

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

Naples, Florida, June 16, 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 (Excused)
Kerry Geroy (Excused)
David Saletko
William Shafer (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Runyon, Regional Manager III
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager
Nancy Olson, Regional Manager I
Annie Alvarez, Regional Manger II
Gary McAlpin, Coastal Zone Mgmt. Director
Peg Ruby, Marketing Specialist
Tona Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coordinator
Rich DeGalan, Sun N Fun Supervisor
Julie Allen, ENCP Program Leader
Yvette Spiker, GGCC Program Leader

I. Call to Order

John Ribes called the meeting to order at 2:08 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: V. c. to V. a. TDC Grants

Barbara Buehler moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Edward "Ski" Olesky. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

IV. Approval of May 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes

David Saletko moved to approve the May 19, 2010 Minutes as submitted. Second by Barbara Buehler. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

V. New Business

a) TDC Grants

Gary McAlpin gave a slide presentation on the 5-Year Plan. He recommended the Advisory Board approve Category "A" Tourist Development Fund 183 Grant Applications for the following beach park facilities in the amount of \$5,142,600 to be allocated as follows. (See attached)

- Bluebill Restrooms, Access and Turnaround - \$230,000
- Vanderbilt Beach Restroom Expansion - \$376,000
- Tigertail Restroom and Walkovers - \$7,300
- Gulf Shore Property Purchase - \$3,304,300
- Gulf Shore Property Improvements - \$1,000,000
- Gulf Shore Purchase of 2 Trolleys - \$125,000
- Marco Beach Restroom and Access Improvements - \$100,000

Other Projects included in the 5-Year Plan

- Delnor-Wiggins State Park entrance road and parking improvements.
- Vanderbilt Beach Pedestrian Access #3 has been completed.
- Vanderbilt Beach Pedestrian Access # 2 through #6 had been funded.
- Vanderbilt Beach Access is ongoing.
- New Clam Pass Turnaround and Parking, Shade Shelter and possibly an Observation Deck.
- Cocohatchee Parking Improvements and Back Way Pier.

Staff balanced funds requested from the TDC with the following accounts.

- Tourist Taxes - \$2,153,300
- Carry Forward - \$3,150,800
- Revenue - \$107,700

Barbara Buehler moved to approve the Category “A” Tourist Development Fund 183 Grant Applications for beach park facilities in the amount of \$5,142,600. Second by John Ribes. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Edward “Ski” Olesky moved to approve the 5-Year Plan and TDC Fund 183 as presented. Second by David Saletko. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

b) Presentation on VPK

Julie Allen and Yvette Spiker gave a presentation on Florida’s Voluntary Prekindergarten Program. (See attached)

They announced the purpose of this program is to prepare four-year old children for kindergarten and build a strong foundation for their continued educational success.

- The program is free for all children who are 4 years old by September 1 and residing in Florida.
- Registration is free.
- Proof of child’s age and proof of residency are required when registering for the program.

The program will be offered at the following locations:

- East Naples Community Park
- Golden Gate Community Center
- Immokalee Community Park
- Max Hasse Community Park

Annie Alvarez stated the Program is funded by the state. The options are:

- School Year Program – 540 Instructional hours beginning in fall.
- Summer Program – 300 Instructional hours beginning in summer.
- Revenue for the School Year Program per child is approximately \$2410 per year.
- Staff for each location has been state certified.
- Some registrations have been received.
- The VPK Program will begin on August 30.

The Staff stated the program will help bilingual children get acclimated to English. The State monitors the program success 30 days after the VPK participants begin kindergarten.

Sidney Kittila commended **Julie Allen** and **Yvette Spiker** for going above and beyond in their efforts to develop the VPK Education Program. Both Program Leaders received the “Employee of the Month” Award.

c) Introduction of Beach and Water Manager

Kerry Runyon introduced Nancy Olson to the Advisory Board as the new Beach and Water Regional Manager.

VI. Old Business

a. Update on Adopt A Park Review

Kerry Runyon addressed concerns reported by Phil Brougham on May 19 for the following facilities.

Port of the Islands Marina

- The dumpster is in code violation.
The entire parking lot has been scheduled to be refinished. When parking lot is finished the dumpster will be placed on a pad.
- The boat ramp signage.
A large sign has been installed in front of the building. County Collier logo sign has been installed on glass entry doors.
- Boat/Motor washing station
Port of the Islands Marina is a designated clean marina and salt water boat washing service will not be available until we have a proper wash station.
- The gas pump station
A new pump will be installed in a 6- week period.
- A wooden roof covers a paved patio
The cover will be replaced.
- The Clerk has to work at a small desk without any workspace.
The Clerk area has been cleaned up and a new fax has been installed.

