

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

December 1, 2021

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 3/3
Don McCormick 3/3
Kay Tvaroch 3/3
Debra Anlauf 3/3
Erick Toth 3/3
Maria Greenberg 3/3
Open – At Large 0/0

Present

William Dryburgh
Don McCormick
Kay Tvaroch
Debra Anlauf
Erick Toth
Maria Greenberg

Absent

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resources Manager
Mike Koenig, Resource Manger
Lacey Solomon, Project Manager
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

Guests

Jason Green – Axis Infrastructure
Robin Palmer – Weiler Engineering

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

- Roll Call
- Minutes
Motion to approve the 2021 November Minutes made by Don McCormick, 2nd by Erick Toth and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – October 2021
- Old Business
None
- New Business
- I. **2021 Meeting Schedule** – Tina Powell, Parks and Natural Resources Manager went over the 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting

schedule. Board Members accepted the schedule with the exception of changing the March 2nd meeting time to 11:00am instead of 1:00pm due to that being a Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training Game.

Motion to approve the Meeting Schedule with the addition of an 11:00am start time on March 2nd made by Maria Greenberg, 2nd by Don McCormick and was unanimously approved.

- II. Bissett Community Park Master Plan** – Lacey Solomon, Project Manager for Parks and Natural Resources introduced Jason Green of Axis Infrastructure and Robin Palmer of Weiler Engineering that presented the final design for the Bissett Community Park Master Plan which included public input and what they wished to see in the final plan. Jason Green explained how reutilizing, enhancing and redevelopment of the existing footprint of basketball courts, baseball fields, and trails were taken into account, along with a new community center which would double as a storm shelter and a disc golf course to be added.

Commissioner Ken Doherty suggested a conceptional phasing plan would be helpful. Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resources Manager replied that it is on the Capital Needs Assessment for the full build out and there is a CIP page for fiscal year 2023 to do some initial phase I.

Maria Greenberg asked if the recreation center would be similar to Centennial Recreation Park. Tina Powell replied, since it will be doubling as a hurricane shelter the layout will be different from our other centers and on a smaller scale.

Motion to accept the proposed new conceptional Master Plan for Bissett Community Park made by Maria Greenberg, 2nd by Debra Anlauf and was unanimously approved.

- Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
 - Reviewed all existing work orders for all the facilities and clubs
 - Snowbird Classic update showed 30-40 teams already committed and hoping for 50
 - We have a new vendor for cleaning ballfield bathrooms
 - We still have a couple teams in the playoffs for football
 - We had nominations for Chair and Vice Chair which were - Chair Lou Augusto and Vice Chair Tom Birdsall
 - We voted on the meeting schedule for 2022
 - Held facility field Questions & Answers

Maria Greenberg asked how much longer teams have to sign-p for the Snowbird Classic, Erick Toth replied the start is in February, so there is 5-6 weeks left.

- Member Issues
 - Kay Tvaroch mentioned a couple weeks ago the Commissioners proclaimed ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) awareness week in Charlotte County. Kay shared while at one of the events for ACEs a director of a summer camp program from a

large metropolitan area of Florida heard the basis, explanation and training of ACEs and suggested he could benefit from this training for his part-time summer camp staff and their programs. Kay Tvaroch agreed this would make sense to have the staff trained since they are spending summers and spring breaks with the children.

Kay said Dr. Joseph Pepe, Florida Department of Health provided that training for the administration level in Charlotte County, and asked if it would be possible to have that trickle down to staff to put something together with Heathy Charlotte and Florida Department of Health to get the camp counselors trained.

Tina Powell replied that she would relay this request to Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services.

- Directors Report

Tina Powell stood in for Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services absence and reported there will be a Hiring Event at Centennial Recreational Park on December 15th, computers will be available to apply and interview teams on site.

Mike Koenig, Resource Manager added that HR will be posting the event on a number of different sites including Career Source, an ad on iHeart, and social media.

Maria Greenberg suggested looking into advertising with a banner on CCTV.

Commissioner Doherty asked how many openings we currently have, Tina Powell replied as of now there is 120 open positions.

Commissioner Doherty asked if there would be a benefit to convert some of these part-time positions to full-time positions with benefits. Tina Powell replied they are working on a package with Finance and what kind of additional funding would be needed and would update Commissioner Doherty of what the outcome is.

- Citizens Input
None

- Announcement
None

- Adjourned at 1:32 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