

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
November 4, 2009

**Board Attendance Record**

Bill Coy (57/68)  
William Dryburgh (68/74)  
Eugene Leapley (42/47)  
Maria Greenberg (4/5)

**Present**

Bill Coy  
William Dryburgh  
Maria Greenberg

**County Representatives**

John Jackson, Director  
Commissioner Bob Starr, District 1  
Joanne Larson, Recreation/Athletics Manager  
Michael Koenig, Business Services Manager  
Angie Patteson, Cultural Resources Manager  
David Milligan, Support Services/Parks Manager  
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

**Guests**

Hugh Moore, Englewood Sailing Assn.  
Dorothea Zysko, Team Punta Gorda

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was not present.  
Eugene Leapley was in the hospital.

**I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were not approved; no quorum.  
Bill asked the visitors to sign-in if they intended to speak at today's meeting.

**II. Division Reports**

**Administration/Business Services** – Michael Koenig, Business Services Manager

- In contract negotiations for ice vending machines, recreation equipment rental and skate park management
- Ice Vending machines - completing negotiations for four locations; Englewood Beach, Placida Boat Ramp, Port Charlotte Beach and Spring Lake boat ramp
- Contracts at Englewood Beach and Placida Boat Ramp will be up and running in 3 months; Port Charlotte Beach and Spring Lake in 6 months
- Skate Park Management is in negotiations: only one vendor bid
- Recreation equipment rental approved by the BCC for *It's Time Kayak* at PCB
- Port-o-lets sponsorship – working on formulizing a program
- Sponsorship package is being developed; direct marketing with businesses
- Parking passes – possibly creating a 3 month and a 6 month pass – ordinance and resolution will need to be amended for seasonal type passes
- Park furniture advertising, a way to generate revenue; draft specifications are written.
- Six port-o-lets have been replaced at the request of the public; Placida boat ramp, Placida fishing pier, Tom Adams fishing pier, El Jobean fishing pier, Tringali Park and the Bayshore Fishing Pier.

**Cultural Resources** – Angie Patteson, Cultural Resources Manager

- “Pledge of Honor” at the Historical Center running until the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Symphony of Trees, November 20<sup>th</sup> trees go up, decorated by non-profits and the auctioned off at a fundraiser in its 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> year.
- Federal grant to digitize historic images; in its second year of the grant; a link to the website is up on the county website.
- Big Read Event, an initiative from the National Endowment for the Arts

**Recreation/Athletics** – Joanne Larson, Recreation/Athletics Manager

- PARKapaloosa, October 10<sup>th</sup> (a record breaking heat day), 1200 people attended
- Free to Breath Run and Walk on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 300 participated
- Healthy Kids Festival, at Harold Avenue, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 400 attended this first time event
- Carmalita Warriors qualified to bring in 4 regional games in a few weeks - a huge draw
- Senior Games in March 2010; Kayak Festival next year
- Sports Park this Saturday, Jamie O’Neal, county singer, free admittance
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Nature Fest

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

- Babcock Ranch - keeping up with the applications re: Parks and Recreation facilities
- North Charlotte Regional Park, sales tax dollars available for Phase 3, adding Community Facilities; a large picnic pavilion, extra restroom, walking trails, playground and basketball courts. Design contract is coming to the board. \$900,000 available for construction of this project.
- Santa Domingo Park, in South Gulf Cove, design starting shortly for a 3 acre park
- El Jobean Boat Ramp - improvement project to completely replace the ramp and dock
- David met with Joe Mullen, FL Paddling Trail Assn., a project to mark the first Blueway Trails, they are excited to partner with us and they are helping provide physical labor.

**III. New Business**

**Park Maintenance Partnership/Adopt-a-Park**

- Jacqueline Vazquez talked about the efforts of Brett Clark, Chair of the Scenic Highways Committee, regarding Bay Heights Park. They want to help supplement the level of service at the park.
- Adopt-a-Park program is already established by resolution in 1996, which only addressed litter control; a draft amendment has been started. Fundraising will be done to help maintain the park.
- Companion piece is a Gift Catalogue; can go from \$25 to millions of dollars.
- Commissioner Starr asked about the availability of the picnic tables, garbage cans, etc. that were taken out of the parks because of the reduction in service.
- Hugh Moore, Englewood Sailing Assn., is interested in Bay Heights Park also; they have some ideas and will work in cooperation with any group.

**Englewood Beach Dunes Crossover’s**

- Presented to the BCC at their last meeting; concern of the southern most crossover
- Possibility eliminating by roping off and signage that says “this is not a crossover”

**South Gulf Cove Park Opening**

- Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

- Invitations are being sent by email and everyone is welcome to attend

**IV. Old Business**

**Update on Rotary Centennial Park**

- Status 60% complete, turning it over in
- John added that there has been a suggestion made to name this Rotary Centennial Park after Ann Dever. Bill Coy talked about the memorial for Ann Dever in Boca Grande.

**Charlotte Sports Park Update**

- Working with the Rays on an improvements list
- Working thru the drainage issues, close to a resolution, will be ready by spring training

**Youth Sports Leagues**

- One of the little league presidents brought up the great idea of the kids having their Little League Opening Ceremonies at the stadium.

**V. Sports Council Update**

- Youth Sports Council is going very well, every month there is a packed house, members are involved and interesting in working with us.
- Maria Greenberg stated that she was unable to attend due to previous commitment.

**VI. Member Issues**

- Schedule of meeting dates was distributed.
- Bill Coy suggested that the field trip be moved up to February.
- Bill Dryburgh suggested touring the east and south on the 1<sup>st</sup> field trip and the rest on the 2<sup>nd</sup> field trip.

**VII. Director's Report**

- John reported that we continue to work on revenue opportunities
  - Gift Catalogue
  - Adopt-a-Park

**VIII. Citizen Input - none**

**IX. Announcements- none**

**X. Upcoming Events**

Events added to those listed on the agenda:

- November 11 - Traveling Viet Nam wall will be at Lashley Park
- November 20 - Symphony of Trees at Historical Center is a great fundraiser opportunity.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:10 p.m.

CC: 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  
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator