

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
May 1, 2013

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (101/111)
Gregg Marsh (5/7)
Maria Greenberg (36/41)
Paul Bigness (3/5)
John Hitzel (36/37)
Fred Pazona (24/29)
Katherine Ariens (23/26)

Present

John Hitzel
Maria Greenberg
Fred Pazona
William Dryburgh
Paul Bigness

County Representatives

Tommy Scott, Director
Lorah Steiner, Tourism
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

Guests

None

Call to Order

Chair Bill Dryburgh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the April 3, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Minutes from the February 6, 2013 Joint Meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

2. Division Reports

Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

- John Hitzel – from the article in the newspaper today ... quite an inventory of resources in our parks system, turtles & turtle lighting ordinance, Parks Master Plan, permitting, baseball concession stand, SunCoast Model Sailboats, Lionfish workshop, director county field trip, use of acronyms in staff report, Comcast Cares
- Fred Pazona – Tringali 70/30's

3. New Business

- Naming El Jobean Park for Randy Spence
 - **MOTION:** Motion to recommend to the BCC the re-naming of El Jobean Park to the "Randy Spence Park" in honor of his many contributions to the El Jobean community.
 - This motion was unanimously carried.
- Discussion of tours off-site
 - Bill Dryburgh relayed how tours were organized in the past i.e. touring West County or East County.
 - Months of October, November and December were determined to be months when this meeting could be located at different locations.
 - Everyone agreed that getting out seeing the other parts of the county are beneficial.

4. Old Business

- Follow-Up on the Vivian Hall Gymnasium
 - Harold Avenue staff is creating an event to officially name the gymnasium for Vivian Hall "Coach Cookie".

5. Sports Council Update

- Youth Sports Council's next meeting is set for May 8th at 5:45 p.m. at Mid-County Regional Library, Administration Conference Room.
 - Maria Greenberg relayed that the members of the Youth Sports Council wanted information regarding not permitting alcohol in the parks where children play. The ball teams have had some issues previously and want to prohibit alcohol in the parks.
 - The CRA's have disallowed non-permitted alcohol functions within the CRA.
 - Commissioner Doherty will speak with the county attorney and report back.
 - Smoking in parks where children are playing ball was also discussed.

6. Member Issues

- Paul Bigness talked about businesses servicing the island, and providing a place at the boat ramps for commercial people to off-load and easily access the water with their small barges/boats, away from the boating public. The director will speak to David Milligan for evaluation.
- Fred Pazona talked about the landscaping in the county not be maintained. He feels we should have a nursery to replace trees, shrubs, etc., to keep growing what may be needed and using our parks in a productive manner. Discussion ensued. The director will speak to David Milligan about this also.
- Bill Dryburgh talked about possibly bringing in the library/historical advisory board members into this board. Tommy Scott feels that combining the boards would potentially slow down the progress to work on their issues also and worries about the effectiveness of both groups. Discussion ensued.

7. Director's Report – Tommy Scott

- Recreation Manager Position Update
 - Position candidates have been narrowed down to three.
 - By the end of May, beginning of June, the position will hopefully be filled.

8. Citizen Input

- Lorah Steiner talked about the new marketing director in her department.
- May 10th is a Way Finding meeting re: signage.
- Tee Street should go through to 776, there is a small strip that needs to be completed to connect the streets so some property can be sold, and she is very supportive for this to happen.
- Ms. Steiner and the Tourism Board would like to attend our tours, as space allows.
- Southwest Florida Regional Calendar is being discussed that would be beneficial to Charlotte County.
- Lorah Steiner mentioned that they are working on videos more now than previously and they have room for our events in the video also. There are screens now at the sports park where videos could be shown. October through December are the months that we can use the sports park.
- Tommy Scott will be speaking with Jim Finch regarding scheduling events/opportunities.

9. Announcements

- Fred Pazona relayed that he will miss the next few meetings as he is going out of town for the summer and will return in September (mentioned after the meeting ended).

10. Upcoming Events - Events as listed on the Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:10 p.m. and unanimously approved.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator