

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 19th 2015 6:00 PM

Minutes recorded by Chris Rivera Monroe County Project Management

Meeting began at 6:15 PM

Board Members in attendance:

Steve Miller

Jim Boilini

Bob Mock

Board Members not present:

Heather Smith

Christine Tejera

Media Present:

Steve Estes from the News Barometer was in the Audience

Monroe County was represented by:

Doug Sposito Director of Project Management

Chris Rivera Project Manager

There were no other persons in attendance

Meeting Minutes:

- The Parks and Rec Board was concerned that not enough notice had been given for the meeting. Doug Sposito confirmed that the County Attorney had said there was. The board accepted this as OK
- Chris Rivera was introduced as the new County Liaison for the Parks and Rec Advisory Board
- The board discussed how future meetings should be scheduled and a process for writing future agendas. It was requested that all meetings be scheduled at least 3 weeks in advance and that the board be given an agenda for review with at least as much advanced notice. Chris Rivera agreed. Chris agreed to get all board members email address off the web site and email his contact information.
- A brief discussion of all current projects at Monroe County Parks was provided by Chris Rivera and Doug Sposito.

Doug Sposito informed the board that no signage for Big Pine Park could be placed in the states ROW on the Overseas HWY. Steve Miller suggested that if the TDC funded an "attraction" then the FDOT would allow signage for that attraction. Chris Rivera said he would follow up and report back at the next meeting

Steve Miller said that the scope of work for the Big Pine Swimming Hole should include filling in the "canal" to improve water quality. The board asked if the canal was included in the current list of canal restoration projects. Steve Estes said it was not.

- Steve Miller asked that Commissioner Rice appoint a new board member to replace Christine Tejeraas as she has not showed up to any meetings in over a year. Doug Sposito said he would follow up with this request and let Comm Rice know
- Bob Mock said that Friends of Higgs Beach has ten extra exercise stations from the Higgs Beach fitness Trail project and is willing to give them to the Sugarloaf school to be assembled there around their trail/walking path. Doug Sposito said that Project Management would contact the school and coordinate the transfer of the remaining stations to the school.
- Jim Bolini asked if it was possible for the County to place exercise stations on the new Overseas Bike path between Mile Marker 99 thru 106. Chris said he would find out if this was possible.
- Steve Miller said the County was going to receive an unsolicited proposal to include the engineering and design for a new amphitheater at Big Pine Park. The board suggested an amphitheater similar to the one in Marathon possibly smaller. Doug Sposito suggested a TDC grant could be applied for to help fund the project. It was agreed that a grant application would be submitted by the November deadline. Bob Mock asked if new sports sod could be added to the scope of work as the current plying field was not well suited for soccer. Chris Rivera agreed that he would. Doug Sposito

asked if the unsolicited engineering for the proposed amphitheater would be available for the TDC grant application. The board thought it would and said it would reach out to make sure and provide the County with the documents in time for the application deadline.

- Doug Sposito thought the next meeting might be held in Key Largo to discuss plans for Rowell's waterfront Park. The Board thought that Big Pine would be better due to the greater number of projects in that area. Chris Rivera agreed to schedule the next meeting in January for Big Pine Park.
- Steve Miller requested that the contract for Blue Heron Park not be renewed
- All members of the board requested that the management of the new building at Bernstein Park be sub-contracted out and not have the county manage it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM