

May 20, 2015

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

Naples, Florida, May 20, 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, **Conference Room**, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, PAR Director  
Jeanine McPherson Hogle, PAR Assistant Director  
Nancy Olson, Regional Manager I  
Margaret Bishop, Facilities Management  
Rick Garby, Parks Superintendent  
Miguel Rojas Jr., Administrative Assistant  
Ilonka Washburn, Manager Park Operations  
Nick Roberts, Regional Manager II  
Marissa Pless, Recreation Assistant



**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**

*Add: VI. a. Clam Pass Urgent Repair  
VI. C. 4<sup>th</sup> July Request for Alcohol*

*Ms. Bills moved to approve Agenda as amended.*

*Second by Mr. Smith.*

*Motion carried unanimously; 5-0.*

**IV. Approval of April 15, 2015 Minutes**

*Vice Chair Brougham moved to approve the April 15, 2015 Minutes presented.*

*Second by Ms. Bills.*

*Motion carried unanimously; 5-0.*

**V. Staff Highlights**

**A. Donna Fiala Community Center**

**Marissa Pless** and **Nick Roberts** gave a slide presentation on Eagle Lakes programs available and Staff. Grand Opening has been scheduled for May 21, 2015 at 10 A.M.

**VI. New Business**

**a. Clam Pass Urgent Repair**

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 that this expenditure promotes tourism.* (See attached)

**Nancy Olson** reported there is an electrical shortage and is need of upgrading for safety purposes.

*Vice Chair Brougham moved to approve. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously; 5-0.*

**A. Blue Zone Project**

Staff provided information on The Blue Zone Project, a community-wide approach to making healthy choices. (See attached)

NCH promotes The Blue Zone Project.

**Barry Williams** wanted to make the Committee aware of this wellness and fitness program. He will invited a Blue Zone Representative to a meeting in the near future.

**B. Dogs on the Beach – To be addressed after VI. C.**

**C. 4<sup>th</sup> July Request for Alcohol**

Staff provided a *Collier County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Request for Presentation to be Placed and Agenda* for Tony Newton asking permission to sell beer at Sugden Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. (See attached)  
A request was made to set up a beer tent with security from 3 P.M. to 9 P.M.  
A beer garden will be setup separately. They have been doing this event in the past.  
Staff will ensure all paper work is provided to the County including insurance and all liability.

*Vice Chair Brougham moved to approve subject to Staff verifies all paperwork, including insurance be provided prior to event. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously; 5-0.*

**D. Dogs on the Beach**

Staff provided correspondence from Diane Haage, a spokesperson. (See attached)

**Barry Williams** noted the law prohibits dogs on beaches in Collier County. The Board of County Commissioners would have to change this law. Keweydin Island, pulled the Ordinance off Keweydin Island because of a conflicted with the state law, does allow dogs on a leash, on the beach. Another issue expressed was the inner action with dogs on the beach with shore birds and turtles.

An option might be, to allow dogs on the beach, on the southern end of Barefoot Beach. The beach is owned by the State.

**Diane Haage** reported having a petition signed by 774 people over a twenty day period asking for the following:

- A small area of isolated beach to be designated as an area where dog owners can take their dogs to exercise in the summer months.
- 1 day during the week as a trial period. Dog owners will be responsible for controlling their pet(s) at all times. Owners will be responsible for dogs using voice command and the owners would police themselves.

Questions were posed regarding policing themselves.

Several public speakers were given a chance to speak. Many spoke about policing themselves, exercising dogs during the humid months on and off the leash, economic business decision, dogs with health issues and dogs having rights.

Staff will do research and make recommendations in June.

**Mr. Smith** suggested Delnor Wiggins Park be included in options.

Staff will check on that possibility.

*Vice Chair Brougham moved to direct Staff to do further research and come back with a priority list of candidate beaches to discuss. Second by Ms. Bills. Motion carried unanimously; 5-0*

**VII. Old Business**

**A. East Naples Dog Park**

Proposed site plan diagrams (9) for East Naples Dog Park at Santa Barbara Boulevard and Whitaker Road were provided. (See attached)

**Barry Williams** gave an update on the future dog park. Matthew Kraugh, Architect (MHK) designed the East Naples Dog Park. A meeting has been scheduled with Growth Management Division to find out if the design is permutable and if it can be built. He noted "there is still a question of funds," The design will be brought before the BCC for approval. He will bring BCC recommendation back in June.

Discussion was made on restrooms. There are discussions on building one later. The petitioners for the dog park did not need them.

**VIII. Adopt a Park Reports**

**Mr. Bills** reported on Cindy Mysel Park and Bayview Park.

Cindy Mysel Park looked lovely, She could not find anything to improve.

Bayview Park parking lot is too small. She asked why there was a playground and mentioned never seeing a child in the playground.

Committee Members remember the last time they tried to remove that playground; the Community was not happy. It was not removed.

She suggested park benches be renovated.

**IX. Director Highlights**

**Barry Williams** reported:

- Still have not received the CAPRA Accreditation Letter.
- Budget meeting with County Manager and going to the BCC in June.
- Eagle Lakes Pool and Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park – Public meetings over the summer to see what they want in the park.
- Clam Pass - June 4th meeting at St. Johns Church focusing on maintenance and cleaning up track system. Staff will bring back the scope of work to the Advisory Board prior to going out to bid.

**X. Information Items**

Staff provided an email communication regarding concerns on the condition of Pelican Bay' tennis courts. (See attached)

Several public speakers spoke regarding safety conditions at the Pelican Bay' tennis courts.

**Barry Williams** noted the clay courts have been neglected in terms of maintenance due to the recession and trying to catch up. The facility was out source several years ago. PAR met today on maintenance, they are working on fencing; replacing and repairing. Clay courts irrigation system is under courts. He explained how the system works on the clay courts. The irrigation system will costs could be as much as \$500,000. They plan to take a couple of courts down this fall to try to help with the calcification. If that doesn't work, then FY17 would be the first they could redo courts and it would take approximately \$400,000 - \$500,000.

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A public speaker stated the courts are unsafe. If tennis courts are unsafe; Rick Management will inspect tennis courts and deem whether they are safe or not. If they are unsafe, the courts need to be closed.

**Vice Chair Brougham** expressed being tired of neglect over County's Budget Policy not allowing enough in the budget to cover sufficient funds to maintain park facilities.

**Barry Williams** explained prioritizing projects and pulling out of a recession. We are seeing increases in the budget.

**Vice Chair Brougham** suggested pictures be taken of the condition of the courts and bring before the BBC and fill out a speaker slip. Tell them about the issues.

**XI. Public Comments/Board Member Comments**

**NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting: June 17, 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 4:01 P.M.**

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ski Olesky', is written over a horizontal line.

**Ski Olesky, Chairman**

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