

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> and Music at the Mansion on May 6<sup>th</sup>. 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



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

5/15/25  
Date

5/20/25  
Date