

April 15, 2021
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

5:00PM – Port Salerno Civic Center
4940 SE ANCHOR AVE, STUART, FL 34997

PRESENT

District 2..... Thomas Campenni
District 3..... Rob Kloska
District 4..... Patrick William Lepak
District 5..... Joseph Connelly
At-Large..... Jennifer Ahern
At-Large..... John Sedwitz
At-Large..... Jack Mathison
At-Large..... Michael Bocchino

ABSENT

District 1..... Mike Antheil

STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Director..... Mark Lynch
Recreation Administrator..... Katya Lysak
Recreation and Event Specialist..... Savannah Richmond
Parks Safety and Operations Administrator..... James Lopilato
Special Facilities Administrator..... Todd Foust

OTHERS PRESENT

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

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. Roll Call was taken and introduction of PRAB Members took place.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: March 18, 2021

* Thomas Campenni motioned to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes.

** Michael Bocchino seconded, and the motion carried 8 - 0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Sheriff's Department Update

Deputy Joe Angelico from the Sheriff's Department reported increased crowds at the parks and beaches from out of town visitors and locals. He reported large crowds and well attended parks, but crowds seemed well behaved. Sheriff's Department is putting presence in the community to keep criminal activity at bay. They also have four wheelers and ATV presence on beaches. Example given of Elliott museum and some underage teens purchasing hard iced tea, but Sheriff's office was able to get to the teens before an incident took place. Sheriff's office has been working with PRD to stop criminal activity in the parks before it starts, with reporting and drive through monitoring. The Deputy opened the floor for questions. There were none.

5. PROJECTS

A. Highlights – Summer Camp, Teen Camp, Teen Event - Katya

Jennifer Ahern opened the floor to Katya Lysak. Katya reported Teen Camp would take place this summer at the Log Cabin, since the Log Cabin Senior Center was currently closed due to COVID but would be opening back up hopefully this Fall. The Teen Camp would be funded by the Children’s Services Council (CSC). The program includes 25 teens and will be free to the community. Katya stated Summer Camp would also take place at JASE, REACH, and GAAP. These programs would also be CSC funded and free to the community. Due to COVID the capacities have been reduced this year. JASE would also include a “Pay for Play” Camp for 20 children, which would be available to families for a small fee. Katya also informed PRAB of an upcoming Teen Event, Summer Slam Jam, on May 7th, 2021 at 76 Golf World. This event would be free to teens, and registration would be limited. Katya stated for more information or to register for the event people could email teens@martin.fl.us.

6. PRD RELATED ITEMS TO BOCC – FY 22 CIP Workshop 4/13/21 update

Mark Lynch informed the Board that PRD had no items on the BOCC meeting agenda for the next few BOCC meetings. He reported that the FY 22 CIP Plan passed 4-1 at the BOCC on 4/13/21 and was tentatively accepted.

7. BPAC UPDATE

Thomas Campenni attended the BPAC meeting last week. He stated there was nothing to share regarding parks from the meeting, but that the BPAC was very happy a representative from PRAB was there. Thomas reported he believes the next meeting will be in June. He will provide updates as they become available.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Goals for 2021

Mark Lynch reported he is actively updating and recording accomplished goals for the PRAB. He stated he would move this to later on the agenda for the next meeting, so the goals could be reviewed after they are completed during the meeting.

B. Parks and Recreation FY21 Parks FARB Program Review

Mark Lynch introduced Jim Lopilato to speak about Beach Fixed Asset Replacement Budget (FARB) and Operations FARB. DISCUSSION. Jennifer Ahern discussed sending the YSP facility updates list and adding it to next meeting’s agenda. Jennifer asked a question concerning inspection procedure and schedule and Jim discussed how operations staff monitors and reports safety and operation aspects in the parks.

Mark Lynch introduced Todd Foust to speak about the Waterpark FARB. Mark explained Todd oversees Special Facilities (Sailfish Splash, Phipps Campground, IRSP, Sand Dune Café and Seaside Café, and Jensen Beach Mooring Field). Sailfish Splash Waterpark FARB DISCUSSION. He stated the facility was built 10 years ago and hadn’t had any significant equipment upgrades since, so there has been an increased need for funding for replacements and thusly the FARB was created. DISCUSSION.

C. PRAB Appointments and Terms

Mark shared new appointments and end of term dates. He stated they would be available if anyone needed to review them.

10. COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

A. Date of Next Meeting

Jennifer Ahern informed the members that the next meeting will take place on May 20th, 2021 at 5:00PM. The location of the next meeting will be at Indian Riverside Park, second floor of the Frances Langford Dockside Pavilion, 1707 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, FL

B. Members

Jennifer Ahern discussed that the Comments and Discussion portion of the meeting would be the time for PRAB members and staff to bring up topics that they would like to include in future meetings for discussion.

Patrick Lepak made a remark about Phipps Park. He stated that with the release of water from the lochs that some palm trees had gotten stuck under the dock down by the boat ramp and might be a hazard to boats. Jim and Mark stated they would investigate.

Joseph Connelly asked what the PRD staff would like from the PRAB. Mark stated PRAB members being ambassadors of the parks and supporting PRD. Todd Foust agreed. Jim stated PRAB Members could give community members facts related to PRD and parks that they may not know. Katya discussed PRAB Members supporting and engaging with the programing and events of the PRD. She stated PRAB Members could help promote programing and assist in sponsorships and grants. Savannah agreed. Joseph discussed the locking and unlocking of gates at parks and wanting to include that in a future PRAB discussion. He stated he wanted to see the PRD Communication Plan and specifically how the community can interact and get more involved with PRD and attending PRAB meetings. DISCUSSION. Mark discussed the County RFS system and stated the Board could be shown the system at the next meeting. DISCUSSION.

Rob Kloska requested an update on the Sailfish Sands Golf Course at the next meeting.

Jennifer Ahern stated she wanted to see a PRD Communication Plan. Mark Lynch mentioned an upcoming survey related to parks pros and cons, that was in the works and would be available to the public soon. He discussed incentivizing the survey to encourage people to participate. Nothing has been officially confirmed at this time.

C. Staff

Mark Lynch informed the PRAB of the Pineapple Park playground ribbon cutting event taking place on May 4th, 2021 at 10:00AM. All members of the Board were invited and encouraged to attend.

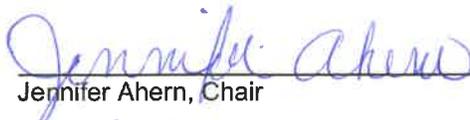
Mark discussed the topic of printing PRAB meeting agendas and minutes, which was brought up in the previous meeting. The Board agrees they can have the information electronically and no longer need print outs. PRD staff will be printing 1 copy of the meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes for all future PRAB meetings.

11. ADJOURN

*** Thomas Campenni motioned that the meeting be adjourned.**

**** Patrick William Lepak seconded, and the motion carried 8 - 0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.



Jennifer Ahern, Chair

5/20/21
Date



Mark Lynch, Deputy Director

5/20/21
Date

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