

October 19, 2023
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
4:30PM – GROWTH MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
MARTIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
2401 SE MONTEREY RD STUART, FL 34996

PRESENT

District 2 Vice Chair.....Casey Cass
District 3..... Anthony Burr
District 4..... Patrick William Lepak
At-Large..... Gary Clough
At-Large, Chair Jack Mathison
At-Large..... Craig Taylor

ABSENT

At-Large..... Michael Bocchino
District 5..... David Bradford Jr
District 1..... Vacant

STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Director..... Kevin Kirwin
Assistant Director..... Todd Foust
Recreation Planning & Grants Coordinator..... Katie Comack
Recreation & Event Specialist..... Luke Axsom
Senior Assistant County Attorney..... Melissa Pietrzyk

OTHERS PRESENT

Sheriff's Department..... Deputy Andy Adams

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34pm.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS

NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2023 MINUTES

*Gary Clough motioned to approve Minutes.

**Casey Cass seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Syrkus claims that he saw a sign at Pineapple Park that stated Tobacco Free Zone under policy FS403.413. Mr. Syrkus stated that policy FS403.413 encompasses the Florida litter law and does not prevent tobacco consumption in Martin County Parks. Discussion.

Kevin Kirwin stated he will look at the sign and verbiage and follow up, and that the county is aware of the exemption and state statute. Discussion.

5. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sheriff's Department Update

Deputy Adams shared patrols are continuing through all parks and beaches. Department is continuing to closely monitor homeless activity at Indian Riverside Park and the causeways. Discussion.

Casey Cass asked Deputy Adams if vandalism is continuing across the parks. Deputy Adams stated at this time he has seen a decrease of vandalism. Discussion.

2. Manatee Pocket Mooring Field – Todd Foust

Todd Foust shared with the board that the county opened its second Mooring Field on 9/30/2023, and that the budget was approved for revenue collection and expenditures on 10/01/2023. Todd also stated over \$4,000 of revenue has been collected since the Mooring Field opened. Details regarding the Mooring Field operations and staff were discussed. Discussion. Parking at Mooring Fields was discussed. Discussion.

6. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review Tobacco Free Ordinance draft with Senior Assistant County Attorney

Melissa Pietrzyk shared with the board that the county plans on amending the vaping ordinance penalty from a misdemeanor to a violation. Melissa also stated that the Florida Clean Air act allows the county to make illegal the consumption of any cigarette or tobacco products in county parks and beaches, not including cigars. Melissa included clove cigarettes are a tobacco cigarette. She also mentioned marijuana with or without a card would be included in the ordinance and would be illegal to smoke on a county park or beach. Discussion.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Heads Up

Kevin Kirwin and Katie Comack shared with the board the upcoming senior game events throughout the county, with just under 400 athletes registered. Discussion.

8. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RELATED ITEMS TO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. 2023-2024 Children's Services Council Grant Permission to Accept for After School/Out of School programs will go to the BOCC on October 24th

Kevin Kirwin stated that the Children's Services Council Grant award will be taken to the Board of County Commissioners on the October 24th meeting. Discussion.

9. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

No report. Next meeting will be on November 27, 2023

10. RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR MEMO TO BOCC

NONE.

11. COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

1. Date of Next Meeting

Jack Mathison informed the members that the next meeting will take place on November 16th, at 4:30PM. The location of the next meeting will be at the Growth Management Conference Room, Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road Stuart, FL 34996.

The board discussed the upcoming meeting dates and attendance. Discussion.

***Patrick Lepak motioned to cancel the December 21st meeting.**

****Anthony Burr seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.**

2. Members

Anthony Burr would like an update on upcoming projects. Kevin Kirwin discussed he planned to go over upcoming projects at the November 16th meeting. Discussion. Patrick Lepak asked for a Master Plan update. Kevin Kirwin stated the Master Plan team will participate in an upcoming Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Discussion.

3. Staff

NONE

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

***Anthony Burr motioned to adjourn the meeting.**

****Casey Cass seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.**

Casey Cass, Vice Chair

Date

Kevin V. Abbate, Parks and Recreation Director, MPA, CPRP

Date