

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

Naples, Florida, May 19, 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  
VICE CHAIR: Edward "Ski" Olesky  
Barbara Buehler  
Phil Brougham  
Kerry Geroy  
David Saletko  
William Shafer

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Parks & Recreation Director  
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager  
Tona Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coordinator  
Murdo Smith, Region Manager I  
Gary McAlpin, Coastal Zone Mgmt. Director  
Marla Ramsey, Public Services Administrator

**I. Call to Order**

**John Ribes** called the meeting to order at 2:00 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**

Move: VI. C. to V. B. Tribute to Murdo Smith

*Phil Brougham moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Barbara Buehler. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

**IV. Approval of April 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

*Kerry Geroy moved to approve the April 21, 2010 Minutes as submitted. Second by Barbara Buehler. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

**V. New Business**

**a) Employee of the Month for April 2010**

**Sidney Kittila** announced the April 2010 Employee of the Month. She read a letter addressed to the CC Parks and Recreation department regarding Dawn Hickey's service.

**John Ribes** commended and presented Dawn Hickey with the "Employee of the Month" award.

*Photographs were taken of Dawn Hickey holding her award with Barry Williams and members of the Advisory Board.*

*Ski Olesky arrives at 2:10 pm*

**b) Tribute to Murdo Smith**

**Barry Williams** announced Murdo Smith will retire after 35 years of service to Collier County and the Community. Murdo Smith's Retirement Party will be held Saturday, June 4 at 5 pm.

**John Ribes** presented a plaque to Murdo Smith and read the inscription out loud. *Approximately 30-40 Staff members were present to see Murdo Smith receive the engraved plaque.*

**Murdo Smith** expressed his gratitude to all and stated he appreciates all the support he has received from the Staff and fellow employees.

*Photographs were taken of Murdo Smith with John Ribes and Barry Williams.*

**c) Vanderbilt Beach Concession/Restroom Facility**

**Gary McAlpin** gave a slide presentation on the new facilities planned for the Vanderbilt Beach.

- Will be presented for approval to BCC on June 22.
- Pelican Bay Foundation has some restrictive covenants.
- The site was difficult to work with due to preserves, row line and CCLU line.
- Current restrooms were built 15 years ago.
- Landscaping will obscure the facility and make it less noticeable from the street, condominiums and businesses.
- Facility footprint approximately 3800 sq. ft.; includes 750 sq. ft. for both men and women restrooms, 1500 sq. ft. deck and 400 sq. ft. concession area.
- Deck is elevated 10' off the beach to meet FEMA requirements
- Facility will include stairways with rest landings and ramps with low slopes to accommodate the semi-handicapped.
- The bottom lift station will be utilized and have 3 sections; waste pickup and dumpster storage, storage for beach and rental equipment and an area where the general population can seek protection from the sun.
- TDC will fund project.

**Gary McAlpin** stated the County held 2 public information meetings. The Vanderbilt Beach Resident Association and the Ritz Carlton were not supportive due to the size of the facility. They did not like the size of the deck and found it unattractive. They were also concerned the additional waste would attract wildlife and riffraff.

It was noted the park's gate close down each night and CC does not believe their concerns are valid. Many questions and concerns were addressed by Staff.

**John Ribes** stated it was an excellent plan and it is more an obligation to meet the needs of the Community.

**Gary McAlpin** stated the County has plans to make landscape improvements at the turn-around drive to Vanderbilt Beach.

**Barry Williams** asked the Advisory Board for their support on the new facilities planned for Vanderbilt Beach.

***Ski Olesky moved to endorse the new Vanderbilt Beach concession and restroom facility as presented and have the (Advisory Board) Chairman to address the BCC on June 22, 2010. Second by John Ribes. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

**d) Naples Zoo Land Swap**

**Barry Williams** reported the Staff has been working with the Naples Zoo on a land swap.

**Marla Ramsey** reported:

- Naples Zoo purchased 23 acres along Golden Gate Parkway to the north of Naples Zoo.
- Naples Zoo leases land from the County.
- The County will save \$750,000 for making the land swap.
- Lease change will include property to the north of the Naples Zoo.
- Additional land would be used as a parking lot, boardwalk, kayak and canoe launch.
- Site plan will set property back far off Golden Gate Parkway.
- Future plans to build a pedestrian walk over Golden Gate Parkway and a bridge to connect the southern part to the mooring site.

The Staff requested approval on the land swap concept from the Advisory Board. The plan, survey and lease will be provided for June meeting.

*Ski Olesky moved to approve the concept of land swap (with Naples Zoo.)  
Second by William Shafer. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.*

**VI. Old Business**

**a. Annual Update Inventory Report Level of Services Standards**

**Sidney Kittila** gave a slide presentation on (AUIR) Annual Updated Inventory Report (AUIR) and (LOSS) Level of Service Standard. Every Division is required to provide an annual update on current parks acreage with a projection over the next 5 years. She stated the Level of Service is measured by acreage per 1,000 people. The LOSS can not go lower than 2.15 due to Impact Fees.

- Regional Park Lands – 1121.68 acres with 2.9 LOSS
- Community Park Lands – 544.54 acres with 1.2 LOSS
- Undevelopable/Preserve lands at Regional Level – 338.03 acres
- Proposed AUIR FY 10/11 – 14/15 – 163.00 acres
- Required Inventory FY 2015 for minimum 2.1 LOSS – 924.56 acres
- In 5 years CC will be out of compliance by not meeting the State Level of Service

The Staff will provide recommendations to the Advisory Board on the Level of Service.

**Sidney Kittila** recommended the Advisory Board address the BCC on Level of Service Standards and make plans accordingly.

Proposed future acreage to meet AUIR and total 163 acres:

- FPL Greenway = 35 acres
- BCIRP = 65 acres

- Pepper Ranch = 50 acres
- Isle of Capri = 9 acres
- Pulling Property = 4 acres

**Barry Williams** stated there is no land (625 acres) in CC for an ATV park less preserve land.

It was noted neighborhood gated community parks land can not be counted in County acreage inventory.

**b. Eagle Lakes Community Park Center**

**Barry Williams** distributed an Executive Summary and the Eagle Lakes Proposed Community Center Plan. (See attached) The Staff provided a copy of the plan for the Advisory Board's review. The Staff is prepared to go forward and submit the plan to BCC for approval on June 8.

*Ski Olesky leaves at 3:45 pm*

**VII. Marketing Highlights**

**Sidney Kittila** announced the following Grand Openings and Upcoming Events. (See attached)

- East Naples Community Park Soccer Field Grand Opening on May 21.
- Collier Boulevard Boating Park Grand Opening on May 22.
- "Dive in Movies" at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon on May 22
- Retirement Party for Murdo Smith on June 4.
- School's Out Celebration at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon on June 12.
- "Dive in Movies" at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon on June 19.
- Father's Day Celebration at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon on June 20. All fathers will get in free with one paid admission.

*Ski Olesky returns at 3:50 pm*

**VIII. Recreation Highlights – Drug Free Collier**

**Barry Williams** reported hosting a Night at Sun-N-Fun on April 24 and May 14 to celebrate being Drug Free. (See attached) Supervised recreation was provided strictly to middle school age groups without parents. Sheriff's Officers volunteered their time to help with supervision. Participants were provided surveys to complete. The events attracted 2000 - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 1200 - high school participants and was very successful.

**IX. Capital Project Highlight**

**Tony Ruberto** reported FEMA approved the Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds for Golden Gate and Immokalee Community Centers to install hurricane shutters at all building openings. (See attached)

- Staff prepared grant applications for shutter installation.
- Federal share is 75% with 25% local share.
- East Naples Community Center is on hold.

- Lowest bid was for \$103,853 submitted by EZ Lock Shutters.
- The approved project cost was estimated at \$124,909.
- The actual cost from Bid minus adjustments is \$107,760.
- Local share is \$26,940.

