

PINELLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2018

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Bauer
Ms. Debbie Chayet
Mr. Mathew Eberius
Mr. David Kandz
Ms. Mary Ann Renfrow
Ms. Manita Moultrie

PARK BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mr. John Gray
Ms. Mary Rogero

PARKS & CONSERVATION RESOURCES STAFF: Mr. Paul Cozzie, Director
Mr. Curtis Spencer, North County Operations Mgr.
Ms. Jolanda Jordan, Department Admin. Mgr.
Mr. Lyle Fowler, South County Operations Mgr.
Mr. Steve Harper, Environmental Division Mgr.
Ms. Amanda Smith, Admin. Support Specialist
Mr. Brendan Mackesey, Assist. County Attorney

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 November 15, 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 August, 23 2018 were reviewed and unanimously approved with no corrections.

III. Citizens to be Heard

None.

IV. Old Business:

- Unincorporated Seminole Youth Sports Facility Master Plan: The County is currently looking into a conceptual format that will allow the three unincorporated Seminole sports facilities to work together as one, thus allowing the MSTU to encompass all three organizations to expand and improve recreation activities in this area of the County. The County will be looking at plans to further consolidate the facilities in the future. League participation will also be evaluated to show what areas of the County the participants are coming from. Discussion included the establishment of management and maintenance of the facilities moving forward.

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V. New Business:

- Raymond H. Neri: The Community Development Department purchased property to improve the, newly renamed, Raymond H. Neri Park. There will be new programs available through the Lealman Exchange. There are conceptual plans for improvement to that site, including improvements to the existing trail. These will provide more playgrounds, fitness areas, an amphitheater, and activities for the community. The park improvements will be completed in phases as funds become available. Total construction costs are estimated to be in the 3.6 to 4 million dollar range.
- Glyphosate: Concerns have been raised by some citizens about the use of Glyphosate in parks. The County is working to refine and publish an integrated pest management program. This will research what types of tools are used to address invasive exotic plants and nuisance vegetation, and what other successful options, if any, are available. The County will provide the University of Florida's presentation on the Integrated Plant Management Program at the next Park Advisory Board meeting.

VI. Parks and Conservation Resources Director's Report:

- Holiday Lights: The Holiday Lights event is an annual event put on by the Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation in collaboration with Parks and Conservation Resources. It occurs November 23rd through December 30th from 5:30PM to 9:30PM. The suggested donation has changed from \$4 dollars to \$5 dollars. There will be entertainment and concessions available. The money made from the event goes towards improvements in the Botanical Gardens.
- Inclusive Playgrounds: Inclusive playgrounds are intended to go above just being handicap accessible. They are intended to aid in physical and mental activities for children who may have cognitive or communicative issues. New inclusive playgrounds are currently in the process of being installed at John Chesnut Park and Boca Ciega Park.

VII. Other Business

- The Shell Key Preserve trip will be tentatively scheduled for the Park Advisory Board March 21st meeting.

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