

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
March 7, 2012

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (88/98)
Michael Brown (9/9)
Maria Greenberg (23/28)
Lou Spacco (22/23)
John Hitzel (22/23)
Fred Pazona (12/15)
Katherine Ariens (12/13)

Present

William Dryburgh
Michael Brown
Maria Greenberg
Lou Spacco
John Hitzel
Fred Pazona
Katherine Ariens

County Representatives

Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator
Jane Ravella, Administrative Assistant
Bob Starr, Commission Liaison

Guest

Dick Whitney, Beaches & Shores
Chris Constance, Commissioner

Call to Order

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

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the January 4, 2012 and February 1, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Division Reports

Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

- John Hitzel – Had no issues

III. New Business

- Discussion took place in regards to a letter in the newspaper about the Dog Parks. Letters have been exchanged as well as phone calls and the problem had been resolved before this meeting.
- Katherine Ariens volunteered to offer a free agility class once a month.

IV. Old Business

- **Review Pool Revenues**
 - This item was tabled in Mr. Jackson's absence. To be reviewed at the next Advisory Board meeting.
 - Bill Dryburgh gave a brief synopsis of the Col. Sam Harris Dedication and what a beautiful plaque was attached to a huge rock. John Hitzel also shared a story of him as well.

V. Sports Council Update

- Youth Sports Council next meeting set for March 14th at 5:45 p.m. at Mid-County Library Administration Conference Room.
 - No report

VI. Member Issues

- John Hitzel – there has been some publicity about a Christmas tree being given to the County and would like to see this Board have some input on the location. Many ideas were

exchanged, but Commissioner Starr suggested to first obtain all the donations to purchase the tree and then let's discuss how and where it will be placed.

- Status on Harbor Walk – on schedule.
- Fred Pozano – Asked about the smoking Ordinance. He stated there had been an incident of a fire at South County Regional Park and Pool that had been started by a cigarette. Commissioner Starr stated that we put up signs around our pools/parks to encourage no smoking around our young lungs. Maria shared the ideas of the Youth Sports Council who have put up signs as stated, and they also ask the parents and friends not to smoke in the walkways at the entrance to where the children are.
- Lou Spacco was sorry he didn't make the Dedication, and a discussion took place about an online calendar for Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

VII. Director's Report –

- In regards to CIP review – Kelly suggests we contact David Milligan to attend one of our meetings to inform you of all the projects we have going on.
- Kelly Shoemaker passed out pictures of the decking being done at Englewood Beach Board walk. The project started 3 weeks ago and it keeps moving, looking good.
- Gasparilla trestle removal should be starting in the next day or so.
- Fishing pier assessments should be completed in 3-4 weeks and then we will decide on a plan of action.
- The Snowbird Baseball Classic – huge success.
- Rays Baseball has been drawing a lot of attention as well to Port Charlotte.
- Commissioner Starr announced that we have a Sports Authority 501 (c) (3).

VIII. Citizen Input – Dick Whitney, Beaches and Shores, was present - he shared flyers he picked up for Dog Parks in Lee County and thought we would be interested and he also attended the Citizen Volunteer Committee for the Calusa Blueway Festival. He showed Betsy flyers that she said she would include our flyers showing our boat ramps and boating information in their packets for the festival.

IX. Announcements

X. Upcoming Events

- Events as listed on the Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:55 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Robert Skidmore, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Robert Starr, District 3
Commissioner Stephen Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator