

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
July 7, 2010

**Board Attendance Record**

Bill Coy (60/75)  
William Dryburgh (73/81)  
Eugene Leapley (48/54)  
Maria Greenberg (11/12)  
Lou Spacco (7/7)  
John Hitzel (6/7)  
Vacant - District 2

**Present**

William Dryburgh  
Lou Spacco  
Maria Greenberg  
Eugene Leapley  
John Hitzel

**County Representatives**

Bob Starr, Commissioner  
John Jackson, Director  
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

**Guests**

Steve Vieira, Harbour Heights MSBU Committee

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.  
Dr. Bill Coy was absent; discussion ensued.

***Motion to have the Chairman write Dr. Coy a letter, due to his absences, asking him his intentions on remaining on the board was unanimously approved.***

**I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the June 2, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

**II. Division Reports**

*Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.*

- Chair Dryburgh complimented staff at Tringali Recreation Center for their outstanding work during the recent Charter Review Commission meeting that was held at the facility.

**III. New Business**

- **Administrative Offices Move**
  - To Mid-County Regional Library, possibly the end of August
- **October Field Trip**
  - Field trip to West County; environmental parks, Oyster Creek, the beach
- **PRAB Updated Schedule**
  - Updated schedule was distributed and will be forwarded to the webmaster for inclusion on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board webpage
- **Parking Meters**
  - All County parking meters will be changed to an honor system method of payment similar to how the state handles parking fees
    - A pole with a steel box attached and a slot for the envelope containing payment and ticket for car will be installed and the old parking meters will be removed.
    - A one-time fee will be established by the Commission to park for the day
    - New signage will be installed; parking passes will still be sold

- This change will be well advertised before implementation
- The ordinance will be modified to include returning a percentage of fines from citations (issued by the sheriff office) for non-compliance, back to the county.
- **Kiwanis Park**
  - 31 acres in the middle of a residential neighborhood; now has a bad reputation
  - The Kiwanis organization and the county will work together to secure grant funding for the removal of underbrush to give the sheriff's patrols a better line-of-sight of the park
- **New Areas for Dogs in County Parks (added by Director)**
  - Bayshore Live Oak Park will be a test park for new areas that owners can walk their dogs
  - Sports fields will remain areas that dogs will still be prohibited access
- **September 1, 2010 Joint Meeting with MAC and Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee (added by Commissioner Starr)**
  - Commissioner Starr suggested that he chair the joint meeting and asked members for agenda items to discuss. He feels there might be an overlap of efforts between the three committees.
  - Commissioner Starr read the agenda items submitted by MAC and Beaches & Shores and suggested that instead of individual items, it would work better to discuss ways for the committees to work together to accomplish a common goal.
    - Items suggested for the agenda by board members were: 1. the change of the method of collection of parking fees at county beaches/ramps, and 2. how do we maximize utilization of Charlotte Harbor
  - Chair Dryburgh will email Commissioner Starr if any more agenda items are submitted.

#### **IV. Old Business**

- The Director relayed that the VFW is working on Veterans Park at North Charlotte Regional Park; they began July 4<sup>th</sup> with the raising of the flag on the new poles that were installed.
  - \$17,000 already committed by the VFW

#### **V. Sports Council Update**

- Youth Sports Council next meeting for July 14 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Moving ahead with regular meetings; Maria will be out of town for the next meeting
- Adult Sports Council next meeting is July 21 at 6 p.m.

#### **VI. Member Issues**

- Chair Dryburgh asked how the skate park is working ... no complaints received
- Chair Dryburgh asked about including the libraries in on this committee

#### **VII. Director's Report**

- RFP for management of the sports park is going out
- Director attended the North Port Commission meeting and saw the presentation regarding North Port constructing supplemental baseball fields for the Snowbird Classic. Charlotte County has a 5 year agreement (plus a 5 year extension) for the Snowbird Classic tournament.

**VIII. Citizen Input**

- Steve Vieira, resident of Harbour Heights talked about Harbour Heights Park and the improvement/repairs that he feels are needed
  - The Director will send Andy Stevens to the park to see what is needed.

**IX. Announcements**

- None

**X. Upcoming Events**

- Events as listed on the Agenda

**Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:57 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