

PINELLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2017

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. David Kandz
Mr. Shelby Freeman
Mr. Mathew Eberius
Ms. Mary Ann Renfrow
Mr. John Gray
Mr. Shelby Freeman
Mr. Peter Stavropoulos

PARK BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ms. Manita Moultrie

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY: Mr. Brendan Mackesey

PARKS & CONSERVATION RESOURCES STAFF: Mr. Paul Cozzie, Director
Mr. Curtis Spencer, North County Operations Mgr.
Mr. Steve Harper, Manager, Resources and
Asset Management
Ms. Pam Leasure, Manager, Environmental
Lands Program
Mr. Lyle Fowler, South County Operations Mgr.
Ms. Dawn Ricketts, Department Administrative Mgr.

ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY: Ms. Cheryl DeCou

A regular meeting of the Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) Advisory Board (Board) was held at the Parks and Conservation Resources Administration Office, located at 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774 on October 19, 2017.

I. Open Meeting / Introductions

Chairman Eberius opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Introductions were made by all participants present. Students from St. Petersburg College were in attendance to meet a course requirement.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved with two scrivener's errors noted upon motion by Ms. Renfrow and second by Mr. Freeman.

III. Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Peter Logli, Treasurer and Director, Tierra Verde Community Association (Association) Mr. Logli addressed the Board on the subject of the Shell Key Management Plan (Plan) on behalf of the Association. Letter sent by Mr. Logli is made a part of the record. Discussion was held regarding the scheduling of meetings regarding the Plan, current research underway and possibility of postponing the presentation of the Plan to the Board of County Commissioners until the current research by Dr. Ping is completed. Concerns of the Association were discussed including sand erosion, beach renourishment,

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disagreement with the conclusions reached in the Plan, and request for additional meeting to be advertised and held after the research is completed.

IV. Old Business:

A. Shell Key Management Plan

Dr. Harper presented the Board with an update on the Shell Key Management Plan (Plan). Discussion was held regarding the presentation of the Plan to the Board of County Commissioners. A link was provided to the draft version of the Plan and an overview given by Dr. Harper. Extensive discussion was held with regard to questions posed about water quality, birds, camping and sand removal. Further discussion was held with regard to the maintenance dredging completed by the residents of the area. Once approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the Plan would go to the State for final approval. It was suggested that the PCR request an extension of time to present the Plan to the State in order to allow for the completion of the study currently being conducted and the sand accumulation plan is completed.

B. Creation of Parks Foundation

Mr. Cozzie addressed Board with the creation of a Parks Foundation. He and Mr. Eberius had discussed prior experiences with working with Foundations and the creation of same. With a delay from Hurricane Irma, the creation of documents or information is in the process of being acquired to present the Board at a later meeting.

V. New Business:

A. Alt 19/Orange Street Overpass Closing

Mr. Cozzie presented a map to the Board members of the location of the Alt 19/Orange Street Overpass Closing in Dunedin. FDOT did their inspections of overpasses that are constructed over state roads and determined that the overpass was unsafe due to excessive corrosion and requested that we close the overpass. Our Public Works Department has put in a new maintenance of traffic plan for the area to allow people to use the trail with additional sidewalk and a detour to allow for pedestrian safety.

VI. Parks and Conservation Resources Director's Report

A. New Budget for FY 18

The new budget year began October 1st and we are in recruitment for three additional rangers, an environmental specialist and two craft workers who will be part of our bridges and boardwalk crew within the parks. A new composite material to upgrade the boardwalks will be used.

B. Hurricane Irma After Action Report

PCR lost an immense number of trees in the storm but did not suffer any structural damage. The area closed the longest was Fort De Soto due to electrical issues. We are still in the process of tree debris removal. Members of the Board are appreciative

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of the work put in before and after the storm by PCR staff. We have specific responsibilities in the Emergency Operations Center during storms.

C. Unincorporated Seminole Sports Facility Master Plan

Through BP settlement funds, the BCC granted \$286,000 for a Master Plan for unincorporated Seminole Sports. We have completed meetings with the local sports associations and the Visit St. Petersburg Clearwater sports staff and will go into the second phase of the plan for costing and the third phase will be implementation. We hope to have a plan to present to the board in February or March of 2018.

D. New Reservation Software

We have gone out to bid and working on a new one-stop reservation system for customers to reserve shelters and campsites, purchase beach passes and other services offered by PCR. The current system does not provide the flexibility that is required for our staff to assist customers.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Cozzie addressed the Board regarding meeting days and times as we have been asked to change the day to see what works best with Board members' schedules. Ms. DeCou will prepare a survey to Board members to find a day and time that works for everyone.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.