



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

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

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  
William "Bo" Browne, Vice Chairman  
Casey Van Rysdam  
Vijay Panneerselvam  
Bert Watson  
Jillian McNiff Villemaire  
Deb Chapin  
Joy Andrews  
Commissioner Paul Waldron  
Billy Zeits  
Joanne Machula, Recording Secretary

Also present were: Melissa Lundquist, BCC Manager, Teddy Meyer, Facilities Manager, Jamie Baccari, Programs Manager, Jesse Dunn, OMB Director, Stacia Lando, Budget Analyst, Sydney Lindblad, Beaches Supervisor, Diane Gorski, Parks and Recreation Supervisor and Mr. Terry Sapp, School Board Representative.

Meeting is called to order at 3:02 pm with a quorum. Motion to approve January's Minutes by Vice Chair and seconded by Mr. Watson. Minutes are unanimously approved.

There is no public comment at this time.

Recent communications regarding Pier's Farmers' Market, amongst others, are discussed with Mr. Zeits and the Board. There is lengthy discussion regarding Beach Access in the news, pertaining to vehicles as well as pedestrians.

Ms. Lundquist presents to the Board to discuss, in detail, the BCC, RAB Rules, policies and By-Laws and distributes corresponding informational packets. Particular attention is spent on the issue of recommending the applicant for the open RAB position.

On a side note, Mr. Zeits informs the RAB that Mr. Abbatinozzi, the RAB's School Board representative, has confirmed that he expects to continue as the RAB's School Board liaison. Also, if there are occasions where he cannot attend a meeting, he will arrange to have a substitute attend the meeting in his place.

The RAB recommendation for the open position is discussed. Mr. Panneerselvam motions to recommend Mr. Browne for reappointment to the open position on the RAB. Mr. VanRysdam seconds the motion. There is minimal discussion. All are in favor and the motion passes unanimously. A recommendation letter will be drafted and forwarded to Ms. Lundquist.

Ms. Lundquist informs prior to exiting the meeting, that there will be two more terms expiring near the end of the year. Further, following protocol, the applications recently received, will be remaining on file for one year.

Chair requests election of new Chair and Vice Chair to be placed on March's RAB Agenda. Ms. Lundquist reminds that these particular elections should be yearly.

Ms. Andrews discusses the process regarding for the Parks and Recreation Director open position and estimates that this process will most likely not conclude before 3 or 4 weeks. Ms. Andrews also informs of the recent news of the upcoming retirement of Parks and Recreation's Maintenance Superintendent in June of this year.

Mr. Zeits informs that the Golf Course negotiations are ongoing.

Mr. Terry Sapp, Mr. Abbatinozzi's substitute School Board Representative presents to update the RAB on School Board issues.

Chair begins discussing numerous issues facing Parks and Recreation. Chair's formal summary will also be emailed to the Board members. There is lengthy discussion amongst the members as well as Commissioner Waldron and Mr. Zeits. This issue will be placed on March's Agenda for further discussion. There is also discussion on the ongoing Master Plan being developed for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Jesse Dunn makes a presentation on Cost Recovery for Parks and Recreation and distributes a power point presentation handout to the Board Members. Mr. Dunn explains the information in detail before the Board and answers questions from the members. Mr. VanRysdam suggests that this discussion is continued at March's RAB meeting. Further, Mr. Van Rysdam would like, in the interim, to please have staff put a list together on sources/opportunities for potential cost recovery and email results prior to March's meeting. Mr. Zeits states he does have this requested information and will provide to the Board members. Mr. Zeits speaks briefly to this issue.

Ms. Lindblad briefs the Board with a Beaches update pertaining to, among other things, new beach signs, beach toll season and a newly acquired dump truck. There is brief discussion.

Ms. Lindblad discusses the WAMP (Waterway Access Management Program). There is lengthy discussion to follow. Vice Chair motions to support staff's efforts to seek available grant funding from WAMP. Mr. VanRysdam seconds the motion. There is no discussion. All are in favor and the motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Gorski presents the Commemorative Policy to the Board members. Ms. Gorski informs that the previous request in naming a field has not been granted. Chair recommends to go back to that particular applicant to let them know what exactly is available to them per policy and reminds naming of fields is not an option.

Mr. Meyer explains the Triple Crown contract to the Board members and reviews the document that had been previously sent out to the Board members regarding this contract. There is lengthy discussion. Mr. Zeits states that with the Board's direction, he and staff will bring back to the Board, some options of where the possible donations through the Triple Crown contract can be placed. Mr. Zeits also states that the Triple Crown contract expires in 2020 and may or may not be renewed.

Mr. Meyer summarizes the Osceola Field construction for Cricket use and directs members to review the document, including a site map, previously sent. There is brief discussion.

Mr. Zeits mentions that the TDC Board in March (3/18) will hear from Ms. Tera Meeks, TDC Director, in regards to a potential Master Site Study to determine what the best use of the Fairgrounds with the intent of determining how to attract better events, etc. Brief discussion follows.

Meeting adjourns at 5:08 pm.