

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

Naples, Florida, April 21, 2010

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. at North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes (Excused)  
VICE CHAIR: Edward "Ski" Olesky  
Barbara Buehler  
Phil Brougham  
Kerry Geroy  
David Saletko  
William Shafer (Absent)

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Parks & Recreation Director  
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager  
Kerry Runyon, Regional Manager III  
Peg Ruby, Marketing Specialist  
Tona Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coordinator  
Murdo Smith, Region Manager I

**I. Call to Order**

**Vice Chair Olesky** called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and a quorum was established.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Add: V.C. The Bayshore Festival – Sugden Regional Park and then address balance of items in order.

*Barbara Buehler moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by David Saletko. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.*

**IV. Approval of March 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

*Phil Brougham moved to approve the March 17, 2010 Minutes as submitted. Second by David Saletko. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.*

**V. New Business**

**a) Employee of the Month for January, February and March**

**Sidney Kittila** announced the Employee of the Month for January, February and March 2010. Mr. Olesky commended and presented the following outstanding individuals with the “Employee of the Month” award.

- January - **Tona Nelson**, Administrative Assistant
- February - **Cindy Piper**, Interpretive Park Ranger
- March – **Cheyenne Houp**, Concession Worker

*Photographs were taken of each individual accepting the award from Mr. Olesky.*

**b) 951 Boat Ramp Issues/Concerns – Marine Industries of Collier County**

**Frank Donohue**, Marine Association of Collier County representing boaters and general public introduced **Henry Lowe**, native, boater and a marine industry business owner on Marco Island and ask the Board to give consideration to Mr. Lowe’s recommendations.

**Henry Lowe** addressed the following 951 Boat Ramp issues and concerns.

*(Photographs were provided to the Advisory Board and Staff to view)*

- No restroom facilities are available to the public. He suggested the County provide a portal facility and further recommended the use of plants to make it less noticeable.
- Single vehicle parking is now allowed. The “Cars with Trailers Only” signage was removed. He recommended installing signage for single vehicle parking allowed.
- Pilings are safety hazard for boaters and could cause damage to boats. He recommended fender materials be installed.

- The corners of the ramps at the seawall are raw concrete and he recommended fender materials be installed.
- The power poles for the lighting system are non-functional and are safety and security concerns. It was recommended the County investigate the lighting problem and address the safety and security concerns.
- The \$5 Park Permit allows same day parking until 12 PM. Boaters that go out on the water for more than a day to camp on one of the islands are in violation of the Ordinance. It was suggested a provision for overnight parking be considered.
- Presently, there is only room to launch 2 boats at one time. He recommended “Floating Docks” to address the lack of room.

**Barry Williams** stated Parks and Recreation worked with Coastal Management in development of the 951 Boat Ramp Program and with Rookery Bay on a Kayak and Canoe Launch. Rookery Bay will have restroom facilities. He will take in consideration the use of a portal facility for the 951 Boat Ramp. It was noted original permitting did not provide for the convenience.

It was further noted the power poles are powered by solar. The County will investigate options to improve the lighting system.

**Murdo Smith** stated the Ordinance does not tolerate overnight parking at any Collier County Parks. Camping overnight in the Parks is not allowed. An Ordinance change is required to allow overnight parking at the 951 Boat Ramp only.

The Staff encouraged people using the 951 Boat Ramp to carpool when possible due to the limited parking facility.

**Barry Williams** stated the County will address the signage issue. The Staff will direct the fender and bumper issues to the BCC.

**Henry Lowe** stated the parking spaces are too small and suggested painting the parking spaces on an angle.

**Barry Williams** stated the County is aware of the parking situation and they are not ticketing if the vehicle is out of space provided.

**c) The Bayshore Festival – Sugden Regional Park**

**Chellie Doepke**, Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center stated they would like to co-sponsor the Bayshore Festival of the Arts in partnership with the Bayshore CRA on January 29 and 30 at Sugden Regional Park. (See attached)

She stated they have commitments from 12 local performing groups to participate in the festival and requested the Parks & Recreation’s permission

to hold the event at Sugden Regional Park. The planned activities will include:

- ❖ Visual artists
- ❖ Food, beverage and beer booths
- ❖ Children's activities
- ❖ This is a free event.

Staff noted Sugden Regional Park was available on January 29th and 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff stated a request for consideration is required for BCC approval for the use of any alcohol in the Parks.

**Barry Williams** recommended partnering with CRA on security for the event. **Chellie Doepke** stated the CRA has a complete Security Plan. **Murdo Smith** suggested the area where alcoholic beverages are served be in a confined fenced area and to provide security to control minors from being served and to remove of unruly customers.

*Phil Brougham moved the Board allow (the Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center to host the Bayshore Festival) at the Sugden Regional Park on January 29 and 30. Second by Barbara Buehler. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.*

**d) Overview of all Park Locations**

**Barry Williams** provided an update on Parks easily access from the East Trail and a status of improvements over the last year. (See attached)

- Goodland Boating Park construction is in progress and is near completion.
- Margood Harbor Park is finalizing construction drawings to open in 2012.
- Port of the Islands Park is scheduled for completion in 2011.
- Manatee Park has been put on hold.
- South Marco Beach Access and Caxambas Park – Improvements in boating docks.
- Tigertail Beach Park project scheduled to establish restrooms and dune crossover addition.
- Isle of Capri, Eagle Park and Freedom Park

He noted the Staff is working on a recommendation to build a Community Center on the East Trail to present to the BCC in May 2010.

