

November 19, 2014

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

Naples, Florida, November 19, 2014

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, Administration Building, Conference Room A, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director
Jeanine McPherson Hogle, Assistant Director PAR
Amanda Townsend, Director - Operations Support
Nancy Olson, Regional Manager I
Rick Garby, Maintenance Supervisor
Hank Jones, Facilities Management
Sue Zimmerman, Real Property Management

I. Call to Order

Chairman Olesky called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.
A quorum was established. Six (6) 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: VII. Marsha Cravens after Parking Fees

Vice Chair Brougham moved to approve Agenda as amended.

Second by Mr. Fuchs.

Motion carried unanimously; 6 – 0.

IV. Approval of October 15, 2014 Minutes

Strike: VIII. John Fuchs left at 2:55 PM

Change: VIII. Parking at Wiggins Pass to Parking at Connor Park

Ms. Bills moved to approve the October 15, 2014 Minutes as amended.

Second by Mr. Fuchs.

Motion carried unanimously; 6 – 0.

V. Staff Highlights

Capital Project Review

Barry Williams provided a Capital Projects Update dated October 16, 2014. (See attached) He reported all items highlighted in yellow have been completed and will be removed when list is updated.

- Eagle Lakes Community Center estimated time for completion in February. A Park Program Supervisor, Mr. Matt Lee, has been hired to coordinate that project with Facilities Management in selecting items for that Community Center. A grand opening date has not been selected at this time.

Ms. Bills inquired about an article in the Collier Newspaper regarding Commissioner Fiala and the progress of the Community Center.

Hank Jones responded there were some quality issues with the contractor that caused a three (3) week delay. Some important details were not followed under the contract. The Contractor was made to remove a third of the roof already installed and some gutters; and then reinstall them properly. The Contractor also did not follow installment specifications to prevent windows from future leaks. The Contractor was made to remove the windows and do them correctly.

Ms. Gibson-Lamel asked if an interested pickle ball enthusiast meeting had been held.

Barry Williams responded Jeanine McPherson-Hogle met with some of the pickle ball enthusiast early on. Considering developing internally.

A question was asked if East Naples expanding to pickle ball.

No plans for PAR to add lines to courts that don't have the lines already.

Additional capital project questions were addressed by Staff.

VI. New Business

Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park

Staff distributed Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park Meeting minutes from Public Information Meetings held on September 30 and October 30, 2014. BCIRP Vote Results and the BCIRP and Flyer information on BCIRP website. (See attached)

Amanda Townsend gave a slide presentation on government facilities and a brief history on the BCIRP. BCIRP Master Plan was designed in 2006 and due to the economic decline was not started. On September 30 and October 30 a design and information public meetings were held. The most important elements that were incorporated in to 2006 design plan:

- Community Center - ranked #1 without any negative votes.
- Interactive Water Feature
- Walking and Jog Path
- Soccer Fields

New elements suggested and were not in the 2006 Plan included:

- Little league complex
- Gymnasium
- Pool and Aquatic complex - seems to be bubbling up to the top, as something that is important to the community.

The County is hosting an on-line conversation and interactive website, where folks can go register, post ideas and go up and down on other folk's ideas to have conversation with the public on what they want at BCIRP.

She reported several community groups have been holding there own meetings; Golden Gate Civic Association, Homeowners Association of Golden Gate Estates, Waterways Community and possibly Corkscrew Island and Orange Tree Association have all been working together. The County is getting dribbles of feedback from them.

She explained the proposed phasing and funding plan. The plan is to possibly break ground in September/October 2015 to begin to deliver Phase I.

Phase II could include a Community Center, as well as an aquatic complex by 2019.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Can I ask you a question?

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Mm hmmm.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: I'm sure there is an Engineering or funding reason.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Mm hrm.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: but the Community Center, ranked far away, number (1) one and the four (4) soccer fields are 4th and 5th, why aren't they switched, why don't you put the Community Center in Phase I?

AMANDA TOWNSEND: It is a possibility and we've discussed it. At this time, generally speaking, you've got to get that infrastructure

and horizontal construction in first, so that, it is sort of an industry standard for the way that parks and ...

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: I know, I'm in site work and utilities.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: (Laugh)

VICE CHAIRMAN BROUGHAM: Then we move down to four (4) soccer fields for \$3,000,000.

