

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
December 6, 2017**

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (139/153)
Maria Greenberg (75/82)
Fred Pazona (58/67)
Erick Toth (25/26)
Don McCormick (8/8)
Michael Johnson (4/4)

Present

Bill Dryburgh
Maria Greenberg
Fred Pazona
Erick Toth
Don McCormick
Michael Johnson

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Community Services Director
Mike Koenig, Resource Coordinator
Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resources Manager
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Jennifer Ziegler, Administrative Assistant II

Guests

None

- Chair Bill Dryburgh welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting.
- Minutes
 - The November minutes were unanimously approved motioned by Don McCormick and 2nd by Fred Pazona.
- Division Reports for October
 - Fred Pazona was glad to see that we now have a lifeguard that is older.
 - Fred wanted to know what EAAA stands for. Per Maureen Broderick, it's Englewood Area Athletic Association.
 - William Dryburgh asked if the next field trip can be in the West side of town, then followed by the East end.
- New Business
 - i. The Board approved the new meeting schedule. The March meeting will be held at 11:00am to allow people the opportunity to attend the Spring Training Game.
 - ii. Unanimously approved recommending to the Board of County Commissioners to rename Sunrise Park to William R. Gaines Jr. Memorial Park, as motioned by Maria Greenberg and 2nd by Fred Pazona.
 - iii. We will present the CAPRA Award to the Board at the December 12th meeting. All PRAB members are invited.

- iv. Spring Training is gearing up again and all PRAB members are encouraged to take part in the Ambassador program to greet guests and engage the community.
- v. The Recreation Town Hall meeting on November 28th had 8 people in attendance. We discussed what we do for the community and receive feedback from attendees. Out of the 8 two people showed concern for Special Needs programs for Adults. They would also like to see more outdoor programs, Arts and Crafts and Hobbies. The town hall meetings are being advertised by newspaper and social media.
- vi. South Punta Gorda Heights Park needs to have the fence and sports courts removed as they present a safety hazard in their current condition. We will put this park on the 20-year Capital Needs Assessment for the Board of County Commissioners to consider redevelopment of the park.

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- Old Business

- i. None

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- Sports Council Update

- They reviewed the changes to the bylaws and waiting for Legal's approval.
 - Discussed spring fling, concession stands, the snowbird classic
 - Nominations were done for Chair and Vice Chair
 - Reviewed Dogs in parks rules

- Member Issues

- Fred Pazona – Interested in purchasing the land near the El Jobean Pier where there is possible historical Circus artifacts located there.
 - i. Tommy Scott indicated that the Historical Division will research to see what if any Historical Significance this land may have.
 - Fred Pazona would like to see lights in the parking lot at South County Regional Park.
 - i. Tommy says that this is in the facilities plans for this fiscal year.
 - Fred Pazona notices that no one is using the Radio Speedway. It's just sitting there.
 - i. Tommy Scott indicated there is a citizen group interested in revitalizing the RC track. Tommy also discussed that future improvements to parks (including changes to the RC Track) are part of the Parks Master Plan, but spread over time and funded via the Capitol Maintenance Program.
 - Fred Pazona wants to know what the status is on the Bar Code Readers for membership.
 - i. Mike Koenig says that they have cards printed but that there are some technical issues that must be worked out before they can go live with the program.
 - Eric Toth – Wants to know the status of Live Oak Point after Hurricane Irma.
 - i. Tommy Scott indicated that it is still being reviewed by FEMA.

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- William Dryburgh – Would like to see a grand entrance at Bay Shore Park.
- Director's Report
 - None
- Adjourned at 1:54p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5
Raymond Sandrock, County Administrator
Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator

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