

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, November 18, 2015

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 North Collier Regional Park, Administrative Building, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida with the following members present:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Division Director
Steve Carnell, Public Services Administration
Jeanine McPherson, Assistant Director
Rick Garby, Parks Superintendent
Miguel Rojas Jr., Administrative Assistant
Ilonka Washburn, Parks and Recreation
Amanda Townsend, Director, Facilities Management
Margaret Bishop, Senior Project Manager

I. Call to Order

Chairman Olesky 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. Olesky moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Mr. Brougham. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

IV. Approval of October 21, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Brougham moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting as presented. Second by Ms. Bills. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

V. New Business

a. Stantec – Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park

Mr. Hancock, Senior Associate with Stantec, presented a conceptual Master Plan for the 160 acre Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park site stating a contract was issued to Stantec in May 2015 with the following goals identified:

- Take advantage of the storm water management system lake that maximizes the developed land footprint for all interested parties.
- Utilize the storm management system lake as an amenity for passive recreational use.
- Provide appropriate areas for intended land uses as identified by various Collier County entities.
- Develop an interior roadway system to promote safe access through the park via local arterial and collector roadways.
- Utilize shared parking facilities with the school.
- Preserve and protect utility lines and individual use connections.
- Phase implementation of the infrastructure and park facilities in a financially responsible manner.
- Incorporate community feedback via public workshops and surveys.

Based on these criteria, the project design process was conceived as follows:

- Divided into two phases: Phase I proposed for initial development of 49 acres north of the canal; Phase II south of the canal will be constructed eighteen to twenty-four months after Phase I coordinating various entities and permitting.
- Accesses to the park site via 39th Avenue NE and Immokalee via Orange Blossom Ranch to Oil Well Road have been incorporated in the plan.
- Corkscrew Lake either has to be excavated deeper to meet county and district requirements or portions to be filled in for park use. Any changes to the lake will require environmental permitting.
- The master plan design was developed based on a list prioritized from public input with an emphasis on balancing and harmonizing all elements, constraints and opportunities available to the project.

- Public workshops and an on line survey were utilized as tools to generate ideas for park design. Top amenities identified for incorporation in to the design for Phase I include:
 - 1 - Pathways and trails.
 - 2 - Children's interactive playground.
 - 3 - Pavilion and shelter area.
 - 4 - Amphitheater/Event Lawn.
 - 5 - Multipurpose fields.
 - 6 - Dog park.
 - 7 - Swimming pool.
 - 8 - Splash pool.
 - 9 - Lake.
 - 10 - Community Center.
 - 11 - Outdoor sporting courts.

Phase II features flexibility and abundant green space with the following amenities:

- 1 - Pathways and trails.
- 2 - A multi-purpose facility.
- 3 - Baseball /softball fields.
- 4 - Boardwalks along the lakes perimeter.

Phases I and II are intended to accommodate seventeen of the nineteen amenity elements identified by the public.

- Citizens were provided the opportunity to design the park through the use of pre designed templates. Parks and Recreation and Stantec Staff were available to facilitate with the process. Tools (including a Site Map) were provided and tasks were defined for the participants. In addition to facilities, roadways and parking areas had to be identified in the plan. Seventeen park designs were created and displayed for viewing at the November 18, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to present Stantec's conceptual/space allocation master plan for Big Island Corkscrew Park to the Board of County Commissioners on December 8, 2015 for approval. Final design will be undertaken upon BCC approval.

Mr. Williams offered public attendees the opportunity to present requests for amenity inclusions in the park.

Public Comments

Members of the public addressed the Advisory Board with comments, concerns and amenity requests including:

- Adequate number of Pickleball courts to accommodate growing trend for adults and children.
- Provide adequate horse riding bridle path skirting around the perimeter of the park.
- Noise pollution minimization with construction of barriers for park areas abutting residential land.
- Safety concerns regarding Orange Blossom Ranch right of way access traffic.
- Security concerns regarding park access at night.

Mr. Williams stated park gates are locked at night and he will review the final design and gate mechanism to ensure the property is secure.

