

**NON-APPROVED
MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
GEORGE SNOW PARK
1101 NW 15TH STREET
BOCA RATON, FL 33432
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015**

Ronald Betters, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:22PM. Roll was called.

Members Present: Ronald L. Betters, Chairman
Gordon Gilbert, Vice Chairman
Peter Boylan
Dr. Dennis R. Frisch
Joseph Good
Hank Kreh (arrived approximately 5:30PM)
Dr. Trudi N. Stevens

Staff Present:

Mickey A. Gomez	Recreation Services Director
Buddy Parks	Deputy Recreation Services Director
J.D. Varney	Recreation Services Superintendent
Greg Stevens	Recreation Services Superintendent
David Hill	Park Maintenance Supervisor III
Tom Cargill	Chief Park Ranger
Mo Noor	Park Ranger Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Mr. Boylan, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2015 Annual Tour as submitted. **MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

MOTION was made by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2015 Regular Meeting with one correction. On page 2 the first sentence under 2. Other Comments from Tour ...saw the field in Weston made of corn husk and coconut... correct it to ...saw the field in Weston made of cork, corn husk, and coconut fiber...
MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Mention was given to the other related board minutes in the packet.

PURPOSE: Regular monthly meeting.

WELCOME:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

REPORTS:

1. **Staff Updates – Park Rangers – Tom Cargill**

Chief Cargill explained there are 40 part-time Park Rangers, 12 part-time Park Gate Attendants and 2 Park Ranger Supervisors. He explained the Patron Assists category from the monthly Park Ranger Reports. He said that in January there were 6,860 assists. Each Park Ranger fills in an assist report daily. A list pertaining to Park Rangers helping with City events, athletics, community centers, etc. was distributed. Chief Cargill said that his Park Gate Attendants collect about \$450,000 annually. His Park Rangers are on the dog beach the entire time it is open. There was a Board question about the turtle nesting season. Mr. Gomez explained about turtle monitors identifying nests. Mr. Parks said the Park Rangers ensure that dogs do not dig on the beach and that there were no problems last year during turtle season. Chief Cargill spoke about converting some part-time Park Ranger positions to full-time to help lower the 42% turnover rate. He also said that a third supervisor was necessary. He spoke about Park Ranger/Ocean Rescue Headquarters being updated in Spanish River Park. They are about half done with the flooring and some hurricane windows have yet to be installed.

2. Department Project Updates – B. Parks

Mr. Parks said that for **Gumbo Limbo Seawater Life Support Pumps**, the new line and pumps were completed. The responsibility for the new work order was assigned to Municipal Services, Jennifer Bistyga. For **Spanish River Library Mezzanine Enclosure**, Mr. Parks said that Purchasing is working on it. This project would go out to bid soon. They are waiting on contractors for **Silver Palm Park Restroom Renovations**. Mr. Parks said for **Hillsboro/El Rio Master Plan** that he reviewed a previous Downtown Library work order and submitted it to Municipal Services. Municipal Services will now have something to show Miller-Legg what to look for. Mr. Parks was asked what it would cost to light up George Snow Park. Mr. Parks said he would get an estimate. He further answered that he did not think there would be objection to lighting George Snow Park. There was no timeline for Hillsboro/El Rio but that they were in favor of moving this forward. The City is looking at the detail for **Military Trail Landscaping – Verde Trail to Glades Overpass, and Dixie Highway – NW 20th to NW 32nd**. There was nothing new to report for **Spanish River Boulevard – Countess deHoernle Park/Library Bridge and South Beach Pavilion – Ocean Rescue Storage. Spanish River Park Tunnel Repair** shifted from Facility Maintenance to a CIP project.

3. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report – J. Varney

Mr. Varney said that the October-January YTD participation numbers for deHoernle Park have steadily increased since it opened three years ago. During this time there was a decrease in participation at Patch Reef Park. Participation trends at Sand Pine Park and University Woodlands Park were discussed. Mr. Gomez commented on SABR moving activity from Sand Pine Park to University Woodlands Park.

Responding to an inquiry at last month's meeting, Mr. Parks told the Board that the counters at both libraries were double counting participation. He said that the units have been re-programmed to count only those coming into the libraries.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Responses to Previous Meetings Information Requests

Mr. Gomez explained that he added this category to ensure all meeting questions that need to be researched are answered at an upcoming meeting. For example, Hillsboro/El Rio soil issues were questioned at the last meeting. Mr. Parks spoke about the issues and studies that were conducted. He said that an environmental study update was not done yet. The south side did not have as much household garbage as the north side had before it was developed.

Mr. Stevens spoke about the Boca Youth Sport Associations for residents and non-residents. He explained about the initial roster and the marked up re-submitted roster which gives the City a more accurate picture of the amount of non-residents. He further stated that the Pop Warner program is allowed to take non-residents from other cities, if those cities do not offer a program for particular weight limits. The program works with parent organizations and follows all procedures.

STAFF COMMENTS:

1. Director's Report

Mr. Gomez updated the Board on the Lake Wyman project. He said that at the last City Council meeting, three people spoke against the project. They voiced concern about submerging land but were in favor of repairing the boardwalk. Mr. Gomez said he would keep the Board informed of any developments

2. Various Letters of Commendation

Self-explanatory.

BOARD MEMBER INTEREST INITIATIVES & COMMENTS:

Dr. Frisch asked if the George Snow Park pavilion could be rented. Mr. Gomez advised him that the pavilion is available on a "first come-first served" basis with no fee associated. Dr. Frisch spoke about the Future Stars Rotary Club/City event in the Mizner Park Amphitheater. Responding to a question from Mr. Boylan, Dr. Frisch said that there is nothing new to report on the Rotary Peace Park. Dr. Stevens was told that George Snow Park is a little less than 6 acres. Dr. Stevens expressed concern with the high

turnover rate of Park Rangers. It was agreed that that this may be a suitable topic for discussion at the next Goal Setting meetings. Mr. Gilbert suggested that the Board meet outdoors in Gumbo Limbo next month, if it is a nice evening.

ACTIVITIES:

March 10th – City of Boca Raton Municipal Election
March 21st – Beach Bash for People w/Disabilities @ Spanish River Park –
10:00AM to 3:00PM

NEXT MEETINGS:

April 7, 2015 – Gumbo Limbo Environmental Complex
May 5, 2015 – Red Reef Park

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Mr. Boylan, seconded by Mr. Good, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27PM.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Arlene Moskowitz, Recorder