

**NON-APPROVED
MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
BOCA RATON MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE
811 GOLF COURSE ROAD
BOCA RATON, FL 33434
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014**

Dr. Trudi Stevens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15PM. Roll was called.

Members Present: Dr. Trudi N. Stevens, Chair
Ronald L. Betters, Vice Chair
Peter Boylan
Dr. Dennis R. Frisch
Gordon Gilbert
Joseph Good
Hank Kreh

Staff Present: Mickey Gomez Recreation Services Director
Buddy Parks Deputy Recreation Services Director
J.D. Varney Recreation Services Superintendent
Greg Stevens Recreation Services Superintendent
Greg Jerolaman Golf Course Manager

Others Present: D. Johnson Member of the Public
L. Moskowitz Member of the Public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Dr. Frisch, to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2014 regular meeting. **MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

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

PURPOSE: Regular monthly meeting.

WELCOME: Dr. Stevens welcomed all visitors to the meeting and offered them the opportunity to address the Board.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: David Johnson thanked the Board for sending a memo to the Mayor and City Council regarding Hillsboro/El Rio Park. He spoke of the need for a public hearing when funding becomes available.

CORRESPONDENCE: In the packet was the memo sent by the Board, under Chair Stevens' signature, to the Mayor and City Council regarding Hillsboro/El Rio Park.

REPORTS:

Staff Updates – Golf Course – Greg Jerolaman

Mr. Jerolaman reported golf operations were going well. Cash reserves are up to \$140,000 and are projected to increase over an additional \$100,000 this year. Over the past several years, the golf course eliminated a full time operational position and has not replaced three greens keeper positions since their retirements. Staff is doing more with less. The course has extended the life spans of all its capital equipment. Mr. Boylan congratulated Mr. Jerolaman on the golf course numbers. Mr. Betters said his guests were always amazed at the quality of this public course. The course is in its third summer with a new junior program which has promoted families playing together. Dr. Stevens asked about volunteer staff numbers and Mr. Jerolaman responded we currently have approximately 15 volunteers at Red Reef and 10 at Municipal and in the peak season approximately 20 at Red Reef and 20 at Municipal. The Board decided, without objection, to leave the room at 6:40 PM and went outside for a quick demonstration of a "solo rider" golf cart, made for disabled golfers. Mr. Parks, an inexperienced operator of this vehicle, expertly maneuvered the solo rider through a series of

difficult and complex turns with ease. Mr. Jerolaman indicated that while this vehicle is not a legal requirement of the ADA, it is good the City has this vehicle. They came back into the meeting room at approximately 6:45 PM.

1. Department Project Updates – B. Parks

Mr. Parks spoke about **Red Reef Park Maintenance Enclosure** which is going along quite well. It should be done in a couple more weeks. Mr. Parks stated that for **Gumbo Limbo – Doors, Windows & Gutters**, everything is done but the doors. As soon as they come in, they would be installed. Mr. Parks was asked for an update on the **Gumbo Limbo Pumps**. He said that he was supposed to get a quote on the 8" HDPE lines but it did not come in yet. He said the consultant has been working with Staff.

3. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report – J. Varney

Referring to the Participation Reports, Mr. Varney said that FY 13-14 year-to-date participation at Gumbo Limbo far exceed that of prior years. He also noted that it has been a banner year for participation at the beach-front parks. In particular, the Dog Beach contributed to the increased participation at Spanish River Park. Mr. Varney said that golf participation has held steady for the past several years.

Dr. Stevens questioned the decreasing participation numbers for the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Varney said he would research the matter and respond at the next meeting. Mr. Parks reminded the Board that the City has a lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County. Mr. Good said that participation remains strong at both libraries. Mr. Boylan questioned why schools with zero participation are included on the Participation Report. Mr. Varney said that while City related programs may not have been conducted at a specific school in recent years, all schools remain available and may be accessed at any time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parks and Recreation Board Re-Appointments

Chair Stevens said four Board members who are up for re-appointment. She reminded the Board of the interview dates.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Kreh and seconded by Dr. Frisch, to send a memo under Vice Chairman Better's signature to the Mayor and City Council recommending the re-appointment of the four existing Board Members. **MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

STAFF COMMENTS:

1. Director's Report

Mr. Gomez said that next month's meeting will be at the Downtown Library. He announced that the former Acting Library Manager, Ann Nappa, was selected as the new Library Manager. He said that the Library Board and the Friends of the Library were thrilled with her appointment. He also indicated that staff were very happy too. Mr. Gomez gave a brief overview of her service and qualifications.

Mr. Gomez then reported that the Dog Beach is in its 25th week. He advised the Board that 1,113 resident permits and 7 non-resident permits have been sold. Mr. Gomez said that the City Council is pleased with this amenity.

Mr. Gomez said that a report pertaining to the City Council's Goal Settings meeting has not been finalized. He said he would share it with the Board when it becomes available. He said that one of the City Council's highest priorities is a joint meeting of the City Council and the Beach and Park District's Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Gomez said that when the minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding youth sports are approved, he will distribute them. He mentioned that a meeting with the three travel football programs has been scheduled in order to address the location of their games.

Mr. Gomez reported that the Purchasing Division is addressing comments made by the City Attorney's Office pertaining to the proposed Beach Concession Agreement. The Purchasing Division will then send the Agreement back to the City Attorney's office for a second review.

Mr. Gomez advised the Board that a survey of Racquet Center permit holders was undertaken to determine their thoughts regarding the Racquet Center hosting the USTA Women's National Team Event at the Racquet

Center in 2015. He reminded the Board that one person came to a prior meeting to complain about the tournament and about the cost of annual beach permits. He added that approximately 85% of those responding were in favor of hosting the event and that the Beach & Park District's Board of Commissioners is in favor of hosting the event.

Mr. Gomez said that next month is Parks and Recreation Month and that next week he will be accepting a proclamation from the City Council.

Mr. Gomez spoke briefly about the summer camps in all the City's facilities. He said that the Recreation Services Department will be holding this year's Independence Day program at Countess de Hoernle Park.

2. Various Letters of Commendation

Chair Stevens said that the letters were very impressive, especially that from Heidi Aspen Lauckhardt-Rhoades. Her letter shared her lifetime of memories, fellowship, tranquility, healing and fun in the City of Boca Raton's parks.

BOARD MEMBER INTEREST INITIATIVES & COMMENTS:

Dr. Stevens commented regarding the guardhouse at Sugar Sand Park not being staffed and inquired as to who can visit the Science Explorium. She said people have asked her to have a guard stationed at the guardhouse because the Explorium is very crowded and overused. Mr. Gomez answered that buses from outside of the Beach & Park District are not allowed into Sugar Sand Park unless they are coming to a scheduled athletic activity. She also said that people asked her to increase the ride time on the carousel. Mr. Gomez said that he would speak to Art Koski about her concerns. Mr. Boylan commented that it would be hard to check for residency before entering the Science Explorium. Mr. Gomez commented that the Science Explorium generates about \$20,000 per year in donations. Responding to an inquiry from Dr. Frisch, Mr. Gomez said that the Recreation Services Department does not separate big dogs from small dogs at Dog Beach. Mr. Parks, responding to a question from Dr. Frisch, said that there are vending machines at the Downtown Library, but no plans for a coffee shop. He added that this decision was made during the planning process. Discussion ensued regarding the libraries offering classes in the use of electronic