Board Comments

The Board discussed the design and commented as follows:

- What percentage did the 14 – 30 year old age group represent in the survey? ***Mr. Hancock noted the age demographics were staged differently so a percentage is not available.***
- What is the possibility of a bridle path abutting the park? ***Mr. Hancock noted a barrier must be created between the park and the bridle path suggesting there may be an opportunity to utilize perimeter edges of adjacent properties (i.e. utility companies, canals, etc.)***
- Are activity trails suitable for biking? ***Mr. Hancock noted the plan has four to five miles of bike trail options.***
- Are multi-purpose fields necessary? ***Mr. Williams stated the there is demand for youth sport fields including soccer, football and lacrosse supports the number of multi-purpose fields designated in the park.***
- Pickleball courts? ***Mr. Williams noted an opportunity for future expansion in the dry detention area is feasible.***
- Corkscrew Lake limitations? ***Water management cannot be adversely impacted and various jurisdictional agencies requirements will be considered in development. Any changes require environmental permitting.***
- Lighting and noise pollution concerns? ***Discussions will be held with abutting communities to address their concerns; Mr. Hancock assumes a barrier will be constructed.***
- The Board recommends a task force be formed to work with water management agencies. ***Mr. Hancock noted SFWMD has been briefed and other agencies will be included in the development process.***
- The Board requested Stantec reconsiders the roadway connecting Phase I and Phase II of the park citing safety concerns for pedestrian traffic. ***Mr. Hancock will review alternative routing.***
- The Board emphasized the pool should be designed for recreational use versus high school use.
- The Board expressed their desire to build Phases 1 and 2 concurrently suggesting issuance of a bond or other financial instruments be considered as an option.

Stantec has been retained to design the conceptual master plan. On approval from the Board of County Commissioners, the project will be competitively bid for final design and a contract will be awarded.

Mr. Brougham moved to recommend the Big Corkscrew Island Regional conceptual Master Plan as presented incorporating major recommendations and comments by the Advisory Board to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Second by Mr. Smith. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

VI. Old Business

a. Review of Fee Policy Changes

Mr. Williams reported a review of the Fee Policy previously endorsed by the Advisory Board at the October 2015 underwent revisions requested by the office of Management and Budget. Based on the scope of the revisions, the County Attorney's office recommended the revised version of the fee policy be represented to the Board for review and recommendation prior to presenting it to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

The Board discussed the Significant Changes Summary with Mr. Williams.

Mr. Brougham moved for the Advisory Board to endorse Resolution NO. 2015- as amended including the above referenced change, repealing all previous resolutions, establishing license and fee policies, in order to modify the fee categories for facility rental, afterschool care, refunds and camping and recommend it to the County Board of Commissioners for approval. Second by Mr. Smith. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

VII. Adopt a Park Reports

Ms. Bills reported findings on her visit to Rich King Greenway (*see attached*) noting the bike path is attractive and well maintained. Opportunities identified for improvement include:

- Additional benches.
- Fencing on the Leawood Lakes side and
- Removal of Palmetto and shrub growth.

She also questioned plans for an area of Moon Lake's exposed sewer pipe.

Staff will review and address at a future meeting.

Mr. Brougham updated the Board on his visits to Paddle Park and Port of the Islands (*see attached*) and highlighted as follows;

Paddle Park

- People left kayaks in the launch area with one person to oversee to avoid payment of a launch fee ticket.
- Spray gravel areas for weeds.
- Increase park ranger patrols.

Port of the Islands

- The Ship Store is well stocked and the marina is clean.
- Landscape maintenance including trimming of Palm fronds, herbicide treatment on weeds and pruning of plant material on the marina side of the Ship Store should be addressed.
- The Ship Store roof overhang support posts need to be replaced.
- Pothole needs to be filled with asphalt.
- Recommend expansion of dry storage area.

VIII. Director Highlights – Barry Williams

Mr. Williams updated the Board noting;

a. Park and Recreation activities:

- Snowfest Naples to be held at Golden Gate Community Center December 5, 2015.
- The renovated Naples City Pier reopened on November 13, 2015.

IX. Informational Items

a. None

X. Public Comment/Board Comment

Eagle Lakes Community Center

Mr. Brougham reported broken light fixtures at Eagle Lakes Community Center. **Ms. McPherson** has ordered commercial grade fixtures for replacement.

Mr. Brougham suggested an area of the great room at the Community Center be dedicated to a computer room with Internet access to attract use by teenagers and offered to provide two computers.

Mr. Williams will review the space allocation possibilities at the Community Center and invite an Eagle Lakes staff member to a future meeting.

Capital Projects

Mr. Williams and the Board discussed Capital Projects status highlights including:

- Immokalee Sports Complex Fitness Center contract bids for the design phase are due in December. The allocated budget may be deficient so creative funding for the renovation shortfall is being explored.
- Bayview Park – **Ms. Townsend** will open a work order with RWA for design of boat parking spaces. **Mr. Williams** noted there is a shortage of parking spaces. He will identify a funding source and present plans to the Board at a future meeting.
- Eagle Lakes Pool drawings are 60% complete. **Ms. Bishop** will schedule a meeting with Parks' stakeholders.

Mr. Smith volunteered to review the design of the Eagle Lakes Pool with Ms. Bishop and requested the item be placed on the December agenda.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 4:25 pm.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board



Edward "Ski" Olesky, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on DECEMBER 21, 2015 as presented X
or as amended _____.