

February 16, 2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, February 16, 2022

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 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at the Immokalee Sports Complex 505 Escambia St., Immokalee, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky

VICE CHAIR: Joshua Fruth

Paul DeMarco

Rebecca Gibson-Laemel (excused)

Kristina Heuser (via Zoom)

Kenneth Lee Dixon

Jessica Bergel (via Zoom)

Donna Fiala (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Miguel Rojas Jr., Administrative Assistant, Parks & Recreation
Barry Williams, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Tanya Williams, Public Services Administrator
Dayne Atkinson, Principal Project Manager
Melissa Hennig, Regional Manager, Parks & Recreation
Annie Alvarez, Regional Manager, Parks & Recreation
Rick Garby, County Parks Superintendent
Said Gomez, Supervisor, Parks & Recreation
David Turrubiardez, Chairman, Immokalee Beautification Advisory
Committee
Christie Betancourt, Operations Manager, Immokalee CRA
Kyle Pryce, Supervisor, Immokalee Parks Program

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I. Call to Order

Chairman Oleski called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and an invocation/moment of silence was observed.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. DeMarco moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fruth. The motion was carried unanimously, 6-0.

Mr. Fruth made a motion to allow Board Members Christina Heuser and Jessica Bergel to participate through Zoom. Second by Mr. Dixon. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Mr. Williams introduced new Public Services Administrator Tanya Williams, who was just appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. She will work with Dan Rodriguez, who was elevated to Deputy County Manager.

IV. Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. DeMarco moved to approve the Jan. 19, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

V. Public/Board Comments

Ed German, a local resident, said:

- The lighting at the airport park and Sports Complex was poor and is a safety issue. He noted there are a lot more public gatherings going on so lighting is important.
- He understood there are requirements due to the airport being close by, but the barbecue and playground need better lighting.
- The grills also have gone beyond their lifespan and are unsanitary.
- The lighting at the Immokalee Sports Complex parking lot is not sufficient for parents picking up their children at night. He said he was told bulbs had been replaced, but many lights are obscured by trees.
- The increase in membership at the fitness center has caused overcrowding. There isn't another facility nearby, except at Ave Maria, and you must be a resident to use those facilities.
- He said the single-person bathrooms also need to be cleaned. He believes homeless people are hanging out there, but that the growing number of gatherings also means the number of bathrooms is insufficient.
- He suggested Animal Control be called due to an increase in chickens and roosters in the area.
- He asked that the County be more proactive, rather than reactive.

Mr. Williams thanked him for his comments and said that Annie Alvarez will be addressing many of his concerns today during her presentation on the Immokalee Master Plan.

Anne Goodnight, a resident and CRA vice chair, said she read the Master Plan and has two concerns:

- Part of the airport park will be lost in the near future due to the extension of SR 29.
- A few years ago, the kiddie pools were upgraded and the County used the cheapest contractor, who

had many problems and took two years, so kids didn't have a place to swim. She cautioned staff to ensure that contractors follow through and can complete the job correctly.

- The gymnasium needs to be improved due to an increase in users. The equipment is good, but the space is not.

Mr. Williams said he'd heard that there was a requirement to use part of the park for the SR 29 extension, but the last conversation they had showed they would try to avoid the park. If part of the park were to be used, federal law says they must give the County a park in its place. For that reason, they want to avoid using the park land. That project is years away. For a small amount of money, the County could make improvements to the park.

Ms. Goodnight said she brought it up because they'd already contacted the Water and Sewer District about acquiring land.

Mr. Williams said they would monitor that. He noted part of the park is owned by the airport.

Danny Gonzalez, president of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce and Little League president, said:

- He's been frustrated here for the past 25 years.
- The park is needed for the Christmas Around the World, which brings in money for kids' scholarships.
- The \$30 million County Sports Complex is 15 miles away. He's still waiting for something with state-of-the-art facilities for Immokalee.
- Immokalee is growing and there will be more families with kids.
- He noted that the county's Paradise Coast Sports Complex offers ball fields, softball, horseback riding and many other activities not provided in Immokalee.

Manny Touron, coach of the Immokalee Soccer Pit Cobras, said:

- He is still waiting for construction on more fields to begin at the Immokalee Sports Complex.
- They've been working the past four weeks registering 204 kids to play soccer on Friday nights, a number they'd never seen before.
- The team could be at 275 kids with the number of parents he had to turn away.
- Last year, he collected 1,100 signatures to bring to commissioners, who assured him they'd help.
- He knows there is a schedule for fields to be maintained. He said very little has been done because he was told money would be used for turf fields.
- Immokalee is behind other areas in terms of fields. If fields are closed for construction, they have no place to go.
- He doesn't know what to tell the people he represents.
- There is no mall or Walmart here, so soccer games are where parents and relatives gather.

Mr. Williams noted that they discussed Christmas Around the World at last month's meeting and the conversion of one of three fields to turf. They're now focused on the two fields farthest away from the parking area. If the public wants to keep the fields at the Immokalee Sports Complex, he appreciates that input.

Martin Call, who represents the Redlands Christian Migrant Association, reported that:

- The association applied for grants and obtained one for Immokalee.
- The association purchased land on Lake Trafford but doesn't have room for a soccer/football field.
- They are working with the Head Start Program and will present Head Start with details.

Lupita Vazquez-Reyes, a resident and worker in Immokalee, said via Zoom:

- She agrees with all the speakers and is frustrated with the lack of speed in the process. Residents

want to see things happening.

- Not only is the soccer program increasing, but many farmworkers use the fields to play soccer and futsal, which uses a heavier soccer ball and hard courts. They're using the tennis and basketball courts, which is not what they're intended for.
- Parks are heavily used and there is not enough space for the community's needs.
- There are not enough spaces for the various activities that residents use the park for.
- The carnival destroyed the open space. What's the plan to restore it, possibly better than it was before?

Mr. Williams said the county hired a carnival provider contractor, a new vendor. They're working through some of the logistics. The County wasn't pleased with the condition the contractor left the park in and is actively pursuing collecting money from the contractor's insurer to cover the damage. There's a potential to use that area for other activities. There is no plan yet. It's sugar sand and becomes a sandpit, a challenge. The County would need to establish a turf field and is considering the potential, possibly a soccer field.

Mr. Garby said the area needs to be graded and sod would be installed temporarily. The damages have been reported and the County is working on the repairs.

VI. Capital Projects [Dayne Atkinson – Overview of Current Projects in Immokalee]

Mr. Atkinson reported that:

- The pool project and renovations are currently in the design stage.
- Part of the delays with the pool and turf projects are due to stormwater. There are not enough retention areas to accommodate the projects so stormwater management must be updated.
- The County already has done surveys and met with permitting agencies.
- On the pool upgrade, backwash has to go somewhere. There's no outfall onsite, so that must be addressed. It's in the design stage now; that issue wasn't known before.
- A \$2 million CDBG Block Grant for hardscaping of the structure will provide hardening of buildings – a roof replacement, lamination after stucco removal, improved drainage. This will enable the County to use the building as a shelter. The grant will take four years to execute once approved.
- The water feature: generators are in the design stage now and will provide 100% backup.

Audience Question: As a senior with disabilities, the competition pool is hard for seniors to use, so they are deterred from using it.

Mr. Atkinson said the County will address that problem.

Mr. Gonzalez said the turf field is going to take more than a year to get done and fields will not be completed by December.

Mr. Atkinson assured him they wouldn't take that long. He said the Land Development Code has changed in the last few years and the property needs to be brought up to code.

Mr. Williams said the presentations today will lay out the plans and reset the public's expectations.

Mr. Gonzalez said the high school fields should be opened for public use.

Mr. Williams said he'd be happy to speak with the school district about that.

Mr. Tournon said he'd dealt with the schools before for footballs, softball, and soccer. He did a six-week project at no cost to the Boys & Girls Club to use a school field. He doubted any field in Immokalee would be completed within the next two or three years. When are the projects expected to be completed?

Mr. Williams told everyone these questions will be covered on this agenda.

Mr. Atkinson said the majority of projects are related to the turf field and pool.

Mr. Williams said there have been a lot of fluctuations within the County, with former County Manager Leo Ochs retiring and the new County Manager, Mark Isaakson, saying he will be retiring in July. Everyone was

working on a Master Plan for Immokalee. They were asked to come up with a Master List to present to PARAB for input and feedback.

VII. New Business

a. Immokalee Master Plan [Annie Alvarez]

Ms. Alvarez said she was presenting the Immokalee Master Plan today for public feedback:

Airport Park (short term – 0-12 months): Half the playground was taken away due to hazardous parts. The County plans to place another play structure where the old structure was. The rendering was completed. A purchase order is in place, the playground was ordered and should be installed by June. They are considering chess, domino and checker tables, plus more amenities, such as six to eight barbecue grills, tables and bike racks. Also included will be concrete recycling and trash cans, large coal grills, a concrete cornhole game, and portable benches.

Airport Park (Intermediate Plan – 1-3 years): Two new pavilions will be installed for about \$150,000.

Audience question: Are these meant to replace the pavilion?

Ms. Alvarez said the grills will be removed, but the pavilion won't be touched. Amphitheaters will be installed, as well as portable bathrooms and old bathrooms will be refurbished.

Mr. Dixon asked if the County had considered bringing in local artists to make the park more vibrant.

Mr. Said said there have been plans and they are using that park. This is a prelude for it to work out. They have 250 people coming from Texas already registered.

Mr. Dixon said if the County wants to give the park a theme, one way is artists.

Mr. Williams said this meeting was set to gather input, so this is very helpful.

Airport Park (Long-Term Plan – 3-5 years): Event Lawn Amphitheater and installation of additional outdoor restrooms.

Immokalee Community Park (short term – 0-12 months): Repaint partitions, spot paint around bathroom, change mirrors, add metal toilet paper dispensers. Aged plumbing is causing clogging and needs to be replaced. The bathrooms have been vandalized weekly (broken toilet paper and soap dispensers, broken doors and smashed drainage pipes) and the County can't keep up with replacing equipment. They are working on increasing security and using Park Rangers. About \$50,000 is needed to bring everything up to par. They're looking at automatic locks. For now, bathrooms are locked at 8:45 p.m. by staff, but the County is still struggling with the bathrooms and is considering security cameras outside bathrooms; a locking mechanism is a key component. José Campbell is the new crew leader in Immokalee. The county is even talking to a senior center about using volunteers as security. That's how serious the problem is.

Lupita Vazquez-Reyes asked if the County had considered designs specifically made for heavy use in urban areas. She said she could send the County photos from Austin, Texas, where she saw equipment that couldn't be damaged if anyone tried.

Immokalee Community Park (Intermediate Plan – 1-3 years): Install a new skate park at a cost of \$225,000.

Immokalee Community Park (Long-Term Plan – 3-5 years): Complete the walking path and add path lights, which is estimated at \$275,000; the CRA would pay. Light poles would be installed every 75 feet,

meaning 13 light poles would be needed for an additional 1,000 feet of pavement. There are many walkers at this park. This is the most used skate park in Southwest Florida. It needs to be fully redone. The hope is that this will be part of the Immokalee Master Plan for the future.

Lupita Vazquez-Reyes asked if some of the features at the City of Naples' Johnny Nocera Skate Park could be incorporated into the Immokalee Skate Park.

Mr. Williams agreed that was a great park. Immokalee has wood platforms, while the Naples skate park uses concrete and spent \$1.2 million, part of it contributed by former Councilman Johnny Nocera. If the Immokalee community wants something like that, they need to identify it.

Lupita Vazquez-Reyes said local schools host cross-country meets at the park and often are embarrassed by the quality, which is not good to run on.

Mr. Williams said it's a question of who is maintaining it.

Ms. Alvarez said the school system has a cross-country program and they run there. Kyle Pryce has worked with the school system, so the County can look into the sidewalk issue.

David Turrubiardez, chairman of the Immokalee Beautification Advisory Committee, asked if the County had considered turning the tennis courts into a soccer field.

Mr. Williams said the County has been approached with the same request in Golden Gate City. At Veterans Park, there are two people playing tennis and 400 playing pickleball, so the County needs to look at usage numbers.

Christie Betancourt said the park here isn't used for tennis much and suggested considering skating.

Mr. Williams said the County has the ability to expand the footprint and could add hard courts.

Ms. Alvarez said there are tennis players who use the tennis courts here.

Immokalee South Park (short term – 0-12 months): The exit door in the kindergarten and preschool class needs to be added within the next year. Currently, there are no exterior exit doors in either classroom, which causes a safety issue due to only one way in and out. The estimated cost is \$300,000.

Immokalee South Park (Intermediate Plan – 1-3 years): Add irrigation to the green space. The area would be used for the soccer program and childcare activities. The estimated cost is \$200,000. The soccer program now plays offsite at a CCPS field. In fall of 2021, there were 214 participants, compared with 220 participants in spring 2021. The park is heavily used for soccer and the supervisor uses Eden Park now and averages 16-18 teams. South Park is next to the Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee and people living near there also use it. We're trying to offer more to the community.

