

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, December 17, 2008

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 2:00 P.M., at the North Collier Regional Park in the Administration Building in Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John P. Ribes
VICE CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky
Frank Donohue
Barbara Buehler
Paul Nyce (Absent)
Kerry Geroy
Bart Zino

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director, Parks & Recreation
Murdo Smith, Parks and Recreation
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager
Tona Nelson, Sr. Administrative Assist.
Annie Alvarez, Senior Man. V
Peg Ruby, Parks and Recreation

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ribes called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

III. Approval of Agenda

*Mr. Olesky moved to approve the agenda. Second by Ms. Buhler.
Carried unanimously 6-0.*

IV. Approval of November 19, 2008 Meeting minutes

Mr. Olesky moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting subject to the following corrections:

- Page 2, V. New Business, a, bullet 1 – From “The Board of County Commissioners approved the \$1M payment to the City of Naples” to “The Board of County Commissioners approved the \$1M payment to the City of Naples (*a 10 year payment in accordance with the inter-local agreement for Park related Improvements and Beach Parking Element with the City of Naples*)”

Second by Chairman Ribes. Carried unanimously 6-0.

V. New Business

a) Directors Highlights

Barry Williams provided the following highlights:

- The Board of County Commissioners has approved a re-imbusement for mileage for Advisory Board members traveling greater than 20 miles for meetings.
- The Collier County Planning Commission rejected the proposal for additional parking at Bayview Park. Staff will provide an update on the status of proposal at the next meeting.
- Discussions continue on the feasibility of a County ATV park at the Miami/Dade Jet Port and other areas under consideration. No permanent site has been chosen.
- The Beach Park Facilities upgrade at the end of Vanderbilt Beach Road is in the design phase. A public meeting will be held immediately following the regular January meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to obtain input on the proposal. Board members will receive information on the proposed upgrade in the packet for the January meeting.

b) Employee of the Month for October and November

Sandy Santos was recognized as employee of the month for October.

c) Pepper Ranch – Barry Williams

An update was provided noting the County has agreed to purchase the Pepper Ranch parcel for \$32.5M. The Parks and Recreation Dept. may participate in Management activities of the property.

VI. Old Business

a) Port of the Isles Marina – Barry Williams

The following update was provided

- The County has agreed to purchase the Marina site for \$4.765M.
- The purchase includes the ship store, parking areas, an area of land and easement rights.
- The Ochopee Fire District Reserve funds were utilized towards the Purchase
- \$585,000 of South Florida Water Management District funds were utilized towards the purchase (funds in relation to provision of an ATV Park)
- An Ochopee Fire Facility may be constructed on site to serve the area.
- The Hotel and boat slips remain with the owners.
- The County will assume operations on January 1, 2009.
- The ship store will continue to operate “as is” (acting like a convenience store for the neighborhood).

Discussion ensued questioning the method of the appraisal and with only the parking area, some land area and ship store acquired, concern the County overpaid for the property.

Barry Williams noted the appraisal at the direction of the County Appraiser’s Office.

b) Champ Series Boat Races Prize Purses

A copy of the “*Prize Money Payout*” for the Races in November at Sudgen Park was provided in the packet for informational purposes.

VII. Marketing Highlights – Peg Ruby

The *Winter/Spring 2009 R.E.A.L. guide* (Recreation Education Activities Leisure) was presented to the Board for Review and is also distributed free of charge at County Facilities, Schools, Libraries, etc.

VIII. Recreational Highlights – Annie Alvarez

Snowfest and Christmas Around the World

An update was provided noting both events were successful. Due to budget cuts, fewer buses were initially utilized for Snowfest Transportation, but as demand increased during the day, additional buses were placed into service to accommodate the large number of visitors.

IX. Capital Project Highlights – Tony Ruberto

Well Installation – Immokalee Sports Complex

Consultants were retained to address the supply well, injection well and pool heater problems at the Facility. It has been determined to place a sand trap on the supply well and re-locate the injection well approximately 300 feet from the heaters. The old injection well will be abandoned. Bids for the work are due to the County by 12/23/2008.

It was noted the bid deadline for the proposed Soccer field improvements for the East Naples Community Park is December 29, 2008.

X. Adopt a Park – Paul Nyce
None

XI. Informational Items
Attendance Report
Submitted
Adopt Park Assignments
Submitted
Capra Update
Submitted
BCC Recaps
Submitted
Meeting Schedule
Submitted
Recreation Activities
Submitted
Operational Data
Submitted

XII. Public Comments

Phillip Litow, Danford Street resident addressed the Board regarding concerns for proposed improvements for Bayview Park noting the following:

- The neighborhood is 100 percent opposed to the proposal for the parking lot located approximately ¼ mile from the Boat Ramp.
- The neighborhood is in the process of resurgence and the current proposal decreases area property values.
- There is currently not a parking problem at the site as the persons using the area, park along the road.
- Concern if the parking lot is constructed more boaters will use the facility and overflow parking will remain along the streets.
- He recommended the County “buy out” all property owners affected by the parking lot.

Discussion ensued on the merits of the proposal. It was determined Gary McAlpin will provide an update on the proposal at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting which will be open to the public for comment.

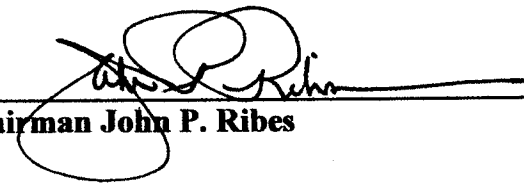
Mr. Zino stated the County has addressed his concerns at Starcher-Petty Park and the facility is now in great condition.

Meeting Attendance Report

Mr. Nyce was absent.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:11 PM

COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD



Chairman John P. Ribes

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 1.21.09,
as presented or as amended _____.