BARRY WILLIAMS: Let me respond to that, if I could, because I've had some input into that decision. I think, you know, there is a couple of things that are coming out of this and there are so many moving parts to this thing but the one is, in kinda of like what we've done at Eagle Lakes where we... and what we've done at Golden Gate and Immokalee Sports Complex, were you have a community center pool combo. If we had those components in the initial phase. The other consideration there, is staffing and operational costs. So...

VICE CHAIRMAN BROUGHAM: Mm Hmm

BARRY WILLIAMS: you know, the thought of trying to get in and get as much as you can, in terms of a park for the public to use as quickly as they can. It just seemed that in that initial phase, where those components...

VICE CHAIRMAN BROUGHAM: (inaudible)

AMANDA TOWNSEND: and of course, staffing and operational costs come into consideration, as well as, the complication of trying to complete infrastructural construction once you got people in the parking

VICE CHAIRMAN BROUGHAM: (inaudible)

MCMURDO SMITH: I have a question Amanda, down there, where you have the Community Center at 7,000 sq. ft.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Mm Hmm.

MCMURDO SMITH: I think it is a little small for that area. Most of the other ones that we've been building lately, have been what... about? About 10,000 plus. In that area, out there, where is a lot of population and growth, I think you should either make it a little bigger with a possibility of expansion versus 7,000, because a 7,000 sq. ft. building is not very big. This is just my... this is my comment.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: No, I absolutely here you. We have seen, for example, at _____ Community Park that was started at 7,000 and had an expansion in several places. The plan would definitely be to leave room for expansion. We heard loud and clear... In fact, the 2006 plan had a 5,000 sq. ft. community center. We heard loud and clear from the community that they did not think that was sufficient. Of course, to build the bigger community center, all at once, delays... you know... delays your funding.

MCMURDO SMITH: It is, but there again, it is their number one priority.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Okay.

MCMURDO SMITH: Okay. Going to the aquatic complex. I know at the meeting there was a big outcry for the aquatic complex and also there was an outcry from the Athletic Director and Diving Coach at the high school _____. I just want to say there was a difference between a competitive pool

and a recreation pool. If we are going to build a pool for the high school swim team, I think we have to combine a recreation and a competitive pool. And then... why isn't the school building a competition pool for the high school team? They built a football fields and a baseball fields. So, then we can build a recreation pool that we could...you know... like Sun N Fun where there is less water depth and all that, because when you get in to competition the water has to be higher and you don't get as much family type of activity. That is my only concern there.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: We have... before we go to speak the Board on December 9th... umm, if at all possible we'll be having some conversion with the School District because we want to identify usual needs and have those kind of conversations with them. We haven't done that yet... umm, but it is on our radar in the very near future.

MCMURDO SMITH: A comment made was... We have to drive our swim team all the way to Immokalee to swim. Well, the school is right there.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: And the school is incurring operational cost for that.

MCMURDO SMITH: I think the school should build it.

(Laughter)

(Background remarks made by others - inaudible)

BARRY WILLIAMS: We can take those comments into the discussions with the School Board.

(Laughter)

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: If you'll build it, we'll use it.

(Laughter)

AMANDA TOWNSEND: So when we start to look further out in the planning window, things get fuzzier. An initiative, that has been running parallel to our conversations with the community about the Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park... umm, is an initiative that we got direction by the County Board about, about a year ago... and that is to attempt to look for an appropriate location for a soccer complex in a private/public partnership to be built by the Southwest Florida Soccer Foundation _____ Naples Adrenaline. Ummm, right now, we think that there may be some possibilities to develop that partnership in a third phase of this Park that was certainly not anticipated when the 2006 plan was done and... and really has only been on staff radar screen since this spring. The reason for that is that the ... let's go back to this slide here... the Public Utilities Division commissioned an Optimization Study to look at ROW planning and infrastructure planning and what have you ... in this entire Northeast area. And one of interesting things that came out of this study with that Consultant did is ... was that this 90 acre lake here, which in 2006 was anticipated to be a recreational lake... is... it is probably of poor quality and very low... has very shallow depth and some maintenance challenges and may/could be used better, as water management and with some fill, creating some more park acreage, rather than being used as a full 90 acre recreational lake. And here is what that looked like when it came out of that Optimization Study that was commissioned by Public Utilities. That would be the lake and the concept would be to dig

deeper where there is water and accumulate fill for more acreage for park facilities within that footprint. Here again, this is still kind of in a feasibility stage but we think there is a potential there that it would work and a potential that would be a place to locate the soccer complex.

