

PINELLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2018

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Bauer
Ms. Debbie Chayet
Mr. Mathew Eberius
Mr. Shelby Freeman
Mr. John Gray
Mr. David Kandz
Ms. Mary Ann Renfrow

PARK BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ms. Manita Moultrie
Ms. Mary Rogero

PARKS & CONSERVATION RESOURCES STAFF: Mr. Peter Stavropoulos
Mr. Paul Cozzie, Director
Mr. Curtis Spencer, North County Operations Mgr.
Mr. Steve Harper, Manager, Resources and
Asset Management
Mr. Lyle Fowler, South County Operations Mgr.
Ms. Cheryl DeCou, Recording Secretary

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 August 23, 2018.

I. Open Meeting / Introductions

Chairman Eberius opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Introductions were made by all participants present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 22, 2018 were reviewed and unanimously approved with two scrivener's errors corrected.

III. Citizens to be Heard

None.

IV. Old Business:

1. Shell Key Management Plan Update (Plan) provided to the Board from Steve Harper summarizing the public presentation for the Plan. The entire Plan is available on the County's website at the location cited in the presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes. The Plan will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on September 13th for adoption and then forwarded to the State for the final approval. Discussion was held regarding the Plan and questions posed by the members. The November meeting of the Board will be held at Shell Key Preserve, meeting at 9:30 a.m. Board members will be notified of the travel and site visit arrangements.

V. New Business:

1. Unincorporated Seminole Youth Sports Facility Master Plan: In the past, the County had an MSTU in place for recreation and when the recession hit, the funds needed to be redirected to other county projects. East Lake residents have since petitioned and

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established an MSTU district set aside for recreation in the unincorporated area. The youth sports recreation leagues in unincorporated Southern Pinellas County including Seminole Youth Athletic Association, Seminole Junior Warhawks Athletic Association and Cross Bayou Little League have expressed an interest in an MSTU encompassing all three organizations to expand and improve recreation activities in this area of the County. PowerPoint created by the contracted consultant, Sports Facility Advisory, was presented to the three sports organization boards seeking establishment of one organization. Discussion was held regarding the report and maps provided by the contracted consultant and distributed to the Board members. Discussion included the communities to be served, what recreation could be offered and establishment of management guidelines for the newly created organization under a Master Plan.

VI. Parks and Conservation Resources Director's Report:

1. Wall Springs Park Coastal Additions I & II: Pre-construction meeting held on August 15 and construction will start at the end of this month (August) with completion of the project late in 2019. Ms. Renfrow toured the park and was very impressed with the maintenance and the history of the park.
2. Update from the recent BCC meeting regarding property acquisition: Citizens from the area of Sutherland Bayou asked the BCC to purchase property in the area of the bayou and make it a passive park and further discussion was held at the BCC meeting regarding park land and environmental land acquisition. Mr. Cozzie asked the Advisory Board members to let him know via email if there are any properties they come across that might be suitable for parks. Further discussion was held regarding the process used by the County in the acquisition of property.

VII. Other Business

Nomination of Officers for FY 19: Matthew Eberius was selected as Chair and John Gray as Vice Chair and were unanimously approved.

Mr. Eberius requested that a "Member Comments" section to be added to the Agenda for future meetings. Mr. Eberius reported that he spoke with Commissioner Eggers regarding the recreation facilities in Palm Harbor, as the City of Dunedin is losing softball fields to the expansion of the Blue Jays training facility.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.