

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

Naples, Florida, February 2, 2011

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  
Gary Davis  
David Saletko

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Donna Fiala  
Marla Ramsey, Public Services Administrator  
Barry Williams, Parks & Recreation Director  
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coordinator  
Nancy Olson, Regional Manager I  
Shari Ferguson, Regional Manager  
Tona Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager  
Annie Alvarez, Regional Manager II  
Zebedee Harris, Jerry Blackwell,  
Ricardo Badillo, Jose Martinez,  
Ron Holder, Alberto Rives,  
Marcelino Ramirez, Tom Walsh,  
Annamarie Mitchell and Pablo Ramirez all Parks & Recreation Department.

**I. Call to Order**

**John Ribes**, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.  
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. D. Update - Susan Cone Letter Regarding Parking  
V. E. Update - Port of the Islands Boat Ramp*

*Move: V. C. Applicant Interviews to V. B.  
V. B. Presentation on the Parks Master Plan to V. C.*

*Phil Brougham moved to approve the February 2, 2011 Agenda as amended.  
Second by Barbara Buehler. Motion carried 5-0.*

**IV. Approval of December 15, 2010 Minutes**

*Gary Davis moved to approve the December 15, 2010 Minutes as submitted.  
Second by Phil Brougham. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Edward "Ski" Olesky arrived at 2:15 pm*

**V. New Business**

**a. Employee of the Month – November and December**

**Sidney Kittila** announced the November 2010 "Team of the Month" was Golden Gate Community Park Staff who will be commended and receive individual awards at that Golden Gate Community Park.

- Mike Granato
- Austin Kirtion
- Vinnie Ippolito
- Steve Ippolito
- Chris Ippolito
- Kaylnd Spaulding
- Todd Irby, Supervisor

The Advisory Committee commended and presented the December 2010 "Team of the Month." with individual awards:

- Zebedee Harris
- Jerry Blackwell
- Ricardo Badillo
- Jose Martinez
- Ron Holder
- Alberto Rives
- Marcelino Ramirez
- Tom Walsh
- Annmarie Mitchell
- Pablo Ramirez

**b. Interview Applicants – Board Members**

The Advisory Board received applications and interviewed the following candidates: (See attached)

- Diane Worrall, PH. D.
- Lenice DeLuca
- Murdo Smith

Each Applicant gave a brief summary on their education, experience, community activities and groups they are associated with.

Staff distributed paper ballots to Advisory Board Members.

**John Ribes** informed the applicants of the voting and recommendation procedures to the BCC. He directed the Board to vote.

**Tona Nelson** collected and counted the ballots.

*Advisory Board recommendations were announced during V. c.*

**c. Presentation of the Parks Master Plan – Tindale Oliver Consultants**

**Steve Tindale** gave a slide presentation on the Draft Master Plan as follows:

- Master Plan Overview included - what is needed, what is planned, public input and recommendations.
- Demographic Analysis included - location of existing residents, projected population growth, age distribution and income.

*John Ribes requested questions be held until the end of the presentation.*

*John Ribes announced **Murdo Smith** was voted the candidate to be recommended to the BCC to fill the PARAB vacant position.*

*He thanked the applicants for their time and interest. He urged them to reapply in the future.*

- Existing and Planned Inventory included - Community and Regional Parks, conservation land, both State and Federal Park land.
- Needs Analysis included - park land needs, drive-time analysis, utilization analysis and financial overview.
- Focus Group Workshop discussion results determined - what do we want, where do we want it and how do we get there.
- Master Plan Recommendations

Master Plan Recommendations made:

- Development of Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park
- Eagle Lakes Community, Fitness Center and Pool
- Additional Athletic Field Needs
- Development of Manatee Community Park
- Development of Vanderbilt Extension Community
- 2010 Boat and Beach Access

**Public Speakers**

**Margaret Winn**, President of The Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve voiced concerns over the proposed dock and pier provided to the inland side of the island to accommodate waterborne visitors while protecting the beach and dunes at Barefoot Beach Preserve and pointed out, visitors can view mangrove habitat at a half dozen other places in the County without damaging protected and vital mangrove trees in a preserve setting that limits the number of canoes allowed in the back water. If the County is serious about protecting this beach preserve, they will protect it not exploit features available elsewhere.

Additional concerns expressed were on existing overcrowded parking at Cocohatchee Park and the inadequate boat trailer parking at Conner Park.

**Marcia Cravens** commended the Parks and Recreation Department and Advisory Board for their outstanding job. She asked why not use actual data and wait for the 2010 Population Census that will be available soon instead of using estimated 2009 population.

She expressed concern on the survey sent to the waterfront property owners with home docks and stated it was an error to make the assumption they were the only boaters. She noted the State guidelines recommended 1 boat ramp per 10,000 people and there was a need to know actual population numbers.

The current trend for outdoor recreation shows non-motorized recreation was up and motorized recreation was down. She asked consideration be given to the non-motorized recreational population. Currently only Clam Pass Park and Barefoot Beach have canoe trails.

**Commissioner Donna Fiala** stated the most growth occurring is in the Eagle Lakes area. There is a need for an assessment for this Community due to the number of low-income and high number of persons per household. She recommended making a Community Center and pool a high priority for the younger residents in the surrounding area.

The Advisory Board asked many questions that were addressed by **Steve Tindale** and the Staff.

Discussion was made on strategy concerns, recommendations and identification of immediate needs as demographic and population changes throughout the 10-year Master Plan.

Further discussion was made on prioritizing the Consultants' recommendations.

**Marla Ramsey** noted Staff will take the Master Plan with the Consultants, the Advisory Board and Staff recommendations to the BCC.

**Barry Williams** agreed with the Consultants' recommendations and was reluctant to prioritize any of the recommendations. He suggested submitting caveats with the Consultants' recommendations. Prioritizing recommendations will depend on funding as it becomes available.

The Advisory Board formed a consensus on submitting the following caveats to the BCC with the Consultants' recommendations:

- Recommendations are not necessarily listed in priority order.
- Give consideration in utilizing existing lands when moving forward and strategy manage funding.
- Keep recreation facilities compatible within the surrounding community interest.

*Gary Davis moved to approve Master Plan Revisions with the caveats as directed by Advisory Board to the BCC for consideration. Second by Barbara Buehler. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

**VI. Old Business**

**a. Alcohol in the Parks Policy**

**Nancy Olson** stated the current County Ordinance 2007-66 language allows the Director of the Department the discretion to allow alcohol possession and sales. She reported on November 9 of 2010 the BCC directed Parks and Recreation Staff to work with the County Attorney's Office to develop an Ordinance and Policy regarding the possession and use of alcohol in Collier County Parks. Steps to acquiring an Alcohol Permit are outlined in the Policy. Alcohol was defined as beer, wine and champagne only.

**John Ribes** asked why the Advisory Board would need to be involved in the approval process.

**Barry Williams** responded the Advisory Board's involvement would help formalize the process and have the advantage of only serious applicants would apply. The Director approves with recommendations by the Advisory Board.

*Phil Brougham moved to approve the Executive Summary (on the Polices and Procedures for the sale of Alcohol in County Parks.) Second by Barbara Buehler . Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

**VII. Turf/Irrigation Highlights – Pelican Bay – None.**

**VIII. Capital Project Highlights – None.**

**IX. Adopt A Park – None.**


**X. Director's Highlights**  
**Barry Williams** reported

**XI. Informational Items – Read only**

- IX. **Adopt A Park** – *None.*
- X. **Director's Highlights**  
Barry Williams reported
- XI. **Informational Items** – *Read only*
- XII. **Public Comments/Board Member Comments** – *None.*

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 4:50 PM.**

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**



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**Chairman John P. Ribes**

These Minutes were approved by the Committee/Board on 2-16-11, as presented X or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.