MCMURDO SMITH: At the meeting, the people who were there; were completely, almost 100% against that except if there a pool was involved. So, are you still going back with this same plan... going back to the Board?

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Well, so far, the kind of input we've gotten... we absolutely know that the community members in... in particularly in the immediate area but also in surrounding areas are not at all interested in a soccer complex initiative, particularly in the upper 59 acres. We surveyed by hand at the meeting about... "Well, what about in the third phase, in the lake area?" And we got about 15 no's and 5 maybe's... umm... on-line I'm are getting the same kind of feedback. Just recent... just as recently as this morning, the Civic Association and the Homeowners Association, have both reached out and said "we want to make sure we have fully contemplated this concept; can you forward us more information?" So, nobody has taken this completely off the table yet.

MCMURDO SMITH: Sure sounded like it is.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Can you go back to slide 3? To that overall grinder... wherever, wherever that was. Umm. No. No. Nope.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: This one. No. (Moves slides)

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Nope. There. What is that up at the top? That race track...

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Parking lot.

MURCO SMITH: Parking lot.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: A parking lot.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Yes.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: And then go to the slide that shows the Sheriff's Substation, _____, and so forth. Okay. And... right in the middle... how... Point to where the potential soccer facility would be.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: This is that 90 acres.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Right there. Okay. What is the distance between the soccer complex and that housing development to the left?

AMANDA TOWNSEND: I couldn't tell you off... I couldn't...

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: A thousand yards.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Feet.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: A thousand feet. Well, I wasn't at that meeting... but I can tell you what my opinion would be... that due to the traffic and the all the activity that would be at the soccer complex, day or night or both... if I lived there, I wouldn't want any part of it either.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: That's understood. Of course, it is a Regional Park so it has a draw _____.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Yeah, I know but umm.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Something else I should add... is that there will be a ROW alignment that should come in right about here. So, there will be vehicular access to the park from the Southeast, as well as the Northwest.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Having a soccer complex at North Collier Park... is one thing, you look around and you don't see any homes around here.

BARRY WILLIAMS: Well, (inaudible)

MARY BILLS: Shortly will.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Well, this was here before the homes were built. Just an observation.

MCMURDO SMITH: I also think the public out there was against the private sector building that facility. I don't think they would be opposed to having more soccer fields in the lower area, down there, _____ as long as it is under control by the County control and not a private _____. That was kind of the feeling I got.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Yeah, and that will take more conversations with the community. Obviously, to have a public/private partnership is a significant savings to the County... umm, both for construction costs and operational costs. At this point we are encouraging Southwest Soccer Foundation to reach out to the Community and find out what the concerns are. And see if they can be addressed or not. Maybe they can and maybe they can't and of course, ultimately, it would be truly a Boards decision, as well.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Aren't they... the Soccer Foundation... aren't they also looking at all available potential sites in this area or are they sort of, pointing their gun right there.

AMANDA TOWNSEND: No, no, in fact, we met with Mr. Budzke this morning and he is remains open to other locations, as well.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: You know, Madam Recorder, some of these comments that happened, like the past 10 minutes and so forth, if those could more towards the verbatim side than a top level summary, I think it's important for the Board Members comments to get in the minutes. The minutes, are a lot of times read by the Commissioners and others and I think input from PARAB Members is important for them to see.

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: Do we have any public speakers?

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Nope.

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: You're not done yet?

AMANDA TOWNSEND: I think I am done. I think I am done.

BARRY WILLIAMS: I don't know that we were looking, Mr. Chair, for anything other than informational at this point. I think that we did want to bring this... a summary of ... kind of... the results of the community meetings... There is a desire to for us to go to the Board of County Commissioners..., and do likewise and get some direction from them. I do appreciate comments, they will certainly be noted and brought forward, but that if you do have public comments... certainly.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Just to add on to that, though, and we have discussed this at the last meeting to some extent. To clarify in the process the role of the Parks and Recreational Advisory Board in these processing. I think the public meetings are absolutely essential for a step... and as plans, we can all get more specific and get a combination of plans, potential plans, public input and as so forth. To vent it through this Board is absolutely a good thing to do, as part of process going forward... not in the rebound... and that's my comment to incorporate our comments going forward.,, and that is my opinion, not the Board's opinion but I think we heard last time, this Board wants to play a more active role, in the process, in a timely fashion rather than a retroactive.

