

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
June 6, 2012

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (91/101)
Vacant
Maria Greenberg (26/31)
Lou Spacco (25/26)
John Hitzel (25/26)
Fred Pazona (15/18)
Katherine Ariens (15/16)

Present

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

County Representatives

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

Guest

Douglas Tucker
Ken Doherty

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 May 2, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Division Reports

Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

- John Hitzel – Had questions:
 - Chick-fil-A – What kind of a meeting? Leadership program offered to Administrative staff.
 - P/T Human Resource Coordinator has been hired.
 - Draft-Game time? - Andy will go over that later.
 - Myakka River – kayak fund raiser.
 - Class program housekeeping. Marty Burton was present to answer any questions on Finance.
- Katherine Ariens asked about the Voodoo that had gone on at PCB. Were there any reports with the police? And asked about the report from Harold Ave/Shalonda Harris and her taking the festival on the road?

III. New Business

- Maintenance Yard Break-in – down by Florida St., Punta Gorda – crime scene came in to take prints, they came through the roof taking mostly tools. Our vandalism has been in spurts.
- Article in paper – Bay Heights Park – Boat Ramp delayed (Sales Tax Project) People in the area don't want it to be a Boat Ramp. People are now helping keep up the park.

IV. Old Business

➤ **Review Skate Park for BMX**

Jonathan couldn't make the meeting today for the topic on the Skate Park. Andy spoke with Mrs. Berlin and her daughter Kathy and they are not in favor of allowing BMX bikes in the skate park. Discussion took place to find a parcel and allow Jonathan to get donations to start up a BMX park in the Englewood area. Katherine was told it is an extremely expensive project.

John Hitzel made the Motion for the Chairman to send Jonathan a letter explaining that it is a costly project and they respect his sincerity to bring this to our attention but it can't be done at this

time. Motion was approved by all.

➤ **Review Pool Revenues**

Homework - Pool Recommendations –

First recommendation by John Hitzel was to meet with North Port and offer pool passes for the North Port Residents. Commissioner Bob Starr thought this would be a great idea, since our pools are open to the public, they don't have to be a resident. This would have to be brought up at the Commissioner's office then they could approach North Port with the option. Another recommendation was to have tournaments with travel swim teams. South County Pool meets the requirement for that event. Another recommendation would be to let your schools know all events and have them put it on their web sites. Schools are a huge place to get the word out about the pools we have. Other recommendations are seasonal labor, closing pools on shorter hours.

Various other recommendations were made and discussions took place and a decision was made to email the secretary, Jane, she will make up a list from all the recommendations and bring back a list of 4 – 5 that we can move ahead with to help with the pools.

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.

- Maria attended the meeting, but not much had been brought up. The meeting was only about 45 minutes. It's that time of the year. Maria stated she will be at the next meeting.

VI. Member Issues

➤ Fred stated he will be up in NY for the next two months and will not be attending our meetings.

VII. Director's Report –

- Meters – are moving ahead.
- CIP – for playgrounds – 3 parks are up for replacements and a committee was formed to review the different plans and make recommendations. Designs were passed around.
- Bill asked about Riverwalk Park – it is still on schedule
- We will be looking into having a meeting in the fall, September/October, with Capital Projects and making that an annual meeting.

VIII. Citizen Input –

➤ Mr. Tucker asked about the Harold Ave. projects – they have been moved up. It will be the concession, as well as the bathrooms.

IX. Announcements None

X. Upcoming Events - Events as listed on the Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:07 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