

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes**

October 3, 2012

**Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh (95/105)  
Vacant  
Maria Greenberg (30/35)  
Lou Spacco (27/29)  
John Hitzel (29/30)  
Fred Pazona (17/22)  
Katherine Ariens (18/19)

**Present**

William Dryburgh  
Maria Greenberg  
John Hitzel  
Fred Pazona  
Katherine Ariens

**County Representatives**

Andy Stevens, Interim Director/Parks & Natural Resources  
Todd Taylor, Financial Consultant  
Mike Norton, Harold Avenue Recreation Center  
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

**Guests - none**

**Call to Order**

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

**1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the September 5, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

**2. Division Reports**

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

- John Hitzel – prep for Oyster Creek burn, fire breaks, cricket, Florida Youth Sports Football League (a football program for approx. 8 weeks in the spring)
- Katherine Ariens – bounce house purchase, pools and the CC Bluefins re:fees
- Fred Pazona – use of pools by teams, fee schedule, pool pass
- Andy Stevens – Library Master Plan and Parks Master Plan from a fee perspective

**3. New Business**

- Bay Heights Park Proposal C
  - Bill Dryburgh gave history of the acquisition of the park
  - Andy Stevens relayed that the BCC approved Proposal C (back-up attached to agenda) which would allow a boat ramp for motor boats and a kayak launch to be built.
- Restrooms at Bayshore Park
  - Project on hold by the BCC
  - Cost estimate - \$3,470,2000
  - Facilities is reviewing this and will evaluate all aspects
- Discussion on Placida overflow parking/expansion ideas
  - Andy Stevens explained that this is the property next to the Placida Boat Ramp that was acquired – 9 acres, \$3 million of which \$15,000 was received from WCIND funding. From a parks perspective what do we want to do with this property?
  - A field trip was planned for November or December to view the property.

- Discussion of future joint meetings
  - Bill Dryburgh feels that we need a trigger and the Placida Overflow Park property could be that trigger.
  - The field trip will be helpful in determining what plans we would have for this property.
  - Discussion of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 2013 schedule resulted in the ***motion by Fred Pazona and seconded by Bill Dryburgh to eliminate the July meeting which was unanimously approved.*** \*If the need arises in the ensuing years, the July meeting will be returned to the meeting schedule.

#### 4. **Old Business**

- Update on JM Berlin/Rotary Skate Park & BMX Bikers
  - Andy Stevens relayed the attendance figures for the skate park for the end of August and September as tabulated by staff at the skate park. He reported that vandalism is down since the bikers have been allowed to ride in the park. Most bikers are in their 40's, and are coming from the areas of Tampa all the way down to Naples. They bring their families and it is good for the economy of Charlotte County. It's a family oriented sport.
  - John Hitzel reminded members that mid-December ends the 4 month trial and we will need to make a recommendation. Andy said that there was talk of an internal synopsis.
  - Katherine Ariens suggested that when we get the November report, if they are doing well, we could commit to a permanent arrangement and then advertise the schedule. The schedule has changed to every Wednesday and the last Sunday of the month for the bikers.
  - Fred Pazona asked for a bid for lights in the parking lot at South County Recreation Center.
- Parking Meter Update – Andy Stevens
  - Solar panels have been reconfigured at Englewood Beach.
  - The meter at South Gulf Cove was vandalized and \$12,500 worth of damage was reported.
- Addition to agenda by John Hitzel – Geocaching
  - John Hitzel asked about the trinkets that Commissioner Constance referred to at the last meeting and if they have been hidden in the parks.
  - Andy Stevens replied that geocaching would be a good activity to add to the upcoming Nature Festival.

#### 5. **Sports Council Update**

- Youth Sports Council's next meeting is set for September 12th at 5:45 p.m. at Mid-County Regional Library, Administration Conference Room.
  - Maria Greenberg reported that it was a good meeting last month but she could not attend next week's meeting. Katherine Ariens volunteered to go in her place.

#### 6. **Member Issues**

- Fred Pazona talked about the vacant position on the board. He also wanted an update on the recommendations that the board listed previously for the pools. He noted that he sees a difference in the demeanor of the lifeguards when a supervisor is working than when one is not i.e. weekends.
- Andy talked about the huge movie screen at the pools that are killing us from a staffing perspective.

#### 7. **Interim Director's Report – Andy Stevens**

- Andy Stevens relayed that there will be a national search for a Recreation Manager who will oversee all recreation and seek tournaments for our facilities.

#### 8. **Citizen Input** - None

9. **Announcements** - None

10. **Upcoming Events** - Events as listed on the Agenda

**Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:20 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