

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

October 16, 2025 MINUTES

4:30PM – GROWTH MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
MARTIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
2401 SE MONTEREY RD STUART, FL 34996

PRESENT

District 2, Chair, Casey Cass
District 3, Doug Smith
District 4, Larry Sofield
District 5, Chris Pinkston
At-Large, Jack Mathison
At-Large, Allan Mostoff

ABSENT

District 1, Jean-Paul Albertelli
At-Large, Michael Bocchino
At-Large, Vice Chair, Gary Clough

STAFF PRESENT

Parks & Recreation Department Deputy Director, Kevin Kirwin
Senior Assistant County Attorney, Melissa Pietrzyk
Marketing Manager, Nancy Johnson
Senior Marketing Coordinator, Nick Russell
Marketing Coordinator, Jay Presensky
Recreation Planning & Grant Coordinator, Katie Comack

OTHERS PRESENT

Martin County Sheriff Office, Sergeant Joseph Angelico

*Indicates a motion **Indicates a vote ***For the record comment

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

II. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes: August 21st 2025 Minutes

* Jack Mathison motioned to approve Minutes.

** Doug Smith seconded, and the motion carried 6-0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sunshine Law and Ethics Review

Melissa Pietrzyk gave a review of the Sunshine Law and Ethics as it pertains to PRAB members. Discussion.

2. Naming of Café at Jensen Beach

Nancy Johnson presented the new name and logo of the Café at Jensen Beach. The new name for café is Sea Turtle Beach Café. Discussion.

Casey Cass asked if a private vendor will be operating the new café. Kevin Kirwin shared the café will be operated by the Parks and Recreation Department. Kevin also shared the project is in design phase and is funded in Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Discussion.

*Larry Sofield motioned to support the name and logo of Sea Turtle Beach Café for new café in Jensen Beach.

**Jack Mathison seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0

3. Parks and Recreation Marketing Overview

Nancy Johnson shared overview of responsibilities of Marketing division for the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion.

Jack Mathison asked about sponsorships and naming rights at parks and facilities. Nancy Johnson shared there are currently sponsors at special facilities and events but there is room for growth.

Allan Mostoff asked if staff gave presentation to specialty groups for outreach. Nancy Johnson shared Jay Presensky has attended local chamber and club meetings. Discussion.

4. Sheriff's Department Update

Sergeant Joseph Angelico shared Sheriff's Department update. He shared the department is doing community outreach to educate public on use of electric bicycles. Discussion. Sergeant Angelico also shared they will be presenting at the next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Heads Up

Chris Pinkston asked about the status of Master Plan. Kevin Kirwin shared comments have been shared to consultants. Kevin shared the final version will be presented to the PRAB. Discussion.

Chris Pinkston asked about adding a playground to Phipps Park Campground. Kevin Kirwin shared the Tropical Farms Parks playground was recently renovated and is close to campground. Discussion.

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

November 4th - Kevin Kirwin shared the Permission to Accept Florida Inland Navigation Department (FIND) grant for the Jensen Beach North Boat Ramp repairs.

Casey Cass asked what percentage of grant covers the project. Kevin Kirwin the grant \$450,000 and is 50% of total project cost. The remaining is covered by Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Discussion.

IX. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

None. The next meeting is October 29th, 2025.

X. 10. RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR MEMO TO BOCC

*Larry Sofield motioned to support the name and logo of Sea Turtle Beach Café for new café in Jensen Beach.

**Jack Mathison seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0

XI. 11. COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

1. Date of Next Meeting

Casey Cass informed the members that the next meeting will take place on November 20th, 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

5:59pm Allan Mostoff left the meeting.

Chris Pinkston asked about addition of fitness equipment trail or section in Palm City. Discussion.

3. Staff

None

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

* Larry Sofield motioned to adjourn the meeting.

** Jack Mathison seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Casey Cass, Chair

Date

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

Date