Immokalee South Park (Long-Term Plan – 3-5 years): Installing shades to basketball court and the playground, with an estimated cost of \$600,000. The park is packed, with 500-600 people per night. Only Max A. Hasse Jr. Community Park has shades and, possibly, the park on Marco Island. The playground will soon be redone. The County is working on a purchase order for \$150,000-\$170,000 that probably will open in the fall. This is a pavilion. That facility has a very large number of indoor rentals. There's a demand for outdoor shade rentals.

A discussion ensued and the following points were made:

- The lighting in the field is not sufficient and it's too dark, pitch black.
- If the County did install lights, neighbors might complain.
- If lights were turned off at a reasonable hour, neighbors might approve.
- The casino's lights cannot be seen in the area, so it might be harder to add lights in the fields.
- Installing a roof and staging area might be better than adding another court.
- There aren't enough trees in Immokalee for shade while walking or riding bicycles.

- Oaks aren't good because they take too long, but the County has considered faster-growing trees and flowers.

Immokalee South Park (Long-Term Plan – 3-5 years):

Ms. Betancourt asked about lighting in the field.

Man in the Audience: He said he used to play ball there at night, but it gets too dark.

Woman in the audience: If you put lights out there, people may not complain.

Mr. Dixon said they could be turned off at a reasonable hour.

Mr. Williams said lights would extend the play, but the concern is the neighbors.

Mr. Dixon asked if creating a roof and staging area would be better than installing another court.

Ms. Alvarez said this court is not as busy.

Ms. Betancourt said there are portable bleachers but nowhere else to sit. It's blazing hot. Lights are needed on the field because it's pitch black.

Mr. Williams asked if the casino's lights could be seen from there.

Ms. Betancourt said they cannot.

Mr. Williams said it would be easier for the County to install lights if the casino already was lighting the area.

Immokalee Sports Complex Park (Multipurpose Fields Plan): The plan involves field maintenance, improvements and development. The County needs to understand and anticipate the community's current and future needs to implement a plan that addresses the short-, medium-, and long-term soccer field needs, including maintenance, improvement and possible development of additional sites. The County needs to develop a prescribed field maintenance schedule, with rotational closures for rest and rehabilitation of the fields. It's at maximum capacity in the evenings. The BCC has to approve funding.

Immokalee Sports Complex Park (Short-Term – 0-12 months): Fields 1, 2 and 3 will be closed for regular maintenance, with Fields 1 and 2 reopening on Aug. 31. Field 3 will reopen in late September. Maintenance closures will occur from December through February and May through August. Open space at Dreamland will be renovated to support local and neighborhood play. A partnership with the CRA will be considered as a cost-share for the project. A total of 30 new concrete garbage and recycling concrete cans will be added at an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Immokalee Sports Complex Park (Intermediate Plan – 1-3 years): The project scope involves renovating the pumphouse, restrooms and lifeguard room to meet current ADA codes; replacing all features, which have deteriorated and exceeded their useful life; restoring and regrading the swale and backwash area; installing a stormwater pipe for backwash overflow. Total cost is \$6 million. The scheduled closing would be September and reopening is set for September 2023. Several things must be brought up to current codes, such as sidewalks, the setback, landscaping and stormwater.

Immokalee Sports Complex Park (Options-Midterm – 1-3 years): Convert Field 2 and 3 to turf fields and address drainage. The estimated cost is \$3 million.

Immokalee Sports Complex Park (Fitness Center Expansion – 3-5 years): With the opening of the renovated fitness center, there's been a substantial increase in memberships and the community has outgrown the current building. This is the only fitness center within 30 miles, making it a monopoly in the area. The only other facility is at Ave Maria, which is only accessible to residents. The estimated cost is \$500,000.

Immokalee Sports Complex Park (Hardening Project Long-Term– 3-5 years): The County received a second grant, \$2.123 million, for hardening the gymnasium, an awning, roofing repair and to secure the foundation.

Lake Trafford Property (Long-Term – 3-5 years): Plans involve enforcing maintenance closures from December to February and May through August; exploring the potential of land acquisition for additional soccer fields; partner with RCMA for two fields; evaluate three properties in Immokalee. Estimated cost is \$200,000.

Lake Trafford Property: Plans involve two turf fields, additional parking, lighting, restrooms, irrigation and pathways. Estimated cost is \$4 million.

Ms. Alvarez noted that the RCMA’s 63-acre property on Lake Trafford could be used for a partnership with the County using seven to eight acres for two fields.