BARRY WILLIAMS: I appreciate that and we'll certainly endeavor to do that. I do want to say... I do want to thank Mr. Smith for being at the public meeting. That was very helpful to have that insight. So, I appreciate that.

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: Now public comments.

CORRINE PULIZZOTTO: Hi, my name is Corrine. I am a Waterway's resident. I've been at the meetings about this, and we were definitely fine about a recreation park, long overdue out there. The problem is... the privately owned homes situation, we've worked with the fairgrounds, we tried (inaudible), and also tried being good neighbors. Now, you're having a privately owned... that's a problem we have. There is nothing out there. There are no restaurants, no hotels, no anything. (Inaudible) I just want to let you know... we are very concern about it. There are four communities surrounding this park. Not access can happen when the fairground roads (inaudible) ... We have phase parking when that happens. We have porta potties set-up on the road when the fairgrounds come out, cause there's nothing out there. This is a problem and we are very, very concern about this. There is miles before you can get into this because of the four surrounding communities. That's all. I just wanted to share that. Thank you.

SHIRLEY COTHRAN: My name is Shirley Cothran. I am from Waterways also. I am going to look at this a little bit differently... and there has been a lot of talk about this park for the community and the things that should go into it to serve the community. But I asked at one of the public meetings and I think I might have irritated some people... as to why County Staff was spending time doing site search for a private company... and the reply they made... made me start to think that these people do work for the County Commissioners and that's why they were doing it. Then I also look at an RFP that the County did. We're talking about giving this man, 60 acres. The value of the land out there is \$30,000 per acre. We are talking about giving him, 1.8 million dollars' worth of land. He said he'll would put some of his own money into it. But quite frankly, I have never heard of this man before this thing came up... I'm not sure many people have. In the RFP, that I looked at... it asked for the company's qualifications to do a project... it asks for their employee's experience... it asks for other projects and if they met the deadlines, did they come in on budget... they asked for asked for _____ canals and a mitigation study. I don't know if you have gotten all those things from this man or not, but I think those things should be done before the County commits money... commits land to him, because that's

what you do. I just don't know... and you can tell me whether or not... the due diligence has been done or not concerning this project. I watched a Board of Commissioners meeting, from last December... and those people were all excited and that is great to have enthusiasm but they weren't asking any business questions... and you know, I thought its part of the job. That's my other (inaudible) that have come out in other meetings, there has been some emotional meetings. So we do have real concerns. We do ...we get hit with... my house gets hit with light solutions from the schools ball field because I'm right behind it. It hits a friend of mine's house. It doesn't bother me because I'm in the back of my house. The houses in Waterways, there is a number of them. I know because I sent them emails last night. ... It is their backyards that will be looking at this park. I won't bore you today... maybe I will email, if I have the email addresses... of pictures, those people have taken out of the back of their house and what they see looking at from their back of their homes.

No one has mentioned a thing about privacy walls or sound barriers or any of this. I don't know if they are in the plans or not but I didn't see them. So...

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: They're a bunch of years away from that detail. Right now it is just concepts. I mean bare bones concept, all you see is what is on the slide. You got years, believe me.

SHIRLEY COTHRAN: The other thing... (Inaudible) where did they place the stadium? ... On the west end of land there, at the lake, it is closer to Waterways than to the high school, or the orchards or the water treatment plant. So...

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Email your concerns and pictures into the County Commissioners as well as here. Those people are going to make the decision.

SHIRLEY COTHRAN: And we are doing that. But we...

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Sometimes we like the decisions here, but we're not allowed. All we can make are recommendations.

SHIRLEY COTHRAN: That is what we would like, your comments to help us.

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: Going to Old Business.

MURDO SMITH: Can I ask a question before we go on to Old Business?

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: Yes.

MURDO SMITH: Barry, there's a question that I think you brought up also... about the possibility of filling in that lake and using it for more recreational facilities... has there been any look into what this might cost or anything or?

BARRY WILLIAMS: Public Utilities did an Optimization Study and suggested we could fill it in and create another 45 acres.

MURCO SMITH: Okay. Did they say how much be to fill that in at some point?

BARRY WILLIAMS: We've had some rough estimates. There is a variety of scenarios you can pursue. That the ... I am not even sure I got a good range, but it would be... at \$30,000 an acre, you know... to go buy land, it would be worth our while to do it and to develop it and to create that there.

MURDO SMITH: I think maybe, if that's a feasibility...

instead of putting a soccer complex in, maybe look at filling that in and putting other County recreation facilities in those 45 acres that would be what the public would need, maybe a little league complex, Everyone is looking for... where the lights could be well maintained... or something like that. I think we should continue to look at that, it is very valuable, to have those extra 45 acres.

BARRY WILLIAMS: Absolutely. And I do think that is the intent... that's to get to the Board and say we've had these public meetings and this is the kind of feedback we are getting. Certainly we are hearing people's opposition to Mr. Budzke's proposal. And at this is the point, I think, from the Staff point of view, keep your options open... let's look at it. There is an initiative in Lee County that was just talked about, similar kind of deal, a private/public partnership where they developed basketball/volleyball space for... from... rerun from a private sector. I think our question is... and the questions is... What can Mr. Budzke provide that will benefit the public? I think he is working hard to try to define that. Whether it is a good idea or not, whether it should be here or not... I think, ultimately we are going to go to the Board and get them to give us some direction so.

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: Is there some other property that was for sale were the groves were? At one time... I thought...

BARRY WILLIAMS: I think that went under... Mr. Paul sold those lands to a private developer. So thank you for letting us bring this to you and we will do this more than what perhaps, we have done in the past.

MURDO SMITH: When does it go before the Board again?

BARRY WILLIAMS: December 9th

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: In the same sense in what you've presented, Amanda?

AMANDA TOWNSEND: A little more refined.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: More power point?

BARRY WILLIAMS: She cleans up a little better before.

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: Any other comments?

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Well, I think you should say... that you had a review session with the PARAB and there were public comments. Otherwise

AMANDA TOWNSEND: Yes.

VII. Old Business

PARAB Member's Terms

Barry Williams provided a copy of an email sent to PABAB Members on October 27, 2014. (See attached) He reviewed:

- Advisory Board Member terms are for four (4) years.
- The new Advisory Board Member, Ms. Rebecca Lamel, was approved by the Board yesterday.
- Board Members with terms due to expire on December 31, 2014, applications were approved at the November Board of County Commissioner's meeting.

Pelican Bay Community Park

Staff distributed copies of a *Special Warranty Deed and Declaration of Restrictions and Protective Covenants for Parcel "A", Pelican Bay Unit Nineteen*; both dated September 26, 1994. Also distributed: Executive Summary: *Recommendation to approve the expenditure of Tourist Development Beach Park Facilities Tax Funds for \$734,370 with Q. Grady Minor and Associates, P.A. for Request For Proposal number 14-6301, "Design Services for Clam Pass", and make a finding that this expenditure promotes tourism.* (See attached)

Barry Williams reported:

- Any improvements made to Pelican Bay Community Park requires the approval of the Pelican Bay Foundation.
- He is not opposed to reinstalling a baseball field at Pelican Bay. He noted the previous field had received very little use.

Discussion was made on lights, maintenance and the reinstallation of the baseball field to be used for little league baseball.

Adopt a Park Follow up List

Staff provided a "Park Follow-Up List." (See attached) Due to a shortage of Staff, the list is not as comprehensive as he prefers. He will expand on it. He will provide the list on a regular basis.

Rebecca Gibson-Lamel asked if she would be assigned any parks to report on.

Barry Williams responded yes and this is something we'll have to talk about.

Clam Pass Boardwalk Project

BARRY WILLIAMS: Just for the audience. There are a couple of things we wanted to do with this item. One is, we do have an Agenda Item that we have in your packet... that we are asking for your approval on. But rather than to do that... then... two items later let Marsha talk... I think we might need to reconsider that. What I wanted to do initially, was just to tell you where we were with this project, I think that was the question that had emerged last month, to what extent we kept you all in the dark, our apologies, that was not in our intent. I put a couple of things in your packet to kinda let you know the progression of this thing. I actually approached the Pelican Bay Foundation last... I want to say last winter and talked to them about a project that has been on the books for some time. That's to redo the Clam Pass Park parking lot, install a kayak launch and to extend a southern boardwalk from the existing boardwalk. And when I went to the Pelican Bay Foundation and talked to them about that... they had a lot of questions about that project. Primarily, its impact on the current mangroves that are there, permitting requirements, the big question was the need that we had for that project. All those kind of questions. Throughout that conversation with the Pelican Bay Foundation, I was actually asked by Marsha to talk to Pelican Bay Services Division. Which I did, and talked to them about just kind of our plans our thoughts. I was also invited to attend a Mangrove Action Group, as well, to talk to them. And so we are starting to get interest certainly in this project, as far as; what we are doing with it, why we are doing it and how we're going to do it.

