

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
August 4, 2010

Board Attendance Record

Bill Coy (60/76)
William Dryburgh (74/82)
Eugene Leapley (49/55)
Maria Greenberg (12/13)
Lou Spacco (8/8)
John Hitzel (7/8)
Vacant - District 2

Present

William Dryburgh
Lou Spacco
Maria Greenberg
Eugene Leapley
John Hitzel

County Representatives

Bob Starr, Commissioner
Andy Stevens, Parks & Natural Resources Manager
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 excused due to health reasons. The majority of the members agreed to wait one more month for Dr. Coy to return to the meetings before taking any action.

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the July 7, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Division Reports

Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

III. New Business

- Andy Stevens announced that the Placida Fishing Pier and parking lot will be closed for 4 weeks due to repairs that Public Works is conducting.

IV. Old Business

- **October 6, 2010 Field Trip**
 - Meet at Sport Park, 11 a.m.
 - Chair will not be providing lunch; suggestion to bring some snacks
- **Parking Meters Update**
 - Agenda item on BCC Agenda for August 24
 - Several options to consider: removal, alternative electronic machines, "honor" system collection boxes
 - Commissioner Starr likes the collection box system
 - Suggestion to make it easier to apply for the parking passes; possibly putting the application and location to purchase with webpage on the envelope
 - Commissioner Starr will put this item on the agenda for discussion at the joint meeting, September 1
- **Harbour Heights Park - Report from Andy Stevens included in packet**
 - Report was discussed; Andy recommended waiting until the Stormwater Assessment is completed before making any substantial improvements; temporary repairs can be done.

- **RFP for Sports Park Management**

- RFP for Sports Park management will determine if there is any interest from the community

- **Bay Heights Park**

- Chair Dryburgh knows of a group that wants to adopt this park after it is completed

V. Sports Council Update

- Youth Sports Council next meeting set for August 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Maria could not attend the last meeting

VI. Member Issues

- John Hitzel asked about Kiwanis Park; Andy gave an update (see Director's report)

VII. Director's Report

- Kiwanis Park and Veterans Park (in North Charlotte Regional Park)
 - Andy Stevens reported that he has met with the Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis Foundation Grant will be discussed at the workshop August 16 at Port Charlotte Beach Complex and all new ideas for improvements at the park will be discussed at this public meeting.
 - The last obstacle will be discussed at the Planning and Zoning Board
 - Chair Dryburgh talked about the possibility of erecting a flag pole at the Cultural Center for the Veterans to hold ceremonies, start their parades, etc.
- Logging
 - Completed ecological thinning of pines at all three parks
 - Project over, exceeded our goals from an ecological standpoint, now we will be working with the Division of Forestry on the load tickets to see how much of that money will come back to the county.
- Skate Park
 - Continuous problems with vandalism and bad behavior
 - Commissioner Starr has made the request to the sheriff's department for increased patrols at the skate park.
 - Lou Spacco has noticed increased sheriff presence at the skate park
 - Chair Dryburgh feels we need to hire back an employee full or part-time
 - Commissioner Starr still wants to know what is different about this park and why there are no problems at Carmalita.
- Administrative Offices Move - Update
 - No update, no date yet

VIII. Citizen Input

- None

IX. Announcements

- A parking pass will be sent to members with the agenda packet for the Joint Meeting at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex, September 1.

X. Upcoming Events

- Events as listed on the Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:58 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