Mr. Williams said an interlocal agreement could be used, with schools using the property and the public using it when schools are out. The public could use it if it’s maintained by the County.

Mike Facundo, a CRA board member, called that a good concept. If that’s the direction the Board wants to go, they should act quickly because they’re about to get a permit.

Mr. Gonzalez said the County needs to work with the RCMA because they work quickly.

Dreamland Neighborhood Park (Short-Term – 0-12 months): More amenities are needed: a shade structure, bike racks, tables, benches and lighting. Estimated Cost: is \$175,000. Other improvements involve upgrading the multipurpose field. A design plan funded by Blue Zones is in place for the multipurpose field and playground. The park contribution would be: Installing irrigation \$225,000; installing new sod, \$145,000; lighting for the playground and field, \$300,000; new restrooms, \$75,000; 10 new concrete garbage and recycling cans, \$4,500.

Ann Olesky Park (Intermediate Plan – 1-3 years): Replace amenities, the gazebo and picnic areas, \$50,000; and benches, tables, garbage and recycling containers, \$35,000. (The project manager has just returned after a lengthy seawall project involving the TDC.)

Tony Rosbough Little League Park – (Short-Term 0-12 months): Upgrades to existing dugouts, estimated cost is \$50,000; upgrade amenities (benches, water fountains, fencing, lighting upgrade), estimated cost is \$100,000; parking lot improvement, such as paving, striping, culvert upgrades for drainage, with an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Mr. Gonzalez, who is the Little League president, said that park needs more than \$50,000 in repairs. The softball field cannot be shared by the Little League. He suggested separating the two with a fence.

Ms. Betancourt asked that the improvements be done off-season so kids won’t lose play time.

Zocalo Park (Short-Term – 0-12 months): Lighting, camera system, and fencing. Estimated cost is \$100,000.

Zocalo Park (Intermediate Term – 1-3 years): Refurbishing of park amenities (benches, bike racks, etc.). The estimated cost is \$50,000.

Mr. Williams said the Immokalee Master Park Plan totals over \$18 million. The County went through a

revision in East Naples a few years ago. It was \$22 million. Parks & Recreation didn't have that money, but created a master plan.

b. Immokalee Programing Report: Junior Reyes, Melissa Zalate, Brian Reyes and Frank Sanchez introduced themselves as the Immokalee team and reported that:

- They provide a wide variety of programs, including leagues and fitness classes.
- Earth Day is coming up in April and Ms. Zalate is trying to get everyone involved.
- The Earth Day Festival will be held at Pepper Ranch Preserve, with exhibits, movies, food and education, as well as a party and suggestions for beautifying the area.
- They offer many fitness classes and allow the public to decide if they want more. Every group, from seniors to kids, is covered.
- A Father-Daughter Dance will be held next month.
- Future programs at the Sports Complex include Christmas Around the World, Trokiando y Bailando and Cinco de Mayo.

Kyle Pryce, Immokalee Community Park supervisor, gave a report on the park and events:

- There is a lot of community involvement at the park, especially at night.
- Activities at the Immokalee Skate Park and Little Leagues have increased.
- Many special events are being offered, including Breakfast with Santa, the Middle School Dance, a Family Campout, community yard sales, the Easter Eggstravaganza, Trunk or Treat Drive Through, and a Bear Program family campout (education) event.
- Childcare programs from VPK through eighth-grade also are offered, as well as virtual learning, summer camp, no-school day camp, mobile recreation (they went to Copeland), Dodgeball Night, Senior Lotteria Night, and Skate Night.
- Camping events and rental reservations can be done online.

Lupita Vazquez-Reyes asked about equipment rentals.

Mr. Pryce said they rent everything involving courts, including tennis balls, racquetballs, volleyballs, etc., and just require an ID to rent them.

Lupita Vazquez-Reyes asked if they'd consider a junior master gardener program. She said there's wild space and public access at Pepper Ranch Preserve. Young people should be encouraged to take part in preserving spaces. She said there's also a junior naturalist program.

Mr. Pryce said they would love to explore those ideas. He noted that the County has a Junior Ranger Program in which kids partner with a Park Ranger, who exposes them to the other side of Collier County.

Mr. Williams said the County also works with the University Extension program for nature activities. They can explore those ideas.

Lupita Vazquez-Reyes asked what happened with the Cyclovia program.

Ms. Alvarez said it's being moved from park to park and is being revamped.