Bayview Park

- The playground walkway.
The playground walkway has been patched.
- Wood pilings along the dock are in need of repair or replacement and bumper padding.
Emergency repairs have been completed by Staff. Hazard pilings have been removed. The dead trees are down and cut up.
- The pavilion floor needs to be power washed.
The pavilion floor has been power- washed.

Max Hasse Park

- Outfield drainage issues.
Collier County is doing additional repair work on the storm drainage problem.

b. Annual Update & Inventory Report Update

Sidney Kittila stated recommendations will be provided to the Advisory Board on the Level of Service at the August meeting. The Level of Service expected to be lower than 2.9.

c. Update on Boat Launch Fees – Discussed after VII.

VII. Marketing Highlights – June Events

Peg Ruby announced the following upcoming events. (See attached)

- 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.
- 4th of July at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon. All active military will get in free with one paid admission.
- Freedom Friday at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon on July 9 from 6-9 pm will feature a Slurpee Drinking Contest and prizes.
- A free Ice Cream Social will be held on July 31 from 1-4 pm at Sugden Regional Park.

VI. Old Business

c. Update on Boat Launch Fees

Kerry Runyon stated last year Boat Launch Fees were increased for commercial and residential. The Board of County Commissioners requires justification for the fee increase. The Staff will report on boat launch fees at the August meeting.

VIII. Recreation Highlights – Update on Aquatic Facilities

Rich DeGalan gave a presentation on the Sun N Fun Lagoon and reported:

- The pool facilities are inspected by the Health Department twice a year.
- The Department of Agriculture Bureau of Fair Rides inspects slides twice a year.
- Prior to the Health Department and Department of Agriculture Bureau inspections the Parks and Recreation hire an independent engineer certify that equipment is in proper working order.
- All the pool facilities have a Staff Certified Pool Operator.

He reported Sun N Fun activities and revenues.

- May was a cold slow month and produced \$30,000 in revenue.
- More Family Membership Passes for \$195 are being sold due to the economy.
- Water Walking, Zumba and Hyper-thon Programs are in place.
- 4- Swim lesson sessions are offered weekdays plus Saturday.

Revenues from all programs have grown.

- FY 2008 - \$1,000
- FY 2009 - \$11,000
- FY 2010 – Estimated to be over \$20,000
- FY 2011 – Plans are to offer more programs during the fall and spring with a goal to double 2010 revenues.

Rich DeGalan reported hosting

- Hot Summer Nights at Sun-N-Fun on April 24 and May 14 to celebrate a Drug Free environment.
- Dive-In Movies
- Mother and Father Day Events
- Schools Out Bash in June
- Back to School Bash in August
- Sun N Fun rentals have been booked with revenue estimated at \$31,000.

IX. Capital Project Highlight

Tony Ruberto gave a presentation on Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park.

- The park was previously designed 2 years ago.
- The park acquired the lake one year ago.
- A consultant will be hired to survey around the lake.
- Collier County is looking for a better way to access the park.
- Collier County will need to acquire easements prior to developing the park.
- Parking lot is currently used for dry storage.
- Plans are to install a ramp and a pathway around the entire lake.
- The lake is approximately 2-3 feet deep.
- Parking Lot Project cost will be \$50,000-\$60,000.
- Dry Storage Project cost will be \$35,000
- The Project is scheduled to begin the end of summer.

X. Adopt a Park – None.

XI. Director's Highlights

Kerry Runyon reported the FY 2011 Proposed Budget will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for review on June 24 and in September they will vote on it. (See attached)

She reported the Parks and Recreation Department will redirect \$250,000 earmarked for the East Naples Maintenance Shed to Max Hasse Park to expand that facility to accommodate the State Child and Family Services Program to meet the criteria to continue programs.

XII. Informational Items

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18 at North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 2:00 pm.

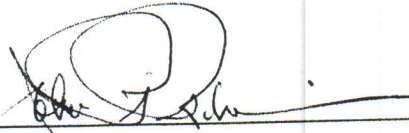
XIII. Public Comments/Board Member Comments

David Saletko asked when the scoreboard at Veterans Park would be installed. The Staff stated they would discuss the installation with Tony Ruberto.

John Ribes expressed concern on TDC Grant Presentation regarding the cleaning of the beach facility restrooms twice a day. He stated the schedule was not enough to care for the facility. He expressed the need for larger facilities. Staff responded the County receives neighborhood resistance to larger facilities.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:35 PM.

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**



Chairman John P. Ribes

These Minutes were approved by the Committee/Board on 8.18.10, as
presented or as amended _____.