

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
May 4, 2016

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (127/139)
Katherine Ariens (45/53)
Maria Greenberg (62/69)
John Hitzel (62/67)
Fred Pazona (48/57)
Erick Toth (11/11)

Present

John Hitzel
Maria Greenberg
Erick Toth
Fred Pazona
Katherine Ariens

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Jill Boyd, Sr. Program Coordinator
Mike Massoglia, Sr. Program Coordinator
Dennis Andrews, Sr. Program Coordinator
Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager
Betty Staugler, Sea Grant Agent
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

Guests

- Minutes
 - The March and April 2016 minutes were unanimously approved.
- Division Reports
 - John Hitzel – Mechanical reduction at Tippecanoe, McGuire Park vandalism, Image School of NP @ North Charlotte Regional Park.
 - Fred Pazona – Beach Guy
- New Business
 - Charlotte Harbor Fisheries Forum Stakeholder Survey Results – Betty Staugler
 - i. Has been working for a year with funding from Florida Sea Grant and partnership with Mote Marine.
 1. Provided a forum where stakeholders can express their perspectives and come to solutions re: management decisions. The stakeholder decision process was hard for the participants.
 2. Started in December 2014; Four super issues identified – water quality, fish and fishing, habitat and boater behavior
 3. Of the 10,000 registered fishing license holders, over 800 started the survey and 401 completed the survey which was map based.

4. Boater behavior was an item they felt they could work on with 30 second PSA's in which 12 topics will be reviewed..
 5. A voluntary boater education piece is in the works also.
 6. 40 pages of comments were received.
 7. Citizen knowledge of fertilizer use can help with water quality, relayed through the Captains when speaking to their groups, from an educational standpoint.
 8. Water quality is a core value of the BCC.
- Spring Training Recap
 - i. Jill Boyd introduced herself to the board members and reviewed the stat sheet provided and answered questions.
 - Senior Games Recap
 - i. Dennis Andrews reviewed the stat sheet provided to members and answered questions. John Hitzel expressed that he can feel Dennis' enthusiasm for the games.
 - Snowbird Classic Recap
 - i. Mike Massoglia reviewed the stat sheet provided to members and answered questions. A lengthy discussion re: economic incentives for the players and followers of the Snowbird Classic games ensued.
 - ii. Commissioner Doherty asked Tommy Scott to inquire from Sean Doherty on how the state develops the economic impact stats.
 - Naming of Harbor Walk
 - i. Debrah Forester commented that phase 1A is very close to completion at the Northbound US 41 Bridge. Tentative date of May 26th at 8:30am for the ribbon cutting.

Motion presented by Katherine Ariens, seconded by Fred Pazona, to approve the park naming of Live Oak Point, per the Park Naming Application. Unanimously carried.

- ii. What comes next? Debrah Forester replied that design plans are complete and permits are moving. The goal is to have the permit in place in June, construction September/October this year. The Sales Tax funded piece is the raised platform and shell area, but waiting for Phase I to be completed. The park will be open to the public after the ribbon cutting.
 - iii. On the 4th of July, 1921 the first bridge was dedicated with a fish fry with 6,000 attending. Again on the 4th of July, 1931, the second bridge was dedicated with a fish fry and 15,000 citizens attended.
- Old Business – none
 - Sports Council Update – Eric Toth
 - Snowbird Classic discussion
 - Fire inspection reports and all agreements were reviewed.
 - Discussion with CCSO re: trespass issues

- Member Issues
 - Fred Pazona mentioned that with the increase in numbers of use at the pools that he wants to see the pools open on Mondays and increase hours for the weekend.
 - i. Tommy Scott responded that due to staffing and budget constraints we are limited to the days/hours in place. From a new budget perspective, he will look into this request.
 - ii. Tommy Scott will, in the near future, present a recap and analysis so the board can re-examine this request.
 - iii. Discussion ensued.
- Director's Report
 - Tommy Scott thanked the members for allowing for our staffs' development training opportunity to come and present today.
- Citizen Input - none
- Announcements
 - i. Regarding the vacant position on this board – Commissioner Truex has someone in mind and will be in contact with them.
- Adjournment @ 2:30 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