

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2016 6:00 PM

Minutes recorded by Chris Rivera Monroe County Project Management

Meeting began at 6:00 PM

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Mock

Heather Smith

Board Members not present:

Christine Tejera

Steve Miller

Jim Bolini

Media Present:

Steve Estes from the News/Barometer

Monroe County was represented by:

Doug Sposito Director of Project Management

Chris Rivera Project Manager

Chris Ambrosio County Attorney

There were about 10 members of the public in attendance

Previous meeting minutes were approved by Board members present.

Meeting Minutes:

- The board informed the public present that they did not have a quorum due to only having two board members present. They could not vote on any issues. However they mentioned that discussion items could be proposed in an email and sent out to the board members to vote or make a motion to approve or deny any item.
- Discussed the Amphitheater TDC application. The application was submitted by Monroe County Project Management. Doug Sposito spoke about how the County was looking into the possibility of an Amphitheater that the public wanted. It was explained about the process of securing funds before public meetings. There was public discussion about

the Amphitheater and how it was not necessary and there is not enough parking. The public had mentioned the cleanliness of the park.

- Chris Rivera discussed the concerns with the playground equipment at Astro City located at Higgs Beach. The playground equipment is old and becoming a safety hazard and is being recommended that it be removed and replaced. The county knowing that the park is going to move in the future with the relocation of Atlantic Street. The relocation might take up to three years and the County believes that the park should be available for all to use until the relocation. The County is asking the board to vote to approve the removal and replacement of the playground equipment.
- The Board was presented with conceptual given to the county from Don Degraw (Airport Director) asking the county to help with Pine Park beautification. The county is asking the board to vote to approve the pursuit of improvements at Pines Park of Key West.
- Chris Rivera went through the list of projects that the county was working on in parks.
- Chris Rivera went over the various grants for kayak docks and ramp repairs at Palm Villa (kayak), Harry Harris Park (Ramp repair), Big Coppitt (Ramp repair) and Geiger Key Park (kayak dock).
- Over all maintenance of the Big Pine Park was discussed. There was public expressing displeasure with how the park is being maintained. It was explain that there were new employees in place and they were being trained. Public mentioned that there is lights out in the park. Monroe County Public Works is working on replacing them.
- Bob Mock Signed the Disqualification letter for Christine Terja.
- Chris Ambrosio discussed Remote Controlled vehicles in the parks. The County proposed that there should be an amendment to the parks rules and regulations to disallow the use of remote controlled cars and truck. The public discussed that there was a young adult that used to race it in the park and run it into parked vehicles and tear up the turf, but this person has not been seen for a while and there is no concern at this time. Due to public discussion no further action is required at this time
- Big Pine Swimming Hole public meeting to discuss the final conceptual. The public approved the look and direction the park was going in. Public asked to have rest rooms included in the overall design and final completion of the project. Parking was discussed as an issue and it was asked if the parcel on the opposite side of US1 could be used as parking and the county said they were looking into that already. The issue with having parking on the opposite side is not allowing public to cross US1. It was mentioned that there was a underpass at the Bahia Honda bridge could the County do something like that? Chris Rivera said he would look into it. The county is asking the board to vote to approve the Big Pine Swimming Hole Conceptual.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM