

Regular meeting of the Parks and Recreational Advisory Board (PRAB)
Summary Minutes – April 15, 2013
Murray Nelson, Key Largo , Fl.

Members Present:

Steve Miller, Chairman
Dr. Jim Boilini, Co-Chair/Member
Bob Mock, Member

Staff Present:

Robert Glassmer, Supervisor Facilities Maintenance
Rosa Washington, Monroe County Parks & Rec Board Liaison
Kevin Wilson, Monroe County Public Works & Engineering Division

Guests Present:

Adam Scott – YMCA Park Director
Debbie Williams – YMCA Staff
Jason Heironimus – YMCA Staff
Kim (Young lady that brought Thank You card)
Sylvia Murphy, Monroe County Commission

Meeting

Call to Order: Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. A quorum was present.

Self-Introductions

Chair Miller welcomed all to the meeting.

Summary Minutes of 01-14-13, approved as written (motion by Dr. Boilini and seconded by Mr. Mock and approved by a unanimous vote of those members present).

Kim an area resident came to the meeting to bring a “Thank You” card, signed by several participants in Volley Ball games at Key Largo Park, thanking the Board for their help in getting lights at the courts and getting them adjusted properly. She shared with the Board that there are about 30 individuals that regularly participate in the games.

The Board and Commissioner Murphy thanked Kim for taking the time to come and say, “Thank You.”

Mr. Jason Heironimus, an instructor with the YMCA’s tennis program expressed concerns about the budgetary issues with the Key Largo Park’s year round tennis program. He is concerned that the Tennis Program will not be funded to serve all the interested youths year round.

Chair Miller assured the group that the YMCA is aware that any money raised at Key Largo Park has to be reinvested into the park. He also suggested that maybe staff need to look at the

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at the program and the revenue produced, and considering the reality that the tennis program may be more viable being a seasonal program, instead of year round.

Mr. Heironimus stated that there are youths in the program with several levels of skills and it would be ashamed that they would be set back because the program takes a break or stops.

Co-Chair Boilini led a brief discussion about exploring the possibility of a community member forming a non-profit that could pay instructors to continue provide instructions when the YMCA money stops due to budget.

Ms. Williams a YMCA employee shared with the Board that she is concerned about the budgetary situation but is most concerned about the quality of the program eroding.

Chairman Miller stated that he did not want to intrude in the YMCA employee relationship and suggested that the YMCA may want to discuss their funding in more detail with their employees.

Chairman Miller also asked if the YMCA would be willing to release the program. There was no concrete answer to that question because it would have to be considered by the YMCA board.

Mr. Heironimus also shared that he and Ms. Williams have been working under a gray cloud and it is not a very good feeling.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Scott if the YMCA would be willing to provide Monroe County a copy of their balance sheet, which would include detail of what donations are earmarked for the tennis program.

Mr. Scott agreed to provide the balance sheet to Mr. Wilson and further discuss the situation.

Facilities and Parks Report

Mr. Glassmer reported on the work that he is doing at **Key Largo Park** and the concrete repairs his crew has been doing at **Sunset Point** (MM95.2) ramp.

Harry Harris Park has 20 picnic tables made of recycled plastic, new signs; new playground equipment and the bathroom have been refurbished.

At **Friendship Park** the basketball courts were resurfaced and the roof where the crew room is was redone.

Mr. Scott commented that the **Key Largo Community Skate Park** surface needs to be replaced, and the ramps have graffiti. There has been a conversation with the Sheriff Dept. about possibly reaching out to at risk kids involved in such activities.

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Mr. Heironimus and Ms. Williams both suggested that the lights at the tennis courts need to be reprogrammed due to daylight savings time. Further they suggested that the County may want to considered adding two or more lights for safety.

Co-Chair Boilini made a **motion** that County staff explores the possibility of installing Musco LED lights at the park.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Mock.

Big Pine Park

Getting ready for 4th of July celebration, which promises to be fabulous.

Ms. Washington informed the Board that Mr. Miller has submitted his picture and bio; the webpage will be completed by the next meeting.

Board members will continue outreach to their area Chambers of Commerce.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next meeting July 15, 2013.