**Speaker**

**Commissioner Donna Fiala** addressed the need for a Community Center at the Eagles Lake Community Park. There is no pool or a building to offer a Summer Camp or After School Programs for children. She has received feedback from the public overwhelming in favor of re-directing funds toward building a Community Center as long as Manatee Park remains a priority for construction.

e) **Recommendation and Approval of the Parking Ordinance**

**Barry Williams** recommended the Advisory Board approve the Collier County Public Parks and Beach Access Parking Ordinance and to authorize Staff to advertise the proposed Ordinance to be presented to the BCC for approval. (See attached)

*The proposed Ordinance provides regulations relating to the public parks and beach access parking facilities to preserve their intended benefit to provide adequate public parks and beach access parking for Collier County citizens and visitors.*

**Phil Brougham** asked how “Item D on page 3 of 4” will be enforced.

**Barry Williams** responded the Rangers ask visitors reason for using parking facilities.

**Murdo Smith** stated the Ordinance will give the authority to enforce people not using the beach to park somewhere else. There is a “Beach Parking Only” sign posted.

**Kerry Geroy** recommended business owners and employers are notified in the immediate area.

Staff noted the Ordinance Change would take 30-60 days to final approval by the BCC. Ordinance would then be ready to implement in July or August 2010.

Discussion was made on enforcement of Ordinance year-round and educating the public. It was noted during high season parking becomes an issue and during the off season the smaller parking facilities are full, the Ordinance will be enforced year-round throughout the system.

*Kerry Geroy moved to approve the (Collier County Public Parks and Beach Access Parking) Ordinance and to authorize Staff to advertise the proposed Ordinance (prior to submission to the BCC for approval.) Second by Barbara Buehler. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.*

f) **Recommendation for a Land Swap with the Naples Zoo Leased Land – None.**

**VI. Old Business – None.**

**VII. Marketing Highlight – Marketing Update**

**Peg Ruby** reported

- Summer Expo was held on March 20 featured over 30 summer camp programs available in CC. The event was a success attracting 1500 participants.

- Towels for Tails event was held on April 17 at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon. If a customer donated a towel they paid a reduced entrance fee to the water park. Towels were donated to Domestic Animal Services.
- Dive-In Movie has been scheduled for May. Participants can swim and watch a movie at no charge.

#### **VIII. Recreation Highlights**

**Kerry Runyon** distributed and reviewed a bar chart NCRP Sun-N-Fun Spring Break. (See attached)

She report 2010 Attendance and Revenues were down from 2009. Totals for 2010 are -

- Revenue - \$146,573.
- Attendance 11,857
- Snack Shop Revenue - \$32,002.

Three issues had a direct affect on this event. The issues were; the economy, the weather and Collier and Lee counties scheduled spring break at different times. The Sun-N-Fun Spring Break was only open for the Collier County spring break.

#### **IX. Capital Project Highlight – Gordon River Greenway Park**

**Tony Ruberto** reported he will be the Project Manager on this project. The plan is to develop a passive park in this preserve area.

- Main spine trail will be either 12' asphalt or a 10' boardwalk.
- 30% design has been submitted for review.
- Project is 6-12 months to the Final Design phase.
- Project will be ready to go to bid for contract in 2011.
- Water will gather at Golden Gate Parkway and filter to the Gordon River, from Gordon River to Naples Bay.

**Barry Williams** stated Staff is planning a future stakeholder meeting to discuss project issues. Stakeholders identified were Golden Gate Land Trust, Caribbean Gardens, Conservation Collier, Parks and Recreation and the Airport Authority.

#### **X. Adopt a Park**

**Barbara Buehler** reported visiting East Naples and Golden Gate Community Parks. She read her full report. (See attached)

She reported both Parks were unaware she was on the Advisory Board. Kathy Topoleski and Todd Irby were very accommodating.

#### **XI. Director's Highlights**

**Barry Williams** announced the CC Parks and Recreation has received Accreditation and is scheduled receive a Proclamation at the May 12 BCC Meeting. He reported

- Staff is working on Budget FY 2011 with the budget cut of 5%. He will meet with County Manager on May 21 and bring to the Advisory Board in June.

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*The Advisory Board requested a copy of the proposed budget once prepared for review prior to the June meeting.*

- He met with Hunter Hampton the Manager of The Grand regarding the Boardwalk and the Tram Stop to coordinate repair during summer season.
- Summer Camp Registration has increased 40% over last year.
- Staff is working with the Census Bureau. They are providing training to their staff at this facility.

**XII. Informational Items – None.**

**XIII. Public Comments/Board Member Comments**

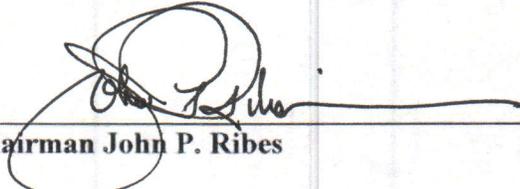
**Barbara Buehler** recommended putting the supervisor's names in the Guide Books to give them some recognition. Staff responded the guides are scheduled to go electronic and they will take the recommendation under consideration.

**David Saletko** stated Veterans Park does not have scoreboards. He asked if protocol would allow for one to be donated or to have a fundraiser.

**Barry Williams** responded a donation would be acceptable. He noted the last scoreboard the Park purchased was approximately \$7,000.

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:25 PM.**

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**



Chairman John P. Ribes

These Minutes were approved by the Committee/Board on 5.19.10, as presented X or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.