

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes**

November 5, 2014

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (111/121)
Katherine Ariens (32/35)
Maria Greenberg (47/51)
Paul Bigness (8/15)
John Hitzel (46/49)
Fred Pazona (30/39)
Vacant – At Large

Present

William Dryburgh
Katherine Ariens
Maria Greenberg
Paul Bigness
John Hitzel
Fred Pazona

County Representatives

Commissioner Doherty
Tommy Scott, Director
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

Guests

None

Call to Order

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

▪ **Chairman announced opportunity for public input on agenda items**

- None

▪ **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the September 3 and October 1, 2014, were unanimously approved.

▪ **Division Reports**

September and October staff reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

- John Hitzel – Intersession, Midnight Pickleball, request for a chart of facility usages.
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▪ **New Business**

- Remarciting at South County Regional Park Pool and Port Charlotte Beach Pool
 - Approved by BCC at their October meeting
 - Both pools will be closed from 11-10-14 to 1-15-15
 - Agreement with the school district to provide swimming at Charlotte HR pool, open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4pm and we will use our own lifeguards.
 - Katherine Ariens asked about the extended lanes at South County and why didn't we do it when initially.
 - Tommy Scott stated this work is due to the normal cycle and we have put a lot of thought into the timing.
 - Katherine Ariens asked why an outfit from Port St. Lucy was selected to do this work and what happens when there is a problem and they are so far away. Tommy Scott responded that there were only two bidders and one did not meet the standards. The work will have a guarantee and if problems arise, they will be responsible to fix them.

- Park Naming Application
 - Discussion ensued resulting in ***a motion presented by Maria Greenberg, seconded by Fred Pazona, to approve the naming of the Carmelita Football Concession Stand in honor of Ronnie Gamble, who served as President, Vice President, Board Member and Coach for 24 years. Motion was approved unanimously.***
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- Meeting Schedule for 2015
 - Discussion of the Joint meeting that has been held in February previously.
 - The meeting has needs for process improvement
 - Security; control is needed, have the Deputy in attendance at this workshop.
 - Suggestion of having a workshop concept instead of a meeting.
 - Fashioned after the BCC workshops
 - Public invited to attend, but no public input
 - All votes would be conducted at the members' regular meeting, not at the workshop.
 - Tommy Scott will confer with the County Attorney regarding the feasibility of the workshop concept to replace the joint meeting of the three advisory boards. Tommy will speak to the other committee chairs about this change.

Motion presented by Maria Greenberg, seconded by Katherine Ariens to approve the 2015 Meeting schedule. Unanimously approved.

▪ **Old Business** - None.

▪ **Sports Council Update**

- Next meeting is September 10, 2014.
 - Maria Greenberg was unavailable to attend the last meeting, but will attend next weeks meeting.

▪ **Member Issues**

- John Hitzel was happy the sales tax issue passed which he feels will be great for Parks & Recreation.
- Commissioner Doherty mentioned that a position is posted for a capital project coordinator (engineer) to oversee county projects. He will be part of Administration.
- John Hitzel asked the Commissioner his thoughts on the boat race,
 - Commissioner Doherty commented the he is upset with the financial aspect of the event and is looking for a \$10,000 check to be presented by Mr. York at the next BCC meeting. If not presented, his contract may be terminated. He is also very concerned with the management aspect of the event.
- Katherine Ariens stated that this has opened the door for someone else to put on an event such as the boat race. Katherine further stated she feels for Mr. York.
- Paul Bigness stated that the boat race is very important to Englewood and we should support it, but he doesn't feel the county should be financially supporting the event. The event should pay for itself.
- Tommy Scott felt that from an event standpoint it went well, but the financials were not good.
- Maria Greenberg mentioned that she was happy with the sales tax win.
- Fred Pazona said that regarding the use of the high school pool, suggested to send a letter to all season pass holders with a map of the available location while the two pools are under construction. He feels this would be very helpful. Also mentioned that Sarasota County opened a Pickleball Park recently.

- Katherine Ariens asked for a tour of the Sports Park. Consensus was for changing the location of the next meeting, December 3rd, to the Sport Park, where members can experience (possibly) the squish factor of the field.
- Bill Dryburgh also was happy with the outcome of the election regarding the penny sales tax.

▪ **Director's Report – Tommy Scott**

● **Update on Parks Master Plan**

- Tommy Scott reported the BCC approved the consultant, Wieler Engineering, scope specifics to get thing moving. The needs assessment ... he has spoken to two other counties already about what we have done. Word is out that we have gotten through the process.

▪ **Citizen Input**

- None

▪ **Announcements**

- It was decided that the December meeting will be held at the Charlotte Sports Park and members will tour the facility.
- Harold Avenue Recreation Center Re-Opening this Saturday at 9am.
- Applying for FDRP grants for splash pads is going to the board next week.
- Commissioner Duffy has selected Lou Agosto as the replacement member for District V and his nomination will go to the board next week for approval.

Maureen Broderick found that the pools have a 7 year warranty on materials and lifetime on workmanship.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 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