**Tony Ruberto** distributed and reviewed the ARRA Green Light Projects. (See attached)

- Involves Immokalee and Gulf Coast Community Parks retrofit of light fixtures.
- Project is funded by DOE through EECBG
- Grant Fund - \$665,811
- Green Light Project is scheduled to be completed by end of 2010.

## **X. Adopt a Park**

**Phil Brougham** distributed and reviewed reports on Bayview Park, Max Hasse Park and Port of the Islands Marina as follows.

### **Bayview Park**

- Manager expressed concern over the planned renovation project being “On Hold.”  
*The BCC has approved the project and Staff is working on finalizing the plans. Plans will be submitted for permitting.*
- The playground walkway is a safety issue. The metal mesh is worn and sagging. The Staff has tried to patch areas to prevent tripping accidents.  
*There is a plan to redesign the site and the playground will be addressed*
- Wood pilings along the dock are in need of repair or replacement and bumper padding should be installed to prevent boat damage when tied up.  
*Bumper concerns will be addressed.*
- The pavilion floor needs to be power washed.

### **Max Hasse Park**

- They are experiencing outfield drain issues due to the field slopes.  
*Collier County is aware of the storm drainage issue and will continue to work on drainage problem.*
- The Child Care Program has outgrown the facility. The facility is licensed by DCF and limits the number of children per teacher and limit the number of children per square footage.  
*The Staff is currently working through the DCF guidelines and restrictions. Expansion of the facility is also being considered.*

### **Port of the Islands Marina**

- The concrete boat ramp has a drop-off straight down to the bottom of the water estimated to be 4'. Ramp conditions do not provide for traction for some vehicles and back wheels of the trailer drop off over the edge when launching and removing the boat.

**Barry Williams** urged the Advisory Board call him with questions and concerns before calling a Commissioner. He will provide his cell number for Board members to get immediate answers to questions.

*The County purchased this property in January 2010 and with the purchase came several issues. The County has submitted applications for permits from the US Corp of Engineers and Southwest Water. Plan is to construct ramp in the fall. The Staff searches for a temporary fix for the ramp drop-off.*

- Facility is losing boat storage customers and new customers will not sign up due to not having a boat/motor washing station.
- The dumpster is in code violation. Code requires dumpster be fenced in and on a concrete pad.
- The gas pump station at the dock will register total gallons. The gas pump does not display total sale dollars and is not connected to the cash register in the office. The customer does not always remember the number of gallons which results in Staff going out to check pump and calculate amount of sale.

*The Staff stated a pump has been ordered to regulations and will be delivered in 6-8 weeks.*

- A wooden roof covers a paved patio that is supported by 4x4 posts held by iron brackets attached to roof rafters and to the concrete floor. All the brackets are nearly rusted through. The structure is a safety hazard.
- The Clerk has to work at a small desk without any workspace. She works with material in her lap due to lack of space.

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

**Barry Williams** reported:

- 100 participants graduated from the Junior League Leadership Program. They assist with summer camp programs.
- Camp registration continues to look positive.
- Staff member, John Palinchak was named Sports Star of the Year by the Paradise Coast Tourism Association on May 13.

#### **XII. Informational Items**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16 at North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 2:00 pm.

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

**David Saletko** voiced concern and stated "For the Record" Starcher Baseball Field was having drainage issues. He provided a picture showing the drainage problem to Board and Staff.

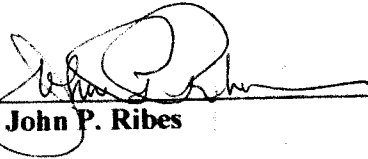
The Staff directed David to notify the School Board of the problem.

**Phil Brougham** announced he would not be attending the June meeting.

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There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 4:20 PM.

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

  
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**Chairman John P. Ribes**

These Minutes were approved by the Committee/Board on 6.16.10, as presented  or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.