

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

January 5, 2022

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 4/4
Don McCormick 3/4
Kay Tvaroch 4/4
Debra Anlauf 4/4
Erick Toth 4/4
Maria Greenberg 4/4
Open – At Large 0/0

Present

William Dryburgh
Kay Tvaroch
Debra Anlauf
Erick Toth
Maria Greenberg

Absent

Don McCormick

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Mike Koenig, Resource Manger
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

Guests

Betsy Calvert – Charlotte Sun

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

- Roll Call
- Minutes
Motion to approve the 2021 December Minutes made by Erick Toth, Debra Anlauf 2nd and was unanimously approved.

- Division Reports – December 2021
Commissioner Doherty asked if the vacancies on report were full-time positions. Tommy Scott, Director explained that number on report is for recreation side only and do not reflect parks. The 100+ vacancies are department wide and will be discussed later in the agenda.

- Old Business

- **Staffing challenges** – Tommy Scott explained Community Services is still facing staffing challenges with 106 vacancies as of today. That number represents full-time, part-time, and seasonal. We continue to work to fill those positions, we have had several hiring events and we continue to advertise on the County website and other websites around the state.

In September we made adjustments specifically to the hours of operation and closing on certain days at our recreation centers due to the staffing challenges and Tringali Recreation Center remains closed. We will go back to normal hours of operation when we can get our positions filled.

William Dryburgh asked if having a booth at a Chamber of Commerce event would be beneficial. Tommy Scott replied we have had chamber events.

We are also working with the HR department on speeding up the recruiting process so we don't lose candidates that may accept another position while we are setting up interviews, making offers, having discussions, and negotiating.

Kay Tvaroch asked if we are still trying to convert part-time to full-time positions. Tommy Scott replied he has presented that to administration, and it is being looked at now.

- New Business

- I. **Election of officers –**

Motion to approve William Dryburgh for the 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman made by Erick Toth, 2nd by Debra Anlauf and was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Maria Greenberg for the 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Vice Chairperson by Debra Anlauf, 2nd by Erick Toth and was unanimously approved.

- II. **Myakka River Park RTP Grant Application** – Mike Koenig, Resource Manger explained the Myakka River Park master plan was approved several months ago and we are looking at grant cycles coming through and Recreation Trails Program will be accepting applications in February.

Phase I site design is currently in process with consultants and will consist of a gravel entrance way, parking lot, road going out to water with existing soft sand kayak

launch. We would like to create off road bike trails which is what we are applying for in the RTP grant.

There is a potential to get up to \$400k with the RTP Grant and matches go from 50/50 to 80/20. We have also been working with groups interested in doing volunteer work such as clearing trails and building the trails.

- Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
No meeting in December.
- Member Issues
 - Kay Tvaroch asked the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Aware could be incorporated into the camp counselor orientation training. Tommy Scott replied that he and Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager will look into it.
 - Bill Dryburgh asked if it was appropriate for the Libraries/History Division to fall under the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board Tommy Scott replied he will discuss this with Administration.
- Directors Report
 - Tommy Scott followed-up on a question Don McCormick inquired about at a previous meeting regarding the YMCA discontinuing their program with Silver Sneakers and if Community Services may be able to take that on. Tommy explained he has given that inquiry to Erin Murphy, Recreation Superintendent and she ran a Silver Sneakers program in a previous position, and she has reached out to them and is waiting to hear back to provide us information.
 - Tommy Scott gave an update on a letter that was submitted by William Dryburgh on behalf of the Charter Review Commission regarding the staff at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park (ACDRP) hosting their meetings. Tommy thanked Mr. Dryburgh for sending the letter and informed him that Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator was at ACDRP on January 4th presenting an Exceptional Service to Jill Boyd and her team for all that they do. Administration is wonderful at going out and recognizing staff for all their hard work.
 - Tommy Scott, stated we are in the middle of our college swim training and will have 3 colleges and 1 club team training over winter break at Centennial Park Recreation Pool which means the entire team stay at our hotels, dine at our restaurants and shop at our grocery stores and the economic impact of them coming here is great for Charlotte County.
- Citizens Input
None

- Announcement
None
- Adjourned at 1:45 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