

PINELLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 2019

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Bauer  
Ms. Debbie Chayet  
Ms. Peg Cummings  
Mr. Jim House  
Mr. David Kandz  
Ms. Maryann Renfrow

PARK BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mr. Kyle Barron  
Ms. Manitia Moultrie

PARKS & CONSERVATION RESOURCES STAFF:

Mr. Paul Cozzie, Director  
Mr. Spencer Curtis, North County Operations Mgr.  
Mr. Lyle Fowler, South County Operations Mgr.  
Mr. Diriki Geuka, Assist. County Attorney  
Ms. Jolanda Jordan, Dept. Admin. Manager  
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 Pinellas County Extension Building, located at 12520 Ulmerton Rd. Largo, FL 33774 on July 18, 2019.

**I. Open Meeting / Introductions**

Chairman Kandz opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Introductions were made by all participants present. Mr. Brian Scott was introduced as a potential new PCR Board member.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved with no corrections.

**III. Citizens to be heard**

None.

**IV. Old Business:**

- Unincorporated Seminole Youth Sports Facility Master Plan Update: Paul discussed the need for a master plan for the three Seminole Youth Sports facilities. Parks and Conservation Resources has been working with a consultant to develop a master plan that will incorporate all three groups into one organization. A meeting is scheduled with all three groups on August 6, 2019. The meeting will allow PCR to give feedback

to the three facilities regarding their input into the master plan. This will allow us to bring out the final concept, which will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners this fall. The final plan will be distributed to Board members.

- Raymond H. Neri Community Park Conceptual Plan Public meeting: An additional community meeting, regarding the conceptual plan for Raymond H. Neri Park, was held in May. The meeting followed concerns from citizens about the conceptual plan. A summary of suggestions was provided to Board members.
- Parks and Environmental Lands Acquisition Template review: An initial land acquisition template has been created. This will allow the County to view and score properties in an objective way based off of a preset scoring system. There are two different templates. One template applies to Environmental Lands and the other applies to Recreational lands.

After reviewing the template, Board members voted to support the template with an amendment that allows for Board members to provide input on the development and editing of the template in the future.

#### **V. New Business**

- Eagle Lake Park Water Quality Improvement Project: There is a proposed Stormwater project for ponds at Eagle Lake Park. The purpose of this is water quality improvement for Eagle Lake Park. There are bodies of water that are interconnected. This has caused nuisance vegetation from pond number five to back up into pond number four. The Pinellas County Stormwater Management team has come up with a pilot project that will attempt to create a water circulation/aeration system that will allow the water to circulate thus keeping the water from stagnating.
- Integrated Vegetation Management Working Group: A group of County, State, and City employees met June 19, 2019, to discuss the current approach to vegetative management. Dr. Jason Ferrell. From the University of Florida, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on chemical and non-chemical options to vegetation management. From this meeting a working group has been formed to create an outline for an approach to vegetative management that agencies can use to make decisions about a vegetative management plan with the intent of reducing reliance on chemical treatments.

#### **VI. Parks and Conservation Resources Director's Report**

- Civic Rec Software: Civic Rec Software is working toward completion for a Fall launch date . We are working to adjust the software to best suit our needs.
- July is Parks and Recreation Month: The County is making a series of videos highlighting some of Pinellas County's Parks and Beaches in honor of Parks and Recreation month. Two have been published to date.

Fort DeSoto Park Supervisor, Jim Wilson, is retiring on July 31, 2019. The County is going to be advertising his position.

**VII. Other Business**

- Vice Chairman House presented a proposal to draft a letter addressing vendors who have set up roadside businesses without going through the proper vendor licensing avenues. He would particularly like to address a horse vendor who has set up a business near the Skyway Bridge. The Skyway Bridge is regulated by the Department of Traffic. PCR's Attorney representative will research drafting a letter regarding these concerns on behalf of the Board.
- Vice Chairman House shared that the new owner for The Tides has been denied for a code change for the property. It is currently coded as green open space.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:09 a.m.