

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

February 3, 2021

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 5/5
Don McCormick 5/5
Kay Tvaroch 4/5
Debra Anlauf 5/5
Erick Toth 3/5
Maria Greenberg 3/5
Fred Pazona 4/5

Present

William Dryburgh
Don McCormick
Debra Anlauf
Erick Toth
Maria Greenberg
Fred Pazona

Absent

Kay Tvaroch

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Tina Powell, Natural Resources Manager
Mike Koenig, Resource Manager
Marc Solomon, Recreation Superintendent
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

Guests

- Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting.
- Roll Call
- Minutes
 - Motion to approve the 2021 January Minutes made by Don McCormick, 2nd by Maria Greenberg and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – December 2020
 - William Dryburgh asked about attendance number at Charlotte Sports Park (CSP). Tommy Scott replied the number is made up of tournaments at CSP along with a myriad of programs we put on.

- Old Business
 - **Tippecanoe Boat Launch**– William Dryburgh updated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on their request to send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) by stating the letter was sent to all five Commissioners and County Administrator, and it is being put on the March 16th BCC Agenda.

- New Business
 - I. **Spring Training update** – Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager shared updates on Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training. There will be approximately 15 games which are listed on the Tampa Bay Rays website and times are to be determined, as of right now they are going to be all day games. Tickets and seating will be at a reduced capacity. There will be no general admission, all seating will be assigned with empty rows and seats to provide social distancing. Parking will only be in the stadium parking lot and not the fairgrounds, there will still be Sheriff's on 776 with message boards for direction. Ticket cost will include the parking fee to go cashless. Back fields will not be open to the general public, there will be no outside vendors, players will not be signing autographs, the playground will not be available and there will not be an Ambassador Program this year. Due to COVID these updates are subject to change.

 - II. **Swim Lesson update** – Marc Solomon, Recreation Superintendent explained how swim lessons will work during COVID and meeting local, State and Federal Government guidelines. The sessions and price will be the same but now there will be one instructor to 3 students as opposed to one instructor to 6 students as done in the past, also the instructors will teach from the deck and not be in the water. The student's parent, relative, caregiver etc. will be in the water with student and the instructor will be on the deck walking them through each step, it will be challenging for all of us, but we are confident in the plan.
 - Fred Pazona asked about how camp will be affected. Marc Solomon replied they are still working on how this will work with social distancing due to the number of people that register to swim and keeping below the maximum capacity. If COVID is still in effect when camp begins, we may not be able to offer swimming to campers due to this challenge.

 - III. **Cedar Point Environmental Center** – Tina Powell, Natural Resources Manager gave a presentation on the upgrades recently done at the Cedar Point Environmental Center (CHEC). CHEC was built in 1998 and operated through a partnership with CHEC. CHEC does environmental programming at Cedar Point and many of our other environmental lands. The upgrades included interior renovations, interactive displays, new exhibits, and an upgraded nature playground. In 2020 staff began upgrades to the interior of CHEC including new waterproof flooring, renovated restrooms, new windows, new kitchenette/break area, built-in cabinets, new tables, chairs and display cases.

In 2017 Staff applied for a grant from the state to hire a consulting firm to design interactive web-based displays along with CHEC's educational goals that children can use without the help of a volunteer being present as in the past. The programs all have interactive

games and quizzes and can be changed, edited and expanded in the future. The next steps include virtual trips, new physical exhibits and upgraded nature playground.

- Fred Pazona asked if elementary schools go on class trips to see this park. Tina Powell replied, CHEC specifically has a fourth-grade field trip to bring in neighboring students which includes a boat/kayak trip and they hold their own winter, spring and summer camp.
- Don McCormick asked if CHEC's second location in South County will be getting these upgrades. Tina Powell responded that location is on State land and we have no input over it, but we have been in contact with the CEO there to let them know the company we are working with and see if they can expand their location.
- Sports Council Update
 - Reviewed the Spring Fling
 - Lacrosse Tournament was cancelled
 - Meetings to be held on the Snowbird Classic
 - Went over partnership programs between all the sports clubs
 - Went through the sports clubs COVID protocol updates
 - Put out surveys to the sports clubs for volunteer hours to submit to the County
 - Did facility and field questions for all the different clubs with county officials
- Member Issues
 - Fred Pazona asked if the March 3rd Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting (PRAB) will be changed to 11:00am due to the Spring Training games as it has been done in the past.

Motion to approve time change of March 3rd PRAB meeting time to 11:00am made by Don McCormick, 2nd by Debra Anlauf and was unanimously approved.
 - Commissioner Doherty gave update on the vaccine distribution saying that the reservation process is our top priority right now, the infrastructure is in place and it's just a matter of getting the supply in now. Charlotte County Cares is a very good resource that you can sign up to receive updates by texting CharCoCares to 888-777.
- Directors Report
 - Tommy Scott updated the PRAB of the first quarterly event of the Centennial year being a month-long fishing derby and many members of the community sent in pictures from the event that we posted to our social media. Our next event will be the Centennial Ball on April 23rd at the Charlotte County Event Center. The gala will include appetizers, a sit-down meal, all-star jazz band ensemble made up from players from different high schools. Invitations will be going out soon and we are very excited about it.

The Centennial events are listed on the County website www.charlottecounty100.com which also includes some community based events. Our first Cub Club competitive swim meet will be at the Centennial Park Pool on February 19, 20 and 21st. Our local Sea Dragon swim team will be hosting the regional swim meet.

- Announcement
- Adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5
Hector Flores, County Administrator
Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator