Caxambas Conversion – Amanda Townsend

Ms. Townsend reported she is now with the Operations and Veterans Services Department and provided an update on the County’s proposal for a park on 19th Street NW noting:

- The Parks and Recreation Department received a Land and Water Conservation Grant to build restrooms at Caxambas Park in the 1980’s.
- Conditions and restrictions in the Grant include the park’s sole use as public recreational space.
- The County executed an agreement to lease lands to the US Coast Guard for a building which violated the terms of the Grant.
- To achieve compliance, the County was required to establish a public use park on an equal value parcel of land.
- The State of Florida and the County have approved a location at 19th Street NW for construction of a park featuring pathways and a playground.
- The County will seek community input in developing the park.
- Construction costs are yet to be determined and will be incorporated into a future budget.
- Caxambas Park will remain unchanged.

She requested input from the Board for Park design and sought their endorsement of the proposal.

Mr. Smith motioned to recognize the requirement of the park and endorsed the 19th Street NW as an appropriate parcel of land. Second by Ms. Gibson-Laemel. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.

VI. New Business

a. Alcohol Permission – Harvest Festival

Mr. Williams introduced **Bernardo Barnhart** who submitted an application to allow “*Alcoholic Beverage Sale and Consumption*” at the Harvest Festival on April 23, 2016 noting proceeds go to funding school scholarships.

Mr. Fuchs moved to approve the sale of alcohol at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Second by Mr. Bills. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

b. Parks Capital Project Plan

Mr. Williams reported the Parks and Recreation Departments Capital Project Plan will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the February 23, 2106 meeting. He noted the Plan includes new projects and renovations as well as a deferred maintenance list.

The Board noted “deferred maintenance” needs to be addressed.

Mr. Brougham reported he, Mr. Williams and Mr. Carnell had a meeting with Mr. Casalanguida to review past deferred maintenance items.

Mr. Brougham is a registered speaker for the meeting February 23, 2016 to address the “deferred maintenance list” budget with the Board of County Commissioners. His goal is to focus on the five year plan history and its relationship to the five year new capital requests noting the necessity for a funding strategy other than the general fund to finance maintenance.

He requested Staff provide a five year history of the Capital Plan Budget in preparation for his meeting participation noting the deferred maintenance list of items is expanding and adequate allocation of resources is essential.

Mr. Williams advised their capital backlog records track three years and Staff will attempt to accommodate the request.

The Board inquired on the status of repairs for the Pelican Bay tennis courts and was advised the item is a priority and budgeted in the five year plan.

Ms. Bishop updated the Board on the status of the Eagle Lakes Pool design noting a change order was executed and the item is on the “Consent Agenda” for the February 23, 2016 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

The Board requested a “Code Key” be included with the budget spreadsheet distinguishing the correlation between the numerical description and the category items to which they apply. *Staff will supply the information for future reference.*

Mr. Williams will forward an updated *capital projects spreadsheet* to the Board for the March meeting.

The Board inquired on the status of fiber optic wiring for Internet service at Sudgen Park.

Mr. Williams noted the Parks Departments priority is to install the infrastructure in Parks which utilize Point of Sale software.

He will research the item and report his findings to the Board.

Mr. Williams updated the Board on Pickle Ball Court construction noting the twelve new courts at East Naples Community Park have upgraded surfaces. The nine original courts have recreational surfaces.

VII. Adopt a Park reports

- a. None

VIII. Director Highlights

- a. Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park

Mr. Williams reported the conceptual Master Plan for Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the February 23, 2016 meeting.

Strategies for financing the project for funding the project will be addressed.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) or bidding solicitation for the project will commence upon BCC approval. Board members will be invited to participate in the design process.

IX. Informational Items

Ms. Bishop announced Tigertail Beach Observation Tower will open February 24, 2016.

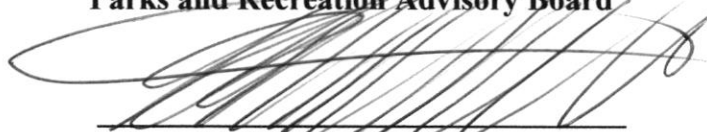
X. Public Comments/Board Comments

Mr. Brougham updated the Board on the status of the installation of an IT center at the Eagle Lakes Community Center noting computer equipment has been supplied and the room will be available for use shortly.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 16, 2016 – 2:00 PM

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 3:10 pm.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board



Edward "Ski" Olesky, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on MARCH 16, 2016 as presented X or as amended _____.