

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.