

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
September 4, 2013

**Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh (103/113)  
Katherine Ariens (25/27)  
Maria Greenberg (39/43)  
Paul Bigness (4/7)  
John Hitzel (38/39)  
Fred Pazona (25/31)  
Roger LePage (2 /2)

**Present**

John Hitzel  
Maria Greenberg  
Katherine Ariens  
William Dryburgh  
Paul Bigness  
Roger LePage

**County Representatives**

Tommy Scott, Director  
Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison  
Janette Knowlton, County Attorney  
Lorah Steiner, Tourism  
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager  
Andy Stevens, Parks & Natural Resources Manager  
Mike Koenig, Resource Coordinator  
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 August 7, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

**2. Division Reports**

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

- John Hitzel – **no comments**
- Katherine Ariens agreed it was a very good staff report, not too much going on.

**3. New Business**

- Future Field Trips
  - The members will tour South County with plans to see Bayshore Live Oak Park/Historical Center first for the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
    - Meet at the Historical Center at 11 a.m.
    - Vehicles will be available to transport the board
    - South, Middle and West County tours were planned.
- Also discussed:
  - Super Boat Races scheduled for April 12 – 14, 2014 at Englewood Beach.
  - Bay Heights Park
- South County Regional Park Pool Splash Pad, Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool Splash Pad and McGuire Park – Tommy Scott – Grant Applications – Mike Koenig
  - Florida Recreation Development Assistance Grant by the Department of Environmental Protection is a matching grant. Maximum grant allowed up to

\$200,000.

- This grant, once awarded, has a three year window in which to spend the monies.
- Current trends at pools are water features for little kids (wading pools and splash pads). Adding these features to our pools will show an increase in revenue and attendance by bringing families in to see our programs and event opportunities.
- Katherine Ariens asked about lifeguard coverage for these new areas at the pools. Tommy Scott said the coverage will be incorporated in the lifeguard's regular duties (additional staff will be scheduled as needed).
- Chose pools for this grant, which is tied to a needs assessment done in 2008, and will be considered renovation as opposed to new construction.
- Other areas for these grant monies to be used will be McGuire Park (Elcam Blvd, in Parkside) which has four tennis courts (only 1 currently usable), which will be resurfaced. Working with the tennis courts renovation earns points (for the grant) and it will allow more people to use the park again to deter crime and create a sense of community.
  - Tournaments would improve usage of this park.
  - Paul Bigness asked about crime in the area and thinks flood lights for security deter criminal activities. Tommy Scott mentioned that homes surround the park and flood lights are not something the neighbors would want on all night. Using the parks for what is it designed for would deter crime.
  - Mike Koenig added that this will be beneficial to the community; there will be multiple uses for the park. A budget adjustment will be made to reflect the grant, if approved. Public meetings are planned that will earn additional points for the grant.

#### 4. Old Business

- Prohibiting Alcohol in Parks meeting
  - Janette Knowlton thanked the board for inviting her to the meeting to explain the options she relayed last month in her memo. Currently there is prohibition at all CRA parks, and adding language related to youth games would be an extension of this ordinance.
  - Katherine Ariens asked that someone from the YSC come and talk to us. She would like to know what happened, is this a huge problem.
  - Maria Greenberg explained this came up at the Youth Sports Council meetings and the issue is ill-defined. They don't, in general, want people inebriated at the games.
  - It was determined that what was needed was an ordinance with more teeth to it, so the sheriff's department can enforce and go after the people that are the problem.
  - Katherine Ariens mentioned the league agreement should be enforced, but the parents don't like doing it, don't like calling the police.
  - John Hitzel suggested adding the wording "where youth are playing organized sports" in the ordinance.
  - Paul Bigness mentioned that some people show up already inebriated.
  - Signage can be posted but Janette Knowlton said the signs would not be enforceable.
  - Roger LePage asked how to handle parents who are out of control that are not drinking.
  - Maria Greenberg relayed that she was thrown out of her son's ball game because of a stupid referee, and noted she was not inebriated.
  - Tommy Scott suggested ... to talk to parents, work on signage and have YSC report back to us.
    - **Consensus:** try signage and request feedback from the YSC.
    - Janette Knowlton asked that the YSC report back at the end of the year with

- specifics defined.
- Signs could be erected when verbiage is approved.

- Cricket Tournament
  - Katherine Ariens will schedule an appointment with the doctor for Tommy Scott and herself to discuss the tournament. Tuesdays and Wednesday are good days for the doctor, between 11:30 – 1pm and he will have the people that will push this forward there in his office at the hospital for this appointment.

**5. Sports Council Update**

- Youth Sports Council's next meeting is set for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. at Mid-County Regional Library, Administration Conference Room.
  - Maria reported that she will update the YSC re: alcohol in parks and report back to us.

**6. Member Issues**

- Maria Greenberg mentioned the Coach Cookie Gymnasium Dedication. It was fantastic, and the event turned out well. Coach Cookie was overwhelmed.
- Katherine Ariens complimented the recording secretary for the wonderful job she does on the minutes and getting the information out to the board.

**7. Director's Report – Tommy Scott**

- Update on Parks Master Plan
  - Status has not changed; Tommy Scott mentioned that the CIP is going to the board for approval and until we find out what is funded and unfunded we do not have an update.

**8. Citizen Input**

None

**9. Announcements**

None

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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, Deputy County Administrator