

June 17, 2015

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, June 17, 2015

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that 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 a REGULAR SESSION at North Collier Regional Park, Exhibition Hall, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, PAR Director
Jeanine McPherson Hogle, PAR Assistant Director
Rick Garby, Parks Superintendent
Miguel Rojas Jr., Administrative Assistant
Ilonka Washburn, Manager Park Operations
Nick Roberts, Regional Manager II
Diema Edwards, Regional Manager IV
Kandy Thompson, Parks and Recreation

I. Call to Order

Chairman Olesky called the meeting to order at 2:02 P.M. *A quorum was established. Five (5) voting members were present.*

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

III. Approval of Agenda

Move: VII. d. Dog Park to VII. a.

VII. a. Blue Zone Project to VII. b.

VII. b. Pelican Bay Update to VII. c.

VII. c. Clam Pass Repair to VII. d.

Ms. Bills moved to approve Agenda as amended.

Second by Mr. Fuchs.

Motion carried unanimously; 5-0.

IV. Approval of May 20, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Fuchs moved to approve the May 20, 2015 Minutes presented.

Second by Ms. Bills.

Motion carried unanimously; 5-0.

V. Staff Highlights

a. Capital Projects

Staff provided the *Collier County Parks and Recreation Capital Projects Update* dated April 24, 2015.

Barry Williams reported Capital Projects for fund 163, 306 and 346.

- 88041 – Clam Pass Concession Area Deck
- 88040 – Clam Pass Boardwalk Piling Study
- 80065 – Gordon River Greenway
- 80039 – Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park
- 80276 – Immokalee Sports Complex
- 80143 – Delnor Park Entrance

He addressed all questions posed.

VI. New Business

A. Employee of the Month

Barry Williams announced Kandy Thompson as the June, 2015 “Employee of the Month.” She was recognized for going above and beyond her responsibilities and presented the “Employee(s) of the Month” award.

B. Clam Pass Electrical Repairs

Staff provided an Executive Summary *recommendation to award a work order to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. using the Annual Contract for Professional Services for Engineers and Architects Contract #13-6164 for the Clam Pass Concession Electrical Service Upgrade and make a finding the expenditure promotes tourism.* Also provided - Work Order/Purchase Order

for Contract #13-6164 "Professional Services for Engineers and Architects – EL" and Staffing and Cost Proposal to Agreement for Professional Services between Collier County and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for Naples Grande Concession Building – Electrical Service Upgrades. (See attached) *This item was voted on at the May 20, 2015 meeting. It passed and made a finding the expenditure promotes tourism; 5-0*

VII. Old Business

A. Dogs on the Beach

Staff provided an Executive Summary to *Recommend to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on the request for consideration of allowing dogs on Collier County Beaches*. Several emails regarding "Dogs on the Beach" were distributed for the Boards review. The Conservancy of Southwest Florida provided *Environmental Concerns and Recommendations for Dog Beaches*. (See attached)

He noted numerous stakeholders who use the public beaches. Which include at minimum; Home Owner Association's who have property on the beach, Hoteliers who both have property, but count on the beach for their tourism revenues, Tourist Development Council, Coastal Advisory Council, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, City of Naples, City of Marco Island, \ Friends of Barefoot Beach, Friends of Tigertail Beach, Marco Island Beach Committee and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Barry Williams reported the Advisory Board has three options:

- Not recommend dogs on Collier County Beaches.
- Recommend to the Board to establish a pilot program that allows dogs on the beaches to determine implications of permanently allowing dogs on designated beaches.
- Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to amend the Ordinance and allow dogs on the beaches. Ordinance 89-11 currently prohibits dogs with or without a leash on Collier County beaches.

He said the PARAB could create their own option.

Public Speakers

Jan Bachrach – Friends of Barefoot Beach

Dianne Haaga – Friends of a Dog Friendly Beach

Diane Harris – Friends of a Dog Friendly Beach

Heather Jorge – Friends of a Dog Friendly Beach

Pat Schoen – Friends of a Dog Friendly Beach

Advisory Board discussion was made and some members expressed their views.

Ms. Gibson-Laemel moved to ^{Comply} compile with the County existing Ordinance and not allow dogs on the beach. Second by Mr. Fuchs. Motion carried; 4-1. Ms. Bills opposed.

Barry Williams will take the Advisory Boards recommendation to BCC meeting in September.

B. Blue Zone Project

Staff provided an email from Jeanine McPherson dated June 6, 2015 to Barry Williams regarding Blue Zone. (See attached)

Jeanine McPherson Hogle shared information on The Blue Zone Project (BZ), a community-wide approach to making healthy choices. More information on the BZ Project will be provided upon receipt. It is still unclear exactly what will be required of us. She said we should participate in BZ as many of the BZ activities may be centered around parks. Aligning ourselves with BZ will not require any fundamental changes to our programs. She has been attending BZ meetings on PAR behalf.

C. Pelican Bay Update

Jeanine McPherson reported Risk Management inspected the Pelican Bay tennis courts. Risk Management did not find the tennis courts to be unsafe. **Barry Williams** indicated the fencing was fixed. The County is looking into equipment to help the Concessionaire do a better job with irrigation.

Mr. Smith suggested amending the concessionaire contract to take over ~~some of the maintenance on fixtures.~~ *more of the maintenance*

Barry Williams responded he did not know if the contract could be amended and did not know if it should be amended.

Staff will go an inspect the tennis courts, redo clay first on one court in the fall to see if it is an irrigation problem.

D. Clam Pass Repairs

Staff provided an Executive Summary for *Recommendation to adopt scope of work associated with improvements at Clam Pass Park, authorize the Facilities Management Division to solicit bids for maintenance projects needed at this beach park facility. Repurpose funds originally budgeted for the Clam Pass Southern Boardwalk expansion, and make a finding that the project expenditure promotes tourism.*

The scope of work outlined:

- Resurface and reline the parking lot and include water quality and drainage improvements
- Reconstruct the wall between Seagate and Clam Pass Park that is in disrepair
- Provide "mobi mat" to ensure ADA accessibility at the Clam Pass kayak launch area
- Upgrade the entrance toll booth with the addition of space for the sea turtle monitoring staff equipment.
- Improve the area of the deteriorated boardwalk and markers located on the existing paths and remove any derelict materials from the old pathway
- Screen underneath of concession are with materials to hide unsightly storage areas.

Staff recommended PARAB approve the scope of work identified and recommend to the Tourist Development Council and Board of County Commissioners that Staff move forward with soliciting bids for improvements.

Mr. Fuchs move to approve the scope of work identified and recommend to the Tourist Development Council and Board of County Commissioners that Staff move forward with soliciting bids for improvements. Second by Ms. Bills.

Mr. Smith suggested installing steps going down to mangroves along boardwalk for cleanup purposes, if feasible and to look at the possibility of storing ATV under the concession stand and securing it, if feasible.

Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Fuchs would consider amending his motion to include his suggestions.

Mr. Fuchs amended his motion to add Staff to consider looking into the feasibility of adding steps going down to mangroves along the boardwalk for cleanup purposes and to look at the possibility of storing the ATV and secure it underneath the concession stand. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously; 5-0.

VIII. Adopt a Park Reports

Mr. Smith reported on Freedom Park and Greenway on observations noted on June 11, 2015. He briefly reviewed the "Adopt a Park Survey" completed forms. (See attached)

Freedom

- Install rock around rear restroom.
- Seed some areas with wild flowers.
- Spray weed killer around tree wells
- Clean educational signs.
- Widen walking path.
- Repair areas where sod has died.
- Add additional benches or redo fountain area.

Visitors liked the landscape, walking in the park and the gator in the lake.

Greenway Park

- Add picnic tables to pavilion.
- Trash cans by benches and the pavilion.
- Educational signage and plant identification.
- Pave or gravel the grassy parking areas on Golden Gate side.
- Air condition the maintenance building.
- New kayak launch.

Visitors liked the lights for night walks, open and accessible, bike trails and paths, dogs are allowed.

IX. Director Highlights

Barry Williams reported:

- Hired a new Regional Manager – ~~Diana~~ ^{olema} Edwards.

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- Farmers Market, now Community Market has been resolved. PAR have a lease agreement with Mr. Rakow.
- Freedom Park Memorial funding is available.
- Budget Meeting will be June 25.

X. Information Items

Items distributed:

- Notice of Public Meeting – June 6, 2015
- Minutes from June 6, 2015 Capital Improvement Related to Clam Pass Park.
- Adopt a Park Check List

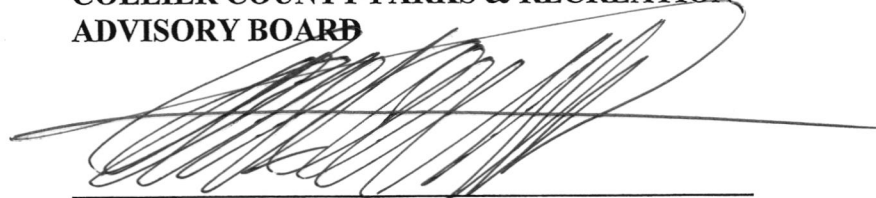
XI. Public Comments/Board Member Comments

None

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting: August 19, 2015
Location: North Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples,
Florida is scheduled for 2:00 P.M.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chairman at 4:18 P.M.

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**


Ski Olesky, Chairman

These Minutes were approved by the Committee/Board on _____, as presented ____ or as amended ____.