



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF MEETING

August 16, 2018

Proceedings of the regular monthly meeting of the St. Johns County Recreation Advisory Board held in the San Sebastian Room at the Administrative Offices, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were: Al Guido, Chairman
Casey Van Rysdam
Bo Browne
Vijay Panneerselvam
Deb Chapin
Dr. Jillian McNiff Villemaire
Bert Watson
Wil Smith
Billy Zeits
Joanne Machula, Recording Secretary

Also present were: Dale Vaughn, Maintenance Superintendent for Parks and Recreation and Diane Gorski, Recreation Supervisor.

Meeting is called to order at 3:04 pm with a quorum. Motion to approve July's Minutes by Vice Chair and is seconded by Chair. Minutes are unanimously approved.

Ms. Chapin requests and receives clarification on the Sports Sponsorships Agreements and the proposed Water Taxi RFP that had been discussed at the July RAB Meeting.

There are no public comments.

Communications

Mr. Smith discusses restoring access to the southern portions of the beaches for vehicular traffic and goes into detail. Further discussion follows.

The possible fees for Boat Ramp use is discussed as well as several different options of retrieving any fees. There is lengthy discussion. Mr. Zeits suggests placing this item on next month's RAB Agenda so that the Board may decide whether or not to support this issue and relay that information to the BOCC.

Mr. Smith distributes an aerial view map of the Vilano Boat Ramp to illustrate the filled to capacity status during the past weekend's mini snapper season.

Mr. Smith introduces Dale Vaughn, Maintenance Superintendent for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Zeits offers a brief positive update on the status of the Golf Course.

Chair requests and receive an update on the SJC Pier Farmers Market.

Commissioner Waldron informs that he'd requested that the OMB provide a percentage wise breakdown of what the average household pays towards various County Services and discloses the information that he'd received. Parks and Recreation shared 4.92% as opposed to the St. Johns County Sheriffs Office's 40%. Commissioner stated he would make this report available to the Board members via email.

Third Party Service Providers Agreement Policy. Mr. Zeits discusses and explains the supplemental policy. There is brief discussion. This is for the Board's information and there is no action needed. Mr. Smith discusses the BMX track and how well they are doing. Mr. Smith also reminds that this track puts little to no strain on Parks and Recreation field wise.

CIP/Impact Fees. Mr. Zeits discusses the Alpine Groves Farm House and available funding including funding from the Northwest Tower Committee. Chair gives a brief history on the Alpine Groves Pavilion that had been proposed but never built in past years. Mr. Smith discusses the proposed restoration of the historic Old Switzerland Fire Station through an historic Grant application made in 2006. Brief discussion follows.

Mr. Van Rysdam requests clarification on the prioritization process within the CIP rankings. Mr. Zeits describes the ranking process. Mr. Smith further discusses obligations vs. new projects. Mr. Van Rysdam also requests more detailed info on the SJC Pier Gift Shop expansion. Mr. Zeits responds by providing the requested information and states that he would provide more detailed financial information to the Board members if needed. There is also discussion of the expansion of further retail space from the porch overhang at the east side of the gift shop which will provide an undetermined amount of revenue. On a side note, it is mentioned that the Pier covers its expenses now, whereas that was not the case in the recent past. There is continued discussion on this proposed project.

Ms. Chapin discusses the Mickler's expansion and walkover and requests clarification on the builders' responsibilities towards funding this project. Mr. Zeits explains and details how this project is being funded in detail and further explains the Builders' additionally did work to benefit the County that the County would not have to fund, such as removing the entire structure which would have been significantly expensive.

Mr. Zeits discusses the new Project Summary form that had been approved by the RAB at last month's meeting and has been used at this month's meeting. All members are in agreement that this form works well and will continue to be used in the future.

Ms. Chapin discusses the proposed Palm Valley Wharf project and requests the status in regards to a previously discussed letter of support from this Board to the BoCC. Mr. Smith reminds that this issue is being handled through the County's Legal Department who had determined that such a letter, at this time, is not advisable to be submitted by this Board.

Mr. Smith briefly discusses the Hastings Grants and discusses the Crossroads Trail Head.

Mr. Van Rysdam discusses possibly meeting at different facilities in the future. Chair feels this would be a good idea in the future but that the Commissioner's schedule will need to be reviewed with Ms. Lundquist.

Ms. Chapin requests a yearly calendar of upcoming TDC Events. Mr. Smith states that is possible.

Motion to adjourn at 4:16 pm.