

Joint Workshop
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Marine Advisory Committee
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee
February 3, 2016

Mid-County Regional Library, Meeting Room C
MINUTES

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David Milligan, Director Facilities, Construction & Maintenance
Joanne Vernon, Public Works
Hector Flores, Administration

1:00 p.m. - CALL TO ORDER

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Review of Sunshine Law – trouble with the network connection prevented this presentation from being shown.
2. Update on Stump Pass – Joanne Vernon, Public Works
 - Easement has not been obtained yet. May 1st deadline will not be met.
 - New start date right after turtle season in August.
3. Bay Heights Park – David Milligan
 - In 2007 design agreement was signed with engineers and consultants.
 - Work will start next week.
 - 20 new trailer spaces and 12 new car spaces
 - Added features: 2 new pavilions, new seawall, canoes and kayaks launch that are handicap accessible, restroom facility, picnic tables and walkway along the seawall.
 - Future playground in the wooded area
 - Most trees in the park have been preserved.
 - Completion date set for October 2016.
 - Questions:
 - There will not be a traffic light at the entrance to the park.

- It will be dredged to a depth of -5.
- Seagrass disruption prevented a different path out.
- Signage will be added to forewarn travelers that the driveway is coming up.

4. Charlotte Harbor Gateway Harbor Walk Update – Debrah Forester

- Presently under construction
- Objective to connect the two 41's, on FDOT Right of Way property
- Phase 1 is under construction, 2.3 million dollar project
- Phase 1A completion dated will be April 2016
- Phase 1B is where the proposed water taxi will be completed; 2.8 million dollar project, permits are submitted.
- Phase 1C – Upper Deck with covering is a sales tax project, design at 30%, possible land acquisition in the future.
- 10 ft wide multiuse sidewalk for walking and biking will connect the two 41's

5. Water Taxi - Debrah Forester

- The Water Taxi is in Phase 1B. When completed, in the short term, will probably be used by boaters. Suggestion by member that it will be used for charter pick-up.

6. Lifeguards at Englewood Beach – Marc Solomon

- We are not legally obligated to offer lifeguards at the beach
- Many costs involved, is not a good value with only 16 - 18 calls for help in 2014 and 2015, none drowning related.
- Survey noted surrounding counties who did or did not employ lifeguards.
- Determination: The number of calls does not warrant lifeguards at the beach, which is the recommendation of the Charlotte County Attorney's Office.

7. A new handout from the County Attorney's Office was distributed pertaining to Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees

Adjourned at 1:25pm.