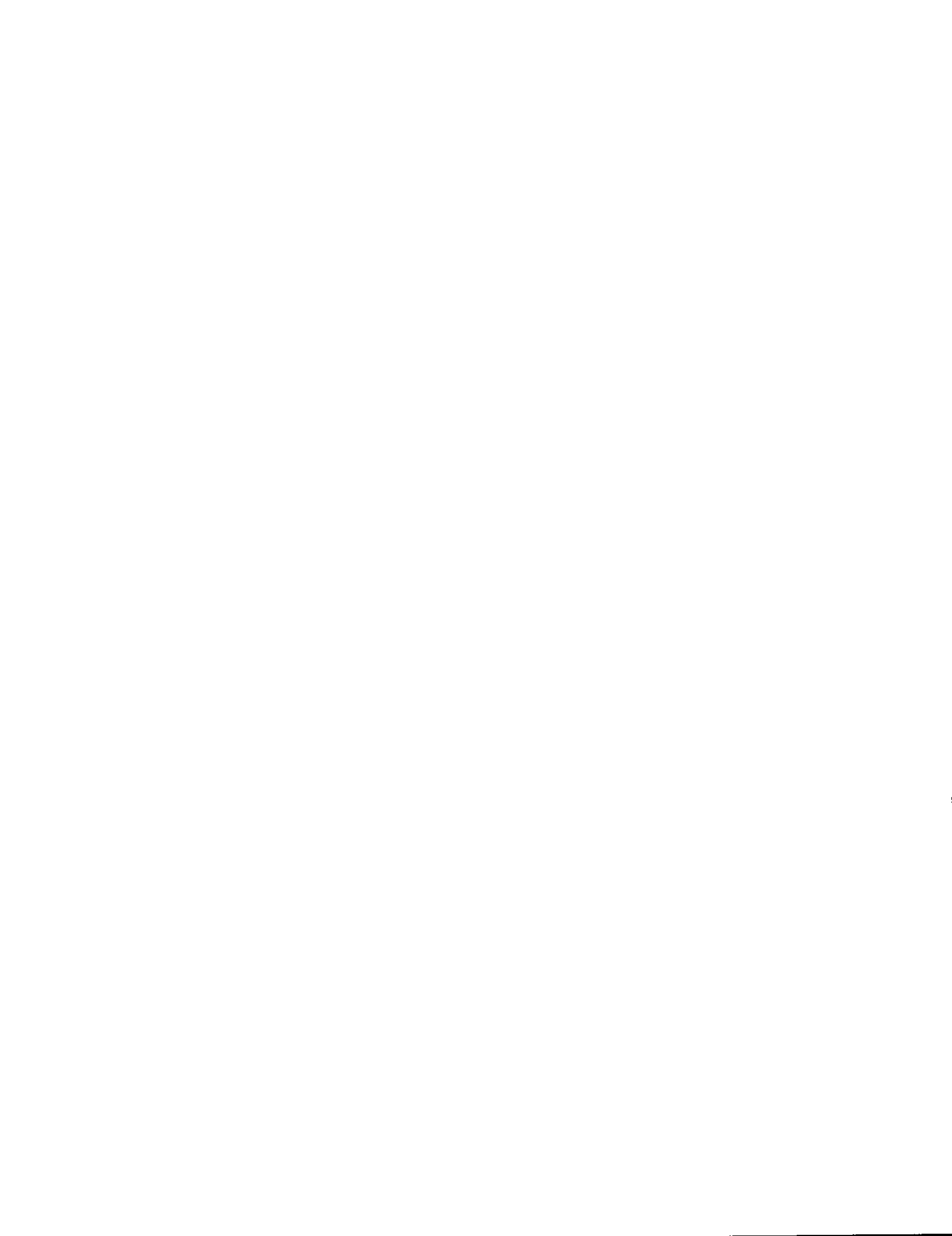
The initial stages of this... the money has been appropriated in this project, at least since 2007. The concept is simple with the southern boardwalk is to extend it down the property line, that we own in Clam Pass. It is a public park... that what we see is that people will go out to the park and at a certain point they will either go north or south or stop. So the concept is to try to spread people down the beach and get them down to the beach.