Mr. Williams said they can reach out to Skip Riffle (operator of Cyclovia Bikes for Tykes) to bring it back to Immokalee.

Lakesha Jackson, Immokalee South Park, gave a report on Immokalee South Park:

- The park caters mostly to children.
- Events weren't getting much turnout, so they partner with Immokalee Community Park.
- Summer camp was free, but now there's a charge. They're trying to increase enrollment.
- Past programs include Parents' Night Out, Game Night and Glow Eggstravaganza.
- Current programs include After-School Adventures, Preschool, VPK, Parents Night Out, Community Yard Sale, Summer Camp, Soccer 7vs7, Virtual Learning and special events.

c. Immokalee Sports Complex Update [Dayne Atkinson]

Mr. Atkinson provided further details about the ISC work:

- Renovate the pumphouse, restrooms and lifeguard room to meet current ADA codes.
- Replace all the features because they've deteriorated and have exceeded their useful life.
- Restore and regrade the swale and backwash area.
- Install stormwater pipe for backwash overflow.
- Convert Fields 2 and 3 from grass to turf: Design has begun, survey and the Pre-App meeting with permitting agencies were completed.
- Renovation of the pools: Design has begun, the survey and a Pre -App meeting with permitting agencies were completed.
- They are looking at purchasing land next to RCMA for fields.

Mr. Gonzalez asked why the County doesn't partner with RCMA to speed up the process.

Mr. Atkinson said both projects involve the same process and the County's project is further ahead of RCMA's project. Work will take six months to a year, depending on the complexity of it and they hope to get permits by next summer. When it comes to permitting, they don't have much control on timing. They will continue to update PARAB.

d. 50th Anniversary of Parks & Rec [Barry Williams]

Mr. Williams reported that the Parks & Recreation Division will celebrate its 50th anniversary next Tuesday. The division began on Feb. 22, 1972. Commissioner Bill McDaniel has written a proclamation that will be presented at the BCC meeting and he invited everyone to come to the meeting for that photo.

e. DEO Grant Update

(Details were included in the packet for review)

f. TDC Grant [Melissa Hennig]

Ms. Hennig reported that at the last joint BCC meeting, commissioners encouraged the Parks & Recreation Division to come back to seek additional funding for beach cleanup. They will now be seeking an additional \$36,970 for cleaning at five beach sites over the next three months until the end of season, May 1. The funding will allow two additional cleanings per day at: Bluebill Access, Vanderbilt Beach, Barefoot Beach Preserve, Tigertail Beach Park and South Marco Beach Parking Lot.

Mr. Williams reported that the level of service will improve and that improves tourism.

Mr. Fruth made a motion to recommend approval by the Tourism Development Council for a \$36,970 Category "A" Grant Application for Beach Park Facilities for Fiscal Year 2022 to clean five beach sites, and made a finding that the expenditure would promote tourism. Second by Mr. Dixon. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

VIII. Director's Highlights

Mr. Williams reported that the Paradise Coast Sports Center recently went through a management change and now has a company that's well respected in the industry, Sports Facilities Company. SFC has invited PARAB to host its next meeting at Paradise Coast Sports Center.

Mr. Fruth asked that it be held there in April because he can't make it in March.

Mr. Williams said he could accommodate that request.

Mr. Williams reported that he would not be at next month's meeting because he will be on vacation, so

Olema Edwards will be advising the Board in his place.

Palm Springs Park: A company has asked for access to install cell towers behind the park, which is off Davis Boulevard, and the County has had discussions about bringing it to the BCC for approval. At a meeting last night, neighbors voiced their disapproval for granting access. The item will be brought to the next PARAB meeting, with the cell tower company and neighbors, so the Board can hear the pros and cons. If granted access, the company would be improving the roadway, so the County would benefit.

Mr. Dixon asked what the access involved.

Mr. Williams said it was just a road to gain access to the cell towers the company will be installing. The company wants to improve the County’s property and will be using the road to maintain its cell towers. It’s an asphalt road. The consensus from neighbors is they are against access, which won’t affect the installation, just access to the towers.

- X. **311**
Report Submitted

- XI. **Adjournment**
Future Meeting Dates
March 16, 2022, 2 p.m.
April 20, 2022, 2 p.m.
May 18, 2022, 2 p.m.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chairman at 4:26 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Edward “Ski” Olesky, Chairman

These minutes were approved by the board on _____, (check one) as presented, _____ or as amended _____.