

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes

September 2, 2009

Board Attendance Record

Ann Dever (64/73)
Bill Coy (55/66)
William Dryburgh (66/72)
Eugene Leapley (41/45)
Amber Gunderson (14/22)
Carl Johnson (0/3)
Maria Greenberg (2/3)

Present

Ann Dever
Bill Coy
William Dryburgh
Eugene Leapley
Maria Greenberg

County Representatives

John Jackson, Director
Commissioner Bob Starr, District 1
David Milligan, Support Services/Park Manager
Angie Patteson, Cultural Resources Manager
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Program Supervisor
Kathy Harriott, Administrative Assistant I

Guests

Chuck Dever
Dorothea Zysko, Team Punta Gorda

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Ann Dever, Chair asked the members to stay on subject and address any non-agenda items during the Member Issues section of the meeting.

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Bill Coy and seconded by Bill Dryburgh to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2009 meeting. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Division Reports

Administration/Business Services – no report at this time

Cultural Resources – Angie Patteson, Cultural Resources Manager

- The Punta Gorda Library will reopen on September 15th. The Friends of the Library paid for 80 – 85% of the renovation. They have put in new shelving, new carpeting and have reconfigured the check out area.
- Roxane Bennett, Library Supervisor at Punta Gorda Library has resigned to take a position in another state. Angie will be putting together an interview panel to interview

the candidates.

- August usage of the libraries was down slightly due to Punta Gorda Library being closed.
- New library hours start on September 15th and can be viewed on the County web page.
- ❖ Bill Dryburgh asked if there are any plans to start a mobile library. Angie responded that, at this time it is not in the library master plan to start one, but when they redo the library master plan in 2010, it might be considered. They do want to revisit the outreach program for the homebound also.

Recreation/Athletics – Maureen Broderick, Recreation Program Supervisor

- We are finishing up the inaugural baseball season with the Rays and Stonecrabs.
- PARKapalooza will be taking place at Charlotte Sports Park on October 10, 2009 from 12 noon – 10pm. There will be live bands every hour with the headliner, The Little River Band, starting at 8:30pm. We are expecting 10,000 people. We are advertising the event from Sarasota to Clearwater. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. We should make about \$71,000. There will be a live feed from Clear Channel Radio.
- Summer Sizzle was at the Event Center on 8/28. Attendance was light but we are hoping to build on the momentum and make it a weekend food event in the future.
- Skate Park Anniversary took place on 8/22 at Oyster Creek Regional Park. The event was well attended.

Support Services/Parks – David Milligan, Support Services/Park Manager

- South Gulf Cove Park has had community park elements added. There will be a soft opening for the public on 10/1/09 with an official opening sometime in the future.
- Bayshore Live Oak Park has had lights put on the fishing pier by the bathroom building. Energy efficient light bulbs have been used.
- Chester Roberts Park has had a solar LED light put in, which was designed for area lighting. This is a test of this kind of lighting to see if we can use it in other park areas. The solar light costs less than \$2000.
- Harbour Heights Park lighting issue has been investigated. The light in question is actually an FPL light not a light put in by Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources. FPL states that they will be reducing the wattage of the light in question within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

III. New Business

Vice-Chair Election

William Dryburgh made a motion to elect Bill Coy as Vice Chair. Maria Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bill Coy is now the Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Discuss agenda for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/Roberts Rules of Order/Sunshine Law workshop

- Maria Greenberg stated that she has not received the Sunshine Law pamphlet. Kathy Harriott will obtain a copy and send it to Maria.
- Ann Dever gave a brief review of the Sunshine Law.
- The members discussed when they would like to have the workshop. It was agreed to have the workshop at a regularly scheduled meeting but to wait until we get the new board members.

IV. Old Business

Status of Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center

SMG contract is in negotiations. There were staff interviews last week.

- ❖ Bill Dryburgh asked how they will figure out the number of “free” days the County will get.
 - John Jackson explained that the days are not truly free days. They will be considered as a rent credit.

Update on Rotary Centennial Park

David Milligan brought a conceptual site plan and illustrated where the Rotary Centennial Park will go. Bridge Construction is still ongoing. In about 6 months we might be able to get a consultant in to plan the park.

- ❖ Bill Coy asked if they are going to leave the old bridge up to be used as a fishing pier. David did not know. Commissioner Starr thought that would be a great idea and will speak with someone from Public Works to see if this is feasible.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – possible vacancies

Kathy Harriott has let the executive assistants to the BCC know that Carl Johnson and Amber Gunderson have not been attending meetings. Diane Gant informed Kathy that they are currently looking for a student to replace Amber. They have not received a resignation letter from Carl Johnson. This is his fourth missed meeting, so according to the bylaws, he must be replaced.

V. Sports Council Update

Advisory Board representative needed for both Youth and Adult Sports Councils

Maria Greenberg will attend next weeks Youth Sports Council meeting to see if she would be interested in being the representative. Kathy Harriott will let Bonnie Blair know to send Maria the date/time/location information as well as an agenda.

Youth Sports Council Update – the August meeting was well attended.

Adult Sports Council Update – no update

VI. Member Issues

No member issues

VII. Director's Report

John reviewed a chart of where our tax dollars go. The school board gets almost 50% of the money.

VIII. Citizen Input

Dorothea Zysko – Team Punta Gorda

- ❖ Thanked the County for the Punta Gorda Library renovation
- ❖ Attended the Summer Sizzle and stated it was fun but needed more vendors

IX. Announcements

None

X. Upcoming Events

9/5 – Moonlight Swim at South County Regional Park

9/9 – 3pm Historical Marker Dedication – The Punta Gorda Bank

9/12 – 1pm at the Historical Center – Dr. Tina Bucuvalas will discuss Just Above the Water folk art exhibit and the book she co-authored

9/19 – Oyster Creek Regional Park – 1st Annual Disc Dog Competition

10/10 – 12noon – 10pm at Charlotte Sports Park - PARKapalooza

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:55 p.m. by Bill Coy, seconded by Bill Dryburgh, and the vote was unanimous.

Attachments: How your tax dollar is spent

Copy: Commissioner Robert Skidmore, District 1
Commissioner Adam Cummings, District 2
Commissioner Robert Starr, District 3
Commissioner Richard Loftus, District 4
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5
Mr. Roger Baltz, County Administrator