

PINELLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2019

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Bauer
Mr. Kyle Barron
Ms. Debbie Chayet
Ms. Peg Cummings
Mr. Jim House
Mr. David Kandz
Ms. Mary Rogero

PARK BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mr. John Gray
Ms. Manita Moultrie

PARKS & CONSERVATION RESOURCES STAFF:

Mr. Paul Cozzie, Director
Mr. Spencer Curtis, North County Operations Mgr.
Mr. Lyle Fowler, South County Operations Mgr.
Mr. Steve Harper, Resources and Asset Mgr.
Ms. Jolanda Jordan, Department Admin. Mgr.
Mr. Brendan Mackesey, Assist. County Attorney
Ms. Amanda Smith, Admin. Support Specialist

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 January 17, 2019.

I. Open Meeting / Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 15, 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. Phase one, creating conceptual ideas, has been completed. The expectation is to meet with the three groups and complete the master plan and have an agreement

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for the Board of County Commissioners to review by July. The Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board will have input on the agreement before it goes before the BOCC.

- Raymond H. Neri: The Park conceptual plan, which was developed through the Planning Department, has met with some objections from some of the service providers in the Lealman community. There will be a public meeting on the subject. We will be reviewing the conceptual plan and possibly making updates to the plan.

V. New Business:

- FY 2019 Doing Things Presentation: Parks and Conservation Resources is scheduled to give their FY 2019 Doing Things presentation on February 12, 2019. It is currently in draft form. It will be reviewed by the Assistant County Administrator for any edits before finalized. Once it is finalized we will be sending it out to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board members. Board members are welcome to attend the Doing Things presentation workshop. The presentation will be available on the County website as well.
- Parks and Environmental Lands Acquisition Process: The County Administrator has requested that we put together a process for evaluating property acquisitions that relate to environmental lands, parks, or recreational facilities. There is a working group comprised of several interested individuals who have been tasked with putting together the process and designing a matrix outlining criteria for acquiring new properties. There are many factors that will be taken into consideration. A scoring system will be developed to weigh the purchase of different properties and their usefulness for County needs.
- PCR Penny List: Pinellas County voters just approved the fourth extension of The Penny tax with an 87% approval rate. We are currently drafting our proposed project list. This is a process where we outline our priorities and where we believe our priorities should be when it comes to Parks and Conservation Resources and our use of any of the Pinellas County penny tax that we may be allotted. Some of these repairs include boardwalks, boat ramps, park improvements, playground replacements, etc.
- Keystone Rd. Trail Restroom Project: Tarpon Springs rotary has some funds available and they would like to do a modular restroom facility on The Coast to Coast connector expanse of the Pinellas Trail. The new section of Keystone Rd. has some places that would work well for the installation of a new restroom. We will require more funds and will need to submit a grant proposal in order to secure the funds needed to install this restroom on the trail. FDOT has a trail program grant that provides funding for projects that enhance the region's trail system. The Parks and Conservation Resources

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Advisory Board approved a motion to submit a grant application for the funds necessary to build a restroom on the Keystone Rd. section of the Pinellas Trail.

VI. Parks and Conservation Resources Director's Report:

- Inclusive Playgrounds: Inclusive playgrounds 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. The installation of the parks was delayed, however, they are now in the process of being installed. The current projection for completion of these parks is mid-February.
- Civic Rec Software: Our reservation software is being converted from multiple different platforms to one platform, Civic Rec. Our current go live date will be around the end of February. The details are currently being finalized on the data uploads from the previously used software. We will be exploring further integration of services in the future.

VII. Other Business

- The Shell Key Preserve trip will be tentatively scheduled for the Park Advisory Board March 21st meeting.
- Dave Kandz was unanimously voted in as the new Chairman of the Parks Advisory Board.
- Jim House was unanimously voted in as the Vice Chairman of the Parks Advisory Board.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.