

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes  
December 6, 2015**

**Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh (123/134)  
Katherine Ariens (42/48)  
Maria Greenberg (58/64)  
John Hitzel (59/62)  
Fred Pazona (43/52)  
Erick Toth (6/6)

**Present**

Bill Dryburgh  
Maria Greenberg  
John Hitzel  
Fred Pazona  
Katherine Ariens  
Erick Toth

**County Representatives**

Tommy Scott, Director  
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager  
Tina Powell, Parks & NR Manager  
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

**Guests**

1. Minutes

- The October and November 2015 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Division Reports

- John Hitzel – survey kiosks results, complimented on the cleanliness and customer service at South County Recreation Center. In Natural Resources section ... scrub jays.
- Fred Pazona asked to see a total from the year on numbers reported in the division reports, and a comparison from the last few years.

3. New Business

- Park Naming Application for Port Charlotte Beach Fishing Pier
  - i. Roger Hooghkirk, from Facilities, gave a summary of the park naming application on longtime employee John Calendine.

***Motion to approve the re-naming of the Port Charlotte Beach Fishing Pier to the John Calendine Memorial Fishing Pier, was presented by Maria Greenberg and seconded by Katherine Ariens. This motion was unanimously carried.***

- The Active Demonstration was postponed to the January 6, 2016 agenda due to technical difficulties with the provider of the new program.
- Economic Impact of Parks
  - i. Tommy Scott gave a handout with NRPA statistics from a state level.
  - ii. From the executive summary it is noted that Florida ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> for economic impact and for parks providing jobs.
  - iii. The Spring Training facility is a great asset for our community for economic impact.

- iv. Questions about the HarborWalk projects resulted in a request that Deborah Forester be invited to the January 2016 meeting for an update.
  - Fees & Charges agenda item was postponed to the January 2016 meeting as the fee schedule is still being revised.
  - Recap of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tippecanoe Mud Run held on November 14, 2015
    - i. 365 participants with ages from 7 (10K) to 72 (5K) years old.
    - ii. 77 respondents to the 'after the race' survey noted that the event was "Just right" and there were many positive comments.
    - iii. Katherine Ariens asked was there any news coverage of this event – Tina Powell responded that it is a good idea for next year to alert the newspapers before the event. Facebook, a television media buy and radio ads were used.
  - 2016 Meeting Schedule was approved.
    - i. Discussion of Joint Workshop agenda items
      - 1. Stump Pass Update
      - 2. Bay Heights
      - 3. Harbor Walk Gateway Project Update
      - 4. Water Taxi
4. Old Business – none
5. Sports Council Update
- Eric Toth reported that concession stand procedures were reviewed; Monty Rodriguez and his crew and their excellent maintenance of the ballfields, Snowbird Classic which will have more teams than last year and Active scheduling. There was one new member in attendance and they reviewed the holiday schedule.
6. Member Issues
- Katherine Ariens thanked staff for a great year.
  - Maria Greenberg asked about the Adult Playground in Punta Gorda, which is exercise equipment along the trail starting at the waterfront park. Tommy Scott added that we are going to be including some exercise equipment on some of our trails in the future.
  - Eric Toth – The Mobile Now App at the beach parking meters is great feature and maybe we should market it a little more and add the information to our webpage.
7. Director's Report
- Recap of Parks Master Plan Presentation to BCC at Workshop November 17, 2015
    - i. Tommy Scott relayed the four recommendations of this board to the BCC, the plan was well received. The BCC asked good questions, we will be going back to them in the springtime for approval.

- ii. Bill Dryburgh mentioned that he is proud of everyone on the board for their hard work on the Master Plan.

8. Citizen Input – none
9. Announcements – none
10. Adjournment at 1:50 pm

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