

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

June 1, 2022

### **Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh 8/9  
Maria Greenberg 8/9  
Don McCormick 7/9  
Kay Tvaroch 9/9  
Debra Anlauf 9/9  
Erick Toth 8/9  
Vacant – District 1

### **Present**

William Dryburgh  
Maria Greenberg  
Don McCormick  
Kay Tvaroch  
Debra Anlauf

### **Absent**

Erick Toth

### **County Representatives**

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison  
Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services  
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager  
Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resources Manager  
Mike Norton, Recreation Supervisor  
Jill Boyd, Recreation Superintendent  
Lonne Moore, Recreation Supervisor  
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

### **Guests**

Robin Foster – Rotonda Sands

Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff, and visitors to the meeting.

- Roll Call
- Minutes  
Motion to approve the 2022 May Minutes made by Don McCormick and Maria Greenberg 2<sup>nd</sup> and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – April 2022

- Old Business
  - Vacancy Report – Tommy Scott, Director Community Services stated overall vacancies within Community Services were at 116 as of last Friday, and it continues to be a challenge for us. We put together a packet of information and provided that to Administration and in July we will be setting up opportunities with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with one on ones to walk through our proposal to convert seasonal and part-time employees to full-time employees with the hopes of bringing this to an Agenda Item by end of July.

- New Business

- I. **Snowbird Classic Baseball 2022** - Lonne Moore, Recreation Supervisor went over a recap of the Snowbird Classic, stating the event went from February 16<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

There was a total of 32 teams. The out of state participants were 1,550, out of state adult fans were 6,852, out of state youth fans were 200 and out of state media was 30.

Playing fields at Centennial Park (CP) and South County Regional Park (SCRIP) were booked for a 124 different games or practices for the event. The event generated \$6,179 in operational revenues to Community Services. The total estimated direct expenditures for the event were \$5,697,607, this equals approximately \$11,103,810 in total economic impact. By comparison, the total estimated economic impact in 2021 was \$658,249.

The total number of staffing hours that were provided by Community Services to support the Snowbird Classic was 2,472 hours (1,624 of straight time and 848 of OT).

- II. **Spring Training 2022** - Jill Boyd, Recreation Superintendent gave a summary of the Spring Training stating it normally runs from February 10th through April 3<sup>rd</sup> each calendar year, but this year there was a short season due to the Major League Baseball (MLB) lockout and Spring Training ran from March 13<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Total Attendance for 2022 was 24,150 with 9 games compared to 14,651 in attendance and 14 games in 2021.

The total estimated economic impact for the 2022 Spring Training was \$6,094,800 and the 2021 estimated economic impact was \$3,536,500, with 2022 having an increase of \$2,558,300.

The total number of staffing hours were 11,106 (10,228 of straight time and 878 hours in OT).

Tommy Scott added that along with Covid and the MLB lockout our previous superintendent also left the County this year, but we are very lucky to have had Jill Boyd come over from Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park (ACDRP) and step into to take over the responsibilities at Charlotte Sports Park (CSP) and has done a great job with everything running smoothly this year.

- III. **CAPRA Reaccreditation** - Mike Norton, Recreation Supervisor thanked all the Board members for being at the Kickoff Meeting and gave a summary of the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) stating the visitation and evaluation occurred May 2-5, 2022, with the Kickoff Meeting being held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a total of 45 people in attendance including Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services, Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator and all the members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

There were 154 standards that needed to be met and in order to achieve reaccreditation and agency must comply with all 36 Fundamental Standards and 112 of the 118 Non-Fundamental Standards.

Upon review we were notified by the CAPRA Review Team (CRT) of 15 questions with a request for additional Evidence of Compliance (EOC), all requested information was readily available and provided. We received notification from CAPRA Review Team (CRT) that all 154 standards that needed to be met were completed and we received notification from National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) on May 12, 2022, that we will be recommended for reaccreditation.

The NRPA Conference will be held on September 19-22 in Phoenix, AZ and our reaccreditation will become official at that time.

Tommy Scott shared the news with the Board that Mike Norton was chosen as Employee of the Month and thanked Mr. Norton for all his hard work.

- Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
  - Kids to Parks Day
  - Field Maintenance Closures for all clubs
  - Document Submittal – (reviewed with all clubs and ensured compliance)
    - Insurance Certificate for Youth Sports clubs
    - Background Check Affidavit (all volunteers and board members of youth organizations)
    - Current Bylaws (Board Member Rules)
    - Weather Policy (Lightning and emergency notes for all youth sports clubs)
    - DR-14 (Non-Profit status papers from state)
    - Financial Reports (Fiscally responsible reports from all youth organizations)
    - Concussion Protocols (all coaches and volunteers have a protocol)
    - Current Organization Officers Verification or New Membership Application

- Member Issues
  - Don McCormick asked about the future of the Charlotte Sports Park (CSP) and if Spring Training would continue to be held there. Tommy Scott replied we have a contract with Tampa Bay Rays that runs through 2031 and have a strong relationship with them.
- Directors Report
  - Tommy Scott reminded the Board that July and August there will be no PRAB meetings held and will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tommy Scott gave an update on Camp stating we planned for 176 campers based on camp counselor staffing challenges, but through hiring events and various pushes to hire staff we were able to push the number of campers up to 271 which is great!
- Citizens Input
  - Robin Foster a Rotonda Sands resident proposed the idea of converting the 2 tennis courts at Ann & Chuck Dever Recreational Park (ACDRP) to be 8 dedicated Pickleball courts and believed it would relieve a lot of tension between resident pickleball and tennis players due to there being no dedicated pickleball courts in the Cape Haze and South Englewood area. In researching Mr. Foster found this conversion could be done for approximately \$20,000 and believed this would be a viable option and help with the issues between pickleball and tennis players.
  - Tommy Scott replied that there have been several residents on both sides of this equation that have brought this to our attention. The county's standard is to have multi-use courts for everyone to use, but we are working towards creating pickleball only facilities now which include South County, William R Gaines Jr Veterans Memorial Park and G.C. Herring Park. These are all sales tax projects with funding in place, it's just the timing of when we can complete the plans.
- Announcement  
None
- Adjourned at 1:44 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