What we've done at this point is... were asking for funding. The money has been appropriated, it's in the budget. But whenever we take a step to spend money, we go to the Tourist Development Council (TDC.) We go to the Board of County Commissioners. We haven't traditionally gone to you for this, because it is not an area where you are appropriating money or okaying funds. But given the interest and the need for us to be as transparent as could, we wanted to bring this to you and let you hear from people who may be affected by it and then ask for your ups or downs on bringing this forward. What I would tell you too... since this is a project that is already approved by the Board of County Commissioners/TDC. If you vote down, I still feel an obligation to bring it forward and tell them that's where you guys are. If you vote up, I would also let them know that as well. That is kind of the history of the project... where we are... where we are today. Hank Jones is here.

In your packet is an Executive Summary that would go to the TDC that would go to the Board of County Commissions. (See attached) I will read for everyone's sake.... Recommendation is to approve the expenditure Tourist Development Beach Park Facilities Tax Funds for \$734,370 with Q. Grady Minor and Associates P.A. for Request for Proposal (RFP) Number 14-6301 for Design Services for Clam Pass Park Boardwalk and Restroom Facility and make a finding that this expenditure promotes tourism.

The last thing I'll say about this is... if this is approved, we would work with a Consultant. The expectation from of the Pelican Bay Foundation, we did meet their... with a Sub Committee at their behest, to look at the plans we had... at conceptual drawings we had... and they asked us to take away several things and to improve several things, which we intend to do. If we hire a design Consultant, that is what we would ask the Consultant to do, to make that conceptual drawing according to the feedback that we've gotten from the Pelican Bay Foundation and ultimately we would bring that Conceptual Drawing back to Pelican Bay Foundation for their initial approval. There are three (3) levels of approval that we have to achieve with the Pelican Bay Foundation... and this would be the first step. So there is a lot of opportunity for public input and it is something that the... Hank Jones wants to say something.

HANK JONES: I want to... I got a question... just because I get stuck with doing what everybody says. (Laughter) We had a lot of talk earlier in this meeting on what the public needs and public wants. I'm confused on this Clam Pass thing on the interplay between what the public wants and what Pelican Bay Foundation wants. I don't how that should be addressed. But I think we should give this project the same benefit of public... public input as the input from the Pelican Bay Foundation. But I am not aware of the



agreements out there. I'm just talking as a citizen, representing whatever the public might want at this facility that perhaps some other interest don't want.

BARRY WILLIAMS: Good.

HANK JONES: Well, that fell flat, didn't it? (Laughter)

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: Nice comment (inaudible)

BARRY WILLIAMS: Mr. Chair... if you like... I mean... that would be the presentation I would give you about this project. It might be appropriate to hear... from some of your...

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: That's... I'm going there...

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: This Executive Summary is to approve funding an RFP that will provide the need around a conceptual design based upon feedback and input from? Interested parties... concerned parties... all parties...

BARRY WILLIAMS: Well, there is several levels of this project being vetted. TDC, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners... ultimately if this RFP was approved. We would hire Q. Grady Minor and what they would do is begin the conceptual plans that were consistent with what the public would like and what the Foundation would like and ultimately to have approval by the Foundation.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: I just want some clarity on that. I don't like the idea of spending \$734,370 to an Engineer to go forward in developing a conceptual plan (inaudible) vacuum of input from all the interested parties. And that is what I would like some clarity on. If this is approved by all people who have the authority to approve it; and if Q. Grady Minor goes off in his office and based on what he heard from Pelican Bay Foundation, develops a conceptual plan, comes out of out of the box and everybody boos and hisses... that's not a good expenditure of funds. I don't... I am trying to understand that process.

HANK JONES: If I may comment?

BARRY WILLIAMS: Oh, please.

HANK JONES: What we would do in an RFP. We have stops built in, phases of the design effort. And the very first one is to come up with the input and the concepts. At that point... it is like a go, no go. That may send you back to the interested parties to proceed to more details. Just in case there is a problem.

BARRY WILLIAMS: The interesting thing about that to consider is... whether the southern boardwalk is a good idea or not as we go forward... there are some elements, like the kayak launch and the parking lot redo... which may be some good elements. So, if we are able to move forward with some of the elements that is better than just to kill the whole thing. I think.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: (Inaudible)

BARRY WILLIAMS: But your point too is a good one. Do you spend money now for a boardwalk nobody one wants? I don't know.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Well, we don't know that nobody wants it. Everyone isn't here... put it that way.

MURDO SMITH: I've got a question here. If the concepts is okay with Grady Minor, whoever... if there is not as many facilities would their fee be reduced?

BARRY WILLIAMS: I don't follow your question.

MURDO SMITH: say if they build a bathroom but not a boardwalk, or build a boardwalk and no bathroom... would there be a reduction?

BARRY WILLIAMS: They get paid by the services they provide so...

MURDO SMITH: And my next question Barry is... Is this a Tourist Development Beach Park Facility Funds or TDC Funds... is it Fund 183?

BARRY WILLIAMS: Fund 183 Beach Park Facility Funds

MURDO SMITH: Did this come through PARAB?

BARRY WILLIAMS: It did. It has been on the books for a long time. Funds have been appropriated since 2007. It's been a while.

CHAIRMAN OLESKY: Do I have any Public Comments on this? (Laughter) How many people want to speak on it? Well in that case we are going to have to limit you to 3 minutes.

MARSHA CRAVENS: I was requested... excuse me... Marsha Cravens with the Sierra Club. As you know all of this all came about today because I attended the October PARAB meeting and I brought it to your attention that there were RFPs going forward without any apparent meetings... without being brought before PARAB or any other Advisory Boards... that I could find and brought to your attention. I was requested to come back and do a presentation this month. So I have put together a PowerPoint, which I hope will work, it is basically, it is just some slides to help provide a little more background information on the real reason why this preliminary conceptual basis has given everybody so much heartburn.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Marsha, who are you speaking down on behalf of all these people?

MARSHA CRAVENS: I am speaking on the behalf of the Sierra Club and we have a Regional Group. But I am empowered to speak as one voice for the Sierra Club which we have many, many members in Florida. And we have Regional _____ and National members, which I am speaking on their behalf.

She was unable to show slides in the beginning of her presentation due to technical difficulties.

Marsha Cravens gave a slide presentation and the history on Pelican Bay/Clam Pass area. She spoke on natural resources, conservation and preservation areas. Some groups thought a lot of the projects proposed were not appropriate for this location.

She noted Mr. McAlpin stated the basis for the conceptual plans was to spread people out on the beach. People naturally spread out, they don't need a boardwalk.



VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Question Marsha, just so I understand... and this is all good input ... and all good background for us and very informative. The question at hand is... we have a proposed Executive Summary going forward... it's going to go forward on the 9th. Are you taking a position against... this...

MARSHA CRAVENS: Yes. The Sierra Club has been against...

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: Wait... let me finish... please... are you're taking a position against the disbursement of any funds...

MARSHA CRAVENS: No.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: or Engineering and design from input from the public. Because... the reason I ask that... is because Hank said the RFP contains stops... where public input and reviews of step by step design is included. So, to get started with anything... you have to have some funds approved. If I am hearing him correctly... and I haven't seen the RFP... if I am hearing him correctly, there are stop points that solicits input from all concerned stockholders along the way. And you said you were against this Executive Summary, then you are against (inaudible)

MARSHA CRAVENS: No sir. What the Sierra Club objects to... is the conceptual basis because all of the construction projects, at least according to Mr. McAlpin, emanated from some arbitrary decision that all of the construction needed to be done to spread people out on the beach. And...

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: That's good enough. I've reread the first paragraph and it says under Objective, for a three phase engineering design project for the construction of additional boardwalk and restrooms at Clam Pass. Those are the fighting words from your perspective.

MARSHA CRAVENS: Right and the thing about this... these concerns, questions and objections have been raised anytime there has been any knowledge of... the Sierra, the Mangrove Action Group, The Conservancy, other user groups... and there has been some modifications. I think they took out the permanent shade structures... and they took out the observation deck and I think they modified the canoe and kayak launch but the major thing and the conceptual basis has continued to roll on.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: I'm not trying to words in your mouth. I'm going to shut up in a minute. I think you... I hear that you have made comments and the people have made input along the way, as they knew they had the opportunity to do so. And you feel there is a train going down the road

MARSHA CRAVENS: Yes sir.

VICE CHAIR BROUGHAM: and those comments have been falling on deaf ears and they are going to continue to fall on deaf years unless...

MARSHA CRAVENS: Yes and the thing is... I came to one of the February meetings, one of those annual meetings that PARAB holds in February. It was the very meeting that Commissioner Fiala came and finally was getting some traction on Eagle Lakes Community Center. I remember because one of the items that was discussed and approved was the mobi mat kayak launch, which I thought this was wonderful. But at that meeting, I recommended that this

