

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Naples, Florida, August 19, 2009

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the 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 the North Collier Regional Park in the Administration Building in Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes
VICE CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky
Barbara Buehler
Paul Nyce
Kerry Geroy
David Saletko

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Runyon, Regions Manager
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager
Tona Nelson, Sr. Administrative Assist.
Peg Ruby, Marketing Specialist

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ribes called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the Agenda subject to the following changes:

- Item VII. - Marketing Highlights to be heard after item V. b.
- Addition of Item VI. b - Recommendation & Approval for re-naming of Margood Park.
- Removal of item VIII. - Recreation Highlights

Second by Ms. Geroy. Carried unanimously 5-0.

IV. Approval of June 17, 2009 minutes

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting subject to the following change:

Page 2, Item IV. – from “Second by *Ms. Geroy*” to “Second by *Ms. Buehler.*”

Second by Ms. Geroy. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Nyce arrived at 2:07pm

V. New Business

a) Directors Highlights

Kerry Runyon, Regional Manager noted Freedom Park has received its Certificate of Occupancy for the Educational Building with a slated completion date for the remaining improvements of August 31, 2009. The Grand Opening is set for October 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

b) Employee of the Month for May & July

Ed Torroni was recognized as Employee of the Month for May 2009.

Kenny Owens was recognized as Employee of the Month for July 2009.

c) Recommendation & Approval of Advisory Board Member

The Board reviewed the applications for new membership submitted by Bart Zino and Phillip Broughman.

Mr. Zino addressed the Board noting he previously served on the Board and had to resign due to the “appearance of a conflict of interest.” Following investigation, the issues have been resolved and his appointment would be subject to the Board of County Commissioners granting a waiver for the conflict of interest.

Mr. Broughman addressed the Board noting he has been a resident of Fiddlers Creek for approximately 10 years and has been involved in numerous community activities. He will dedicate the full attention required to fulfill the position if appointed.

The Board members cast ballots for the appointments. Mr. Zino received the most votes, followed by Mr. Broughman. The information will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners

- d) **Recommendation & Approval of the Naples International Festival – Jim Gaitens**
He represented St. Peter, The Apostle Church and appeared before the Board requesting permission to hold the “*Naples International Festival*” at Sudgen Park on February 27 and 28 of 2010. He highlighted the following:
- Will consist of Food Vendors, Music and Dance, Arts and Craft Vendors and Amusements and Games based on a variety of International Cultures.
 - Approximately 5000 persons expected to attend over 2 days.
 - Free admission with \$5 charge for parking.
 - Proceeds will benefit Saint Peter, The Apostle Church Parish.
 - Requested permission for daily beer sales from 12 noon to 7 pm
 - Collier County Sheriff’s Department and Emergency Management Services will be provided at the expense of the Event Organizer.
 - Parking will be provided on site, in an adjacent Plaza, or at Government Center with a shuttle as necessary.

Mr. Nyce expressed concern there has not been an informational meeting held with the neighborhood informing them of the proposed Event.

Ms. Geroy moved to approve the Request including the sale of beer, contingent on approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Second by Mr. Olesky. Motion carried 5 “yes” – 1 “no.” Mr. Nyce voted “no.”

The Board suggested the Organizers meet with any applicable neighborhoods to inform them of the Event. It was noted the second annual Champ Series Boat Race Event is being held at Sudgen Park in November 2009. No major complaints from the neighborhood were reported from last year’s event.

Staff directed Mr. Gaitens to contact Murdo Smith, Beach and Water Superintendent regarding the Event.

- e) **Recommendation & Approval of the East Naples Great Boat Project – Kiwanis Club**
Steve Sherman and Laurel Butler of the Kiwanis Club appeared before the Board requesting permission to place a donated boat in the East Naples Community Park for use as a piece of “playground equipment.” The following was highlighted:
- Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.
 - The boat was donated, originally built in 1965, 47 feet in length and was being restored by the owner until the time he passed away.
 - The placement of the boat will be completed at the expense of the Kiwanis.
 - The boat will be “nested” in the ground, structurally altered to provide for a safe play environment, and fenced in for security purposes.

- All necessary permits will be obtained with design features taking into account drainage, structural safety, etc.
- The Organizers have met with Staff to address any concerns and will continue to work closely with Staff on the endeavor.
- The vessel will be placed in a storm water retention area and the proposal may require an amendment from South Florida Water Management District for a permit.

The Board noted there will be ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the vessel. **Laurel Butler** recognized the County does not want to incur any costs (current or future) in the project and stated maintenance should not be a problem as the Organization has a strong network of volunteers.

Mr. Nyce moved to recommend approval of the above proposal. Second by Ms. Geroy. Carried unanimously 6-0.

VI. Old Business

a) Little League Sponsorship Signs – Gulf Coast Little League

Mr. Nyce moved to table the item until the next meeting. Second by Mr. Olesky. Carried unanimously 6-0.

b) Recommendation & Approval for re-naming Mar-Good Park.

The Board reviewed the document “*Naming Policy for “MarGood Harbor Park” – Request approval from PARAB on the naming of MarGood Harbor Park.*”

Ms. Buhler moved to recommend changing the name of Mar-Good Park to “MarGood Harbor Park.” Second by Mr. Olesky. Carried unanimously 6-0.

VII. Marketing Highlights – Peg Ruby (previously heard after item V.b.)

The Board reviewed the Parks and Recreation Department Fall 2009 publication for *R.E.A.L Guide* (Recreation/Education/Activities/Leisure Guide).

An update was provided on the “Ice Cream Social” held at Sudgen Park on July 25, 2009.

VIII. Recreation Highlights – Kayak Camp – Patricia Rosen

Removal as per agenda change.

IX. Capital Project Highlight–Golden Gate Community Park Water Slide - Tony Ruberto

A Slideshow was shown on the construction of the new Water Slides at Golden Gate Community Park.

X. Informational Items

Submitted

XI. Adopt a Park – Ski Olesky

Mr. Nyce stated he is resigning from the Board due to relocation.

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He provided his Adopt-A-Park Report noting Barefoot Beach Preserve/Access, Connor Neighborhood Park, Vineyards Community Park, North Collier Regional Park and Veterans Community Park are in good condition.

In closing, he expressed concern over the lack of participation of issues affecting the Parks and Recreations Department by the various Recreational Groups and public who utilize County Park Services

XII. Public Comments
None

Meeting Attendance

Mr. Nyce had arrived at 2:07 PM.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:25 PM.

COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD



~~Chairman John P. Ribes~~ V.C.

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 9/16/09,
as presented ✓ or as amended _____.