

October 22, 2020
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
5:00PM – BLAKE LIBRARY
2351 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FL 34996

PRESENT

District 1..... Mike Antheil (Via Phone)
District 2..... Thomas Campenni
District 4..... Patrick William Lepak
District 5..... Jacqueline Blake
At-Large..... John Sedwitz
At-Large..... Jennifer Ahern
At-Large..... Michael Bocchino

ABSENT

District 3..... Rob Kloska
At-Large..... Jack Mathison

STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Director..... Mark Lynch
Recreation Administrator..... Katya Lysak
Recreation and Event Specialist..... Sarah Cortino
Recreation Coordinator Sports/Athletics..... Dave Gladding
Parks Superintendent..... Drew Wolcott
Recreation Supervisor..... Lauren Mihalik
Assistant County Administrator..... George Stokus
Project Manager-Office of Community Development..... Jordan Pastorius
Office of Community Development Manager..... Susan Kores

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 5:02 p.m.

2. HYBRID MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Mark Lynch gave the PRAB members instructions on how a hybrid remote public meeting should be conducted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2020

* Tom Campenni motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented.

** Jackie Blake seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

4. STAFF/MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

A. Staff Introductions

Lauren Mihalik introduced herself and described her roll with the County. Andrew Wolcott also introduced himself and spoke regarding his roll with the County.

B. PRAB Member Introductions

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS**A. Sheriff's Department Update**

There was discussion regarding the minutes from the last meeting reflecting the course of action the Sheriff's Department was going to take regarding the car club gatherings at Jensen Beach Causeway. Deputy Angelico informed the PRAB members that there were more car gatherings at the Jensen Beach Causeway and the organizers have been instructed to obtain a special event permit if they are going to continue to gather. Deputy Angelico finished by stating that there have been a number of car burglaries within the County and more patrols have been to the areas of concern. Thomas Campenni made note of the additional trash that has been in the causeway parks and requested something be done about it. Deputy Angelico noted that the Sheriff's Office is addressing all types of improper use of the areas. Mark Lynch mentioned that all inquiries about the trash on Jensen Beach Causeway have been regarding the bridges and the bridges are the responsibility of FDOT. The County has reached out to FDOT regarding the trash on the bridges several times and the County added several trash receptacles to both ends of the bridge. Discussion.

B. Charlie Leighton Park

Jordan Pastorius, Senior Project Manager for the Office of Community Development spoke and showed visuals of the plans for Charlie Leighton Park and the Palm City Community Redevelopment Area. Thomas Campenni asked about where this project is in the CIP. Susan Kores, Manager of the Office of Community Development, replied that the CRA has put aside money in their CIP for the design and they will be moving forward to try to obtain funding for the project through grants or other means. Tom Campenni requested a time frame for the project. Discussion. Jordan continued with another presentation regarding Palm City Place. Tom Campenni inquired as to the time frame for this project and who is doing it, the CRA or Parks and Recreation. Susan Kores replied that it is a CRA project and it is part of the entire Mapp Road Town Center Vision and next year they will seek funding for to complete the project. Patrick Lepak inquired as to whom will maintain this area and Susan commented that Parks and Recreation would be assisting in the maintenance. Discussion.

C. Child Care Updates

Lauren Mihalik spoke regarding the afterschool and summer camp programs provided by the County, the challenges presented to them from Covid-19, and the number of participants in the programs. Discussion.

D. PRD Budget Update

Mark Lynch mentioned that at the last meeting he was asked to determine how Covid-19 would affect budgets going forward and he relayed the Parks and Recreation FY21 budget has not really been affected by Covid-19. He noted that the Operating Budget went up 2.87% or roughly \$346,000 due to increases in normal costs. The Capital Improvement Budget was affected a little more, going down \$427,000 due to deferring projects mainly. He noted that Administration has directed Parks and Recreation to be conservative with spending and that the Director is overseeing all purchases. Tom Campenni spoke regarding that he feels the PRAB doesn't feel as though they are being consulted on large projects the Parks and Recreation Department is doing. Mark Lynch responded that the reason for that is the PRAB directed staff to not report on projects due to time constraints while the Youth Sports Providers were brought in over the past year as requested. He also spoke regarding other requests that have just recently been brought to the attention of Parks and Recreation. Jennifer Ahern spoke regarding the reason the YSPs were brought in. George Stokus, Assistant County Administrator, mentioned that prior to the next meeting the PRAB Board will be provided the CIP for 2021, 2022, etc. He discussed how and when the CIP is presented to the Board of County Commissioners as well as the operating budget. He mentioned that the Board would welcome any ideas and recommendations. Thomas Campenni requested more information so the PRAB can make more recommendations and better-informed recommendations. George Stokus mentioned the state of the interlocal with the school board. Jennifer Ahern requested a list of how many leagues are currently displaced due to Covid-19 and will be displaced due to the security concerns of the School District. Discussion.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. December meeting date and time

Mark Lynch mentioned the dates proposed for the December meeting. The members indicated that Monday, December 7th at 5:00PM would be the best day and time.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Discuss YSP Presentations**

Mark Lynch spoke regarding the request for a list of the YSPs and their requests so the PRAB members could make recommendations based on the list. He compiled a list with notes and presented it to the PRAB members. He asked what members would like to do next. Patrick Lepak explained the roll of the PRAB and Mark Lynch clarified how recommendations can be made regarding the items on the list. A few members requested that staff give them direction on where the items on the list currently stand and staff recommendations. Mark Lynch asked members if it is O.K. to take the sales tax project list off of the agenda and members agreed.

9. COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**A. Date of Next Meeting**

Mark Lynch informed the members that the next meeting will take place on November 16th, 2020 at 5:00PM. The location of the next meeting will be at The Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996.

B. Public Discussion

None.

C. Members

None.

D. Staff

Mark Lynch mentioned they will bring the field use policy to the next meeting.

10. ADJOURN

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

** **Jennifer Ahern seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.



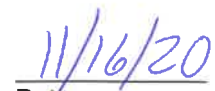
Patrick Lepak, Chair



Date 11/16/20



Mark Lynch, Deputy Director



Date 11/16/20