

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
August 5, 2015

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (118/129)
Katherine Ariens (38/43)
Maria Greenberg (53/59)
Paul Bigness (14/23)
John Hitzel (54/57)
Fred Pazona (38/47)
Erick Toth (1/1)

Present

Bill Dryburgh
Katherine Ariens
John Hitzel
Fred Pazona
Erick Toth

County Representatives

Tommy Scott, Director
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Tina Powell, Manager, Parks & Natural Resources
Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

Guests

Peter Van Buskirk, P.E., AICP
Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Call to Order

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

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

▪ Chairman Dryburgh welcomed new member, Erick Toth, who gave some background on himself.

▪ **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The June minutes were unanimously approved.

▪ **Division Reports**

▪ John Hitzel – parking meters (inability to get parts to keep them running), Clark Park is off 17 and Riverside Drive, ½ acre small parcel.

▪ **New Business**

- Harbor Walk Project update from Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager and Peter Van Buskirk, Project Engineer
 - Phase1A under construction, upland portion of the project, a major component of the project is the sea wall. Will have parking, small boat launch and promenade at the end, with covered pavilions and seating, sidewalk to Melbourne; completion March 2016
 - Phase 1B – Boardwalk in permitting, fishing pier, water taxi pier, primarily water activities, 90% planned. Precast concrete planks with wood finish will be used, approximately 70 parking spaces, design done by end of the year. The bats under the bridge will be reviewed.
 - July 1, 2016 partial funding will be available
 - Phase 1C will have an elevated platform with cover that will look like a sail and electricity.
 - Phase 2 will be looking at land acquisition
 - 2017 Phase 1B completion.

- Katherine Ariens asked about 1C, may be a good place for a music area, but no amphitheater is planned.
- Peter Van Buskirk explained that the color of the concrete will be in the concrete; it is not a coating and has a 50 year life.

▪ **Old Business**

- None

▪ **Sports Council Update**

- Erick Toth mentioned that at the June meeting they went over issues and questions about sports clubs have; it helps to discuss and they are usually minor issues. Summer is slow, but fall and spring things really pick up with this committee.
- Katherine Ariens asked about the app “Weather Bug” lightning detector and the light boxes at the fields. Pools are cleared with lightning is detected within 6 miles, there is a 30 minute delay and everyone needs to be in their vehicles.
- Fred Pazona mentioned that Weather Bug is at all our pools but mentioned the soccer fields behind the pool are not getting the information. Tommy Scott responded that they may be clubs that are not associated with the county.

▪ **Member Issues**

- Katherine Ariens updated her phone number for the members list, 941.661.9415
- Erick Toth talked about parking at the fishing pier and thinks the mobile app is very cool.
- Fred Pazona talked about Coach Todd and his background. Feels the pools should be open on Mondays next year during the summer, open earlier than 11am on Saturday or Sunday during the summer also. He also relayed that the parking meters breaking in a few years; we should hold the people accountable for components that are failing. Tommy Scott noted we have a new project manager hired to monitor major projects. Fred also mentioned that the pools are looking great and staff is doing a really good job.
- John Hitzel – pools get lots of usage, increase in fees could facilitate an increase in hours.
- Tommy Scott replied that the fee schedule has not been evaluated since 2008. Staff has been doing comparisons of other counties; this item will be updated at the September meeting.
- Bill Dryburgh asked what has happened to the Event Center; food is terrible.
 - Tommy Scott mentioned that he is reviewing the contract.
- Katherine Ariens asked if she could update the members on the Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee issues and make it an agenda item each month. Everyone agreed. Katherine also stated that she has volunteered for the filament line collection program but needs to be trained. Tina Powell said that Betty Staugler could train her.

▪ **Director’s Report – Tommy Scott**

• **Update on Parks Master Plan**

- Tommy Scott passed around a copy of the Master Plan, which is available to review online and has six key core themes. They did some mapping for us. The Master Plan will identify the gaps and tell us what we need to do. Questionnaires from public meetings and the survey is online and still active. The public want connectivity and restrooms. Gathering info for a year, next meeting in September, bring consultant to go over it, BCC in workshop for October, to BCC in November for adoption.
- We are ahead of schedule on our sales tax projects. It is coming together and will give us a roadmap for the next 20 years.
- July is Parks & Recreation Month and the BCC gave us a proclamation which we are very

excited about!

- September topics for agenda ... fee schedule, Parks & Recreation Master Plan, new recreation software ACTIVE with new functionalities, one of which will be a mapping feature. It is set to go online in October.
- October is our Field Trip; we will go over locations at our September meeting.

▪ **Announcements**

- None

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 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 Sandroock, Administrator
Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator