

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

October 2, 2024

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 1/1
Maria Greenberg 1/1
Vacant – District 2
Kay Tvaroch 1/1
Robin Cyphert 1/1
Erick Toth 1/1
Steven Leskovich 1/1

Present

William Dryburgh
Maria Greenberg
Kay Tvaroch
Robin Cyphert
Erick Toth
Steven Leskovich

Absent

Guests

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resource Manager
Mike Koenig, Resource Manager

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

- Roll Call
- Minutes
Motion to approve the 2024 June Minutes made by Erick Toth and Kay Tvaroch 2nd and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – August 2024

- Old Business
 - Parks & Recreation Master Plan** – Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services went over the Parks & Recreation Master Plan presentation highlighting where it has been and where it is going and started by naming several accomplishments. Tommy stated the current plan is very similar to our 2017 plan in how it breaks down into the demographics, trends analysis (nationally and state), surveys, and talks about how that information is used in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. We are contracted with Metro Forecasting who is the leading expert in the state on population projections. This presentation will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to review and ask questions.
 - Motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan made by Erick Toth and 2nd by Maria Greenberg and was unanimously approved.

- New Business
 - Sports field challenges & Options** – Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services spoke on the growth of population in the county and the need and desire for additional access to sports fields which is a challenge due to the limited land we have. Tommy Scott introduced Sean Doherty, Tourism Development Director and Sean Walter, Sales & Sports Marketing Manager of Tourism Development who went over the challenges being faced, short and long term options, and the strategies put into place.
 - Motion to accept the proposal and continued discussions and development made by Maria Greenberg and 2nd by Robin Cyphert and was unanimously approved.

- Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
 - Went through hurricane repair updates at different locations.
 - Went through which concession stands are being re-keyed.
 - Went through field scheduling for Fall.
 - Went through baseball and football field closures, repairs & maintenance.
 - Had Q & A session.
 - Requestion volunteers for the Senior Games starting in October.

- Member Issues –

- Directors Report – Tommy Scott described that after Hurricane Helene, Harold Avenue Recreation Center (HARP) transferred from an emergency shelter to a long-term shelter being staffed by American Red Cross. Additionally, we have a 'comfort station' where people can do laundry, take a shower, use a restroom. County Transit will assist to help citizens get to and from HARP. Libraries are bringing in computers and providing internet so people can file insurance claims and file with FEMA. As a community we have 3 points of distribution where you can pick up water, tarps MRE's.

Currently all our parks are closed while our staff is out working hard to clean up and as we make progress, we will keep you updated.

Tommy Scott asked the board what locations they would like to tour for next month's November Tour (which was switched from the traditional October Tour, just for this year). The board agreed to meet at 11am on November 5th at Centennial Park Recreation Center and drive to Bayshore Park.

- Citizens Input

- Announcement
None

- Upcoming events
None

- Adjourned at 4:43p.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