

September 24, 2014

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

Naples, Florida, September 24, 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 (Excused)  
Mary Bills  
John Fuchs (Excused)  
McMurdo Smith  
David Saletko  
Vacancy

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director Parks & Recreation  
Ilonka Washburn, Manager Park Operations  
Rick Garby, Maintenance Supervisor  
Shannon Peters, Operations Coordinator  
Candy Thompson, Parks and Recreation  
Barbara Shea, Parks and Recreation

**I. Call to Order**

**Chairman Olesky** called the meeting to order at 2:07 P.M.

*A quorum was established. Four (4) 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. C (New Business – Employee Recognition)*

*Mary Bills moved to approve Agenda as amended. Second by McMurdo Smith.*

*Motion carried unanimously; 4 – 0.*

**IV. Approval of June 18, 2014 Minutes**

*Continued until the October meeting.*

**V. Staff Highlights**

**VI. New Business**

**A. 2014 AUIR – Addressed after V. C.**

**B. Request for Dog Park at Golden Gate Community Park – Addressed after V. A.**

**C. Employee of the Month – September**

**Barry Williams** introduced Candy Thompson and Barbara Shea as the September “Employee(s) of the Month.” They were recognized for going above and beyond their responsibilities and presented the “Employee(s) of the Month” award.

**A. 2014 AUIR**

Staff distributed and reviewed the *2014 AUIR Community and Regional Park Lands Summary Form*. (See attached)

**Shannon Peters** gave the AUIR presentation for 2014. She briefly highlighted even with Randall Curve transfer the County still has acres to meet level of service.

**Barry Williams** noted Randall Curve is anticipated to transfer next year.

The delay in transferring in 2014 is due to interest from another County Department. It will be determined if the interest will necessitate a swap with that Department for exchange of funds that could be used for park development to benefit the Golden Gate Estate residents.

**McMurdo Smith** suggested the option in Golden Gate be used to build another park further south versus Big Corkscrew.

**Shannon Peters** reviewed:

Recreation Facility Type Guidelines and Inventory:

- Water Access Points
- Athletic Fields

- Hard Courts
- Indoor Recreation Facility
- Pathways

It was noted 951 Pathway along the Golden Gate Canal is 100% designed but there is no funding budgeted for construction.

Planned Recreation Facilities

- Pepper Ranch – 50 acres
- Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park – 62 acres

**McMurdo Smith** questioned if PAR plan to build any athletic fields.

**Barry Williams** stated Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park proposed plans include little league and soccer fields. A proposed Sports Complex includes 8 multi-use courts.

**Shannon Peters** continued the report:

Planned Recreation Facility Amenities FY 2014-15

- Eagle Lakes Center
- Palm River Neighborhood Park
- Veterans Community Park
- East Naples Community Park

Discussion was made on amenities, the upgrade of equipment and grants.

*Mary Bills recommended the Board approve the 2014 AUIR. Second by McMurdo Smith. Motion carried unanimously; 4 – 0.*

**McMurdo Smith** requested Staff provide next year's AUIR Report earlier.

He asked if PARAB would the opportunity to make any recommendations.

**Barry Williams** responded there could be time prior to when the 2014 AUIR is presented to the Planning Commission.

**McMurdo Smith** recommended an AUIR Workshop be held in the future.

Discussion was made on the Master Plan and making a safe place for people to bike.

**B. Request for Dog Park at Golden Gate Community Park**

Continued until the October meeting.

**VII. Old Business**

**Barry Williams** gave a status update on PARAB member representatives. The Ordinance allows for one representative from Immokalee. This position is not open and therefore Christine Rahmings is not eligible.

*McMurdo Smith moved to recommend Patricia Sherry's application to serve on the PARAB and to the BCC for approval.*

*No Second offered. Motion died.*

*David Saletko moved to re-advertise the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board vacant position. Second by Mary Bills. Motion carried; 3 -1. McMurdo opposed.*

## VIII.

### **Adopt a Park**

**David Saletko** will report at the next meeting.

**Mary Bills** reported on Golden Gate Community Center, Golden Gate Park/Pool/Fitness and Sugden Park. She provided Staff with the "Adopt a Park Survey" completed forms. (See attached)

- Golden Gate Park/Pool/Fitness
  - Date of Visit – August 3, 2014, at 2:000 P.M.
  - Things to do to improve this location that could be done right away and that wouldn't cost a lot:
    - Clean up screens over some outside vents in restrooms. They are full of lint and dirt.
    - Restrooms need to be maintained better.
  - Changes you would make in the long term that would have the biggest impact:
    - Improve the look of the faded and look of slides.
    - Power wash the area by the pergola and seats at the entrance to fitness and pool area.

She stated on the day of inspection it was lightning. She was impressed because life guard cleared out the pool and had not waited for the Thor Guard System to go off.

- Golden Gate Community Center
  - Date of Visit – August 3, 2014, at 2:000 P.M.
  - Things to do to improve this location that could be done right away and that wouldn't cost a lot:
    - Clean up restrooms.
    - Mop the floors
    - Paint interior walls. The entire facility needs a good cleaning.
  - Changes you would make in the long term that would have the biggest impact:
    - Provide stage lighting for the auditorium productions.
    - Add a sound booth for productions.

**McMurdo Smith** noted the gymnasium at the Golden Gate Center has a stage set-up with lighting.

- Sugden Park
  - Date of Visit – August 3, 2014, at 2:000 P.M.
  - Things to do to improve this location that could be done right away and that wouldn't cost a lot:
    - Shoreline weeds continue to be an issue.
    - Benches at end of pier are covered with duck droppings and could be a health hazard. They need to be power washed.
    - Fix screws that are sticking out on pergola post at the butterfly garden. The screws could cause a safety issue.

- Changes you would make in the long term that would have the biggest impact:
  - Provide a lighting sounder for the beach.
  - Hire a lifeguard.
  - Fix fence along north side of park where the covering on the fence is torn and falling down.

She noted some beach goers did not come out of the water even though you could hear thunder and lightning. She recommended lightening warning signs be posted at both entrances.

It was noted the draw bridge at Clam Pass had been fixed. A sign on the bridge provides a phone number to call to have bridge drawn.

**IX. Directors Highlights**

**Barry Williams** gave the following highlights:

- Gordon River and Greenway Parkway will hold a grand opening on November 6.
- Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park will hold an Information meeting on September 30 at 6:30 pm at the University Extension Office. The 2005 Proposed Park and new options will be presented.

Concerns were expressed on the shortage of maintenance staff to keep parks in prestige condition and public using pathways after dusk. Staff will compile data to show deficiencies in the number of staff to maintain the number of acres and work on a comparison with other counties to keep the level of service.

**Mary Bills** suggested the Adopt a Park Reports be used to compile data. The reports provide feedback.

**X. Informational Items – *Read only.***

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

**NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting: October 15, 2014**  
**Location: North Collier Regional Park, Administration Building,**  
**Conference Room A, 15000 Livingston Road 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 3:55 P.M.**

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

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**Chairman Ski Olesky, Chairman**

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