

April 10, 2025
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..... Doug Smith
District 4..... Larry Sofield
District 5..... Chris Pinkston
At-Large..... Michael Bocchino
At-Large..... Gary Clough
At-Large, Chair Jack Mathison
At-Large..... Allan Mostoff

ABSENT

District 1..... Vacant

STAFF PRESENT

Recreation Planning & Grant Coordinator Katie Comack
Senior Assistant County Attorney.....Melissa Pietrzyk

OTHERS PRESENT

Sheriff's Department..... Deputy Paladino

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS

NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2025 MINUTES

**** M. Bocchino motioned to approve Minutes.**

**** G. Clough seconded, and the motion carried 8-0**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

5. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sheriff's Department Update

Deputy Paladino shared the department is helping address vandalism at New Monrovia, Jock Leighton, and other county parks. Discussion.

6. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Heads Up

NONE

2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

**** M. Bocchino motioned to nominate Casey Cass as chair.**

**** L. Sofield seconded, and the motion carried 8-0**

**** M. Bocchino motioned to nominate Gary Clough as vice chair.**

**** C. Cass seconded, and the motion carried 8-0**

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

NONE

9. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Michael Bocchino gave update from the recent joint meeting on April 7th, 2025. FDOT presented about a feasibility study for non-motorized shared use sun-trail from Hobe Sound Wildlife Refuge to Bridge Road. The CR713 and High Meadow connection to I95 project was also reviewed. The next meeting is May 7th, 2025.

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 May 15th, 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.

2. Members

Michael Bocchino asked if there was expected impact for Parks Department from new legislation about Sales Tax and Property Tax changes. Discussion.

Casey Cass proposed each member should bring feedback from local area or district to share each meeting. He also requested any items that are presented at commission meetings be shared at PRAB meeting. Discussion.

Larry Sofield asked for an overview of parks at each meeting, along with a department director be present. Discussion. Larry also shared concern about damage at the Hosford Park ramp access. Discussion.

Chris Pinkston requests a review of current department projects for newly appointed members. Discussion.

3. Staff

Katie Comack shared upcoming department events including the Teen Pickleball tournament on Friday April 11th and Music at the Mansion on May 6th. Katie also shared summer camp registration is open.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

*** M. Bocchino motioned to adjourn the meeting.**

**** L. Sofield seconded, and the motion carried 8-0.**

Jack Mathison, Chair

Date

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

Date