

PINELLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2016

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. Shelby Freeman Mr. Bill Bucolo Mr. Shelby Freeman Mr. Mathew Eberius Ms. Iris Champlin Mr. David Waddell
PARK BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:	Mr. Matt Gaspar Mr. John Gray Mr. David Kandz Ms. Geraldine Raja
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:	Mr. Brendan Mackesey
PARKS & CONSERVATION RESOURCES STAFF:	Mr. Lyle Fowler, South District Operations Mr. Curtis Spencer, North District Operations Ms. Dawn Ricketts, Dept. Admin. Manager
ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY:	Ms. Cheryl DeCou

A regular meeting of the Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board (Park Board) was held at the Parks and Conservation Resources Administration Office, located at 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774 on October 20, 2016.

I. Open Meeting / Introductions:

Lyle Fowler opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Introductions were made by all participants present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting were approved with two scrivener's errors corrected. Motion by Mr. Waddell and second by Mr. Bucolo.

III. Presentations

Dr. John Bishop, Coastal Management Coordinator with Pinellas County Environmental Management Department gave a presentation on Shell Key Channel Issues. A copy of Dr. Bishop's presentation is made a part of the record. It depicts the changes in Shell Key Channel from 1984 to present. He explained the different erosions that have taken place over that span of time and what the future holds for the channel. He answered questions from the board members and explained there are several studies being conducted which might impact the channel. One of those being a proposed dredge plan and a Florida Fish and Wildlife plan to mitigate erosion of the beaches. He explained that the erosion and shoals will always fluctuate with time and the studies are looking at a solution to stabilize

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both. The Inland Management Study will be made available to the public once it is complete.

Ms. Julie Vogel, Environmental Specialist 2 with the Pinellas County Environmental Management Department gave a presentation on the Eagle Lake Park Stormwater Project. Pinellas County has hired King Engineering to look at six watersheds being established as permanent facilities for stormwater ponds. There is a high potential to improve water quality before it empties into Tampa Bay. The project is in its infancy. Once the study is completed, there is potential for the processes to be used elsewhere in the County to increase the life expectancy of the stormwater ponds and reduce flooding.

IV. Citizens to be Heard:

Mr. Marshall LoCiceno was in attendance to hear the presentation from Dr. Bishop. He advised the board and others in attendance that the pass is closed and one can walk from a dock to Shell Key and raccoons and other wildlife are affecting the bird and sea turtle habitats. Without dredging again (which was done and paid for by the residents previously) they will not be able to have use of their boats and are concerning about the environmental impact that the lack of flow is causing to Shell Key. They have met with Commissioners and one local Senators and hope to come to a solution to this problem. Mr. Eberius asked that staff reach out to Mr. LoCiceno. Mr. Fowler advised that PCR staff have been attending the local meetings with the citizens in Tierra Verde.

Mr. Lou Claudio was in attendance to get an update on the renaming of Philippe Park to Philippe-Tocobago Park. Mr. Fowler advised that Mr. Cozzie had taken his request to Administration and we are awaiting instructions from the Administrator on the next step in the process. There is no report on a decisive action until the County Administrator decides to bring the matter before the board whether informally in his meetings with board members or formally at a board meeting or work session. Answering questions from the board members, Mr. Claudio advised that he has contacted the Commissioners with regard to his request and it was suggested that each of the PCR Advisory board members contact their appointing commissioners as well. Mr. Claudio gave some additional information to the board members from the Town of Indian Shores depicting their rendering of a new city logo and a monument to the Tocobago Indians. A copy of the handout is made a part of the record.

Lengthy discussion was held by the board to consider a motion to approve the recommendation to change the park name. There was a motion by Mr. Bucolo to renew this board's previous approval of recommending the request a name change to Philippe-Tocobago Park and was seconded by Mr. Freeman. The vote on the motion was 5 to 1 with Mr. Eberius dissenting as he did not feel he has enough background information on the naming of the park originally. At this time, Mr. Mackesey advised the board about discussion of the issue under the Sunshine Law. After further discussion of the process

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needed to change the name of the park, Mr. Eberius moved to recommend to Mr. Cozzie that county staff investigate the developing of a policy and procedure to rename a County facility or park. It was seconded by Mr. Waddell and the vote was unanimous.

V. Old Business: None.

VI. New Business:

- A. Penny for Pinellas: PCR is working to put together a list of capital improvement projects for Penny IV. Staff will be looking at unfunded projects from the last penny and look at new projects that will begin in 2020. When asked for any areas of interest, Mr. Waddell asked that an item be placed on the next PCR Advisory Board agenda regarding the purchase of a parcel of land of approximately 22 acres adjacent to a county owned parcel from C-1 Bank to acquire for future preserve or a passive park. Mr. Waddell advised that Mr. Higgs from C-1 Bank would like to address the board regarding the purchase of the land by the County. Both the Sierra Club and Audubon Society would also like to join in on this project should the land be purchased. Mr. Fowler suggested that the issue could come before the board as an item separate from the Penny projects, as waiting until 2020 to fund the project may be too late. The item will be added to the agenda for the next PCR Advisory Board meeting.
- B. BP Funding Awards: Mr. Fowler advised the board that PCR will be receiving funds for two projects: Indian Shores Tiki Gardens Beach Access beautification (approximately \$30,000) and Seminole area recreation study to address the recreation needs of unincorporated County residents (approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000). Mr. Eberius asked if when there re considerations for the penny to go toward capital improvements of PHCSA separate from East Lake recreation, as PHCSA is having problems with the structures.
- C. Schedule of 2017 PCR Advisory Board Meetings: The 2017 meetings are scheduled for: January 19, April 20, July 20 and October 19. Outlook appointments for each meeting will be sent to the board members by the recording secretary.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Mr. Bucolo and seconded by Mr. Waddell.