

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
May 2, 2012

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (90/100)
Michael Brown (10/11)
Maria Greenberg (25/30)
Lou Spacco (24/25)
John Hitzel (24/25)
Fred Pazona (14/17)
Katherine Ariens (14/15)

Present

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

County Representatives

Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator
Andy Stevens, Acting Director/Pks. Nat. Manager
Jane Ravella, Administrative Assistant
Bob Starr, Commission Liaison

Guest

Dick Whitney, Beaches & Shores
Chris Constance, Commissioner
Douglas Tucker, Candidate #5

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 April 4, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Division Reports

Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

- John Hitzel – Had questions and or clarified statements:
 - Harold Ave –Senior Games shows budget numbers with a profit, - Registration fees.
 - Beer/Boar Run – It is like an Extreme Sports set up with the Natural Resources Nature Festival. There will be obstacles, climbing ropes, jumping over water, races; selling of Beer and fundraiser for the Nature Festival.
- Lou Spacco – Cattle Dock Project – it is in the middle of the permitting process, then to DRC in the next couple of weeks. Maybe be delayed for other stipulations.
- Fred Pazona – asked about the format of the list of CIP projects, but this list is from facilities giving us updates to the projects. If you would like to see the costs of these projects that would come from another source that can be provided at another time.

III. New Business

- Andy Stevens gave a report on the updating of the Parking Meters – looking at replacing the meters during the month of May with completion of the job by middle of June. There will be press releases and signs put up when the project starts and how long it may take. Parking spots will be numbered (painted on concrete bumpers and spot) Signs are a part of the contract and there will be signs to let people know this is pay to park lot. This will also be smart phone ready.

IV. Old Business

➤ **Review Pool Revenues**

Kelly put together a presentation, which in turn was handed out to all present, facts that she got from Budget, along with the benchmarking presented last month and much discussion took place.

The chairman asked that the Board take home the pies and charts and do a little homework and see if they can't come up with some creative ideas, preferably 10 items from each member, to help create revenue for this county. Lou asked what our goal was, where does the number need to go to – Kelly asked that we are looking for any way that we can shrink the gap – 10% through ? - not that there is a final number.

V. Sports Council Update

- Youth Sports Council next meeting set for June 13th at 5:45 p.m. at Mid-County Library Administration Conference Room.
 - Katherine substituted for Maria for the April meeting. She learned there had been an issue at one of the parks with a disgruntled parent and how they are instructed to handle that situation. Snowbird Classic is affecting the youth, so our council, youth council and the county need to keep that in mind when they meet with the Snowbird Classic again.

VI. Member Issues

- John asked for clarification on the No fee rental other than county employee function. We have agreements with other Governmental entities such as the cities and federal offices, that we don't charge them as long it is governmental function. We will have to look for the SOP to clarify the standard rental agreements from a charge to no charge.

VII. Director's Report –

- Englewood Beach is 90% completed. Will discuss CIP list at the next meeting.

VIII. Citizen Input –

- Jonathan Rodriguez spoke on behalf of BMX Bikes in the Skate Parks. He has been trying to get a petition to ask the Charlotte County Board to get approval to let the BMX bikes into the Skate Parks. There have been issues in the past of damaging the concrete, and some interaction issues which prohibited the bikes from riding in the Skate Parks. There is history, and the donor Mrs. Berlin specified that the park be a skate park. The Board will look into this further.
- Douglas Tucker spoke on Youth Sports, Coach of PC Little League, Thank you for your support for putting up the signs for the no smoking.
 - I don't mean to keep harping but the restroom and concession at Harold Ave is the oldest facility around and we really need some help there. Kelly said it is in the CIP, and we are trying to move it ahead for the 2013 year.

IX. Announcements

None

X. Upcoming Events

- Events as listed on the Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:47 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