

MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Naples, Florida — June 17th, 2026

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 2:00 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Rd, Naples, FL 34109, USA, with the following members present:

Chairman: Josh Futh
Kerry Geroy
Rebecca Gibson (Becky)
Jessica Bergel
Erick Kelly, Vice Chair
Sally Hawk

ALSO PRESENT:

James Hanrahan, Director, Parks and Recreation Division
Miguel Rojas, Administrative Support Specialist II
Said Gomez, Regional Manager
Randy Swinderman, Regional Manager
Marissa Baker, Regional Manager
Nicole Esch, Capri Park Committee Chair (Presenter)

Any persons needing the verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the audio recording from the Collier County Parks and Recreation Department.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Josh Futh. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was confirmed. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. AGENDA REVIEW:

Motion by Rebecca Gibson-Laemel, second by Joshua Fruth, and carried unanimously (all in favor: aye) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, with a noted correction regarding Rebecca Gibson-Laemel's name.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Rebecca Gibson, second by Josh Futh, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Staff introduced applicant Carlos Cornelios (Cornelia, Jr.), who provided background on his experience working with youth in Immokalee through the Boys & Girls Club, after-school programs, and 10 years with the schools (New Beginnings, Phoenix, and Beacon). He discussed his sports involvement and commitment to representation.

Board discussion included his connection to Saeed/Sayid and ability to attend meetings.

Motion by Joshua Fruth, second by Rebecca Gibson-Laemel, and carried unanimously (all in favor: aye) **to appoint Carlos Cornelia, Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the Immokalee community.**

The new member was congratulated and excused from active participation for the remainder of the meeting. It was noted there would be no July meeting, with the next meeting in August.

Fee Policy Update Director James and staff (Miguel and Janine McPherson, with Brooke Roxbury) provided an update on the comprehensive fee policy assessment with Ralph Telles (consulting company). The scope includes beach parking, field rentals, YSFAs, pavilion rentals, and all other fees. Comparisons are being made to peer counties and facilities. Current fees were shared for reference. Board input is welcomed prior to drafts and commissioner review (target: FY 28). No action taken.

6. OLD BUSSINES

None

7. BOARD / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussions included electric bikes on paths and other park-related observations.

8. MANAGER UPDATES

Holiday Closure Schedule Informational document was reviewed. Aquatics facilities remain open on key holidays. Discussion addressed park access vs. staffed programming, with examples from Memorial Day and upcoming July 4 observances.

Park Adopter / Board Communications Board members reported on visits to adopted parks (Golden Gate Community Park, Immokalee Sports Complex, Pelican Bay, Eagle Lakes Park, Tiger Tail Beach Park, and others), noting positives, maintenance needs (e.g., playground upgrades, resurfacing, shade, parking), and staff responses on ongoing projects.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Managers Updates

- Summer camps ongoing with approximately 1,000 participants.
- Marissa announced her departure to Michigan; farewell potluck scheduled for June 26. Interim assignments noted.

Director's / Assistant Director's Reports

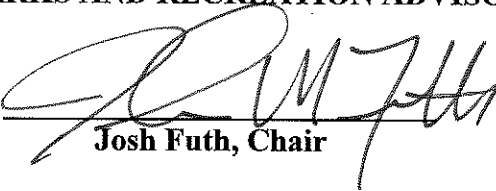
- CAPRA accreditation progress (virtual review upcoming).
- Upcoming events including FC Naples games, FBU, and community activities.
- Budget hearing and potential legislative impacts discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **3:52 PM**.

**COLLIER COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Approved by: _____


Josh Futh, Chair

Attest: _____

Date: _____

These minutes were approved by the Board/Chairman on _____, as presented (choose one) _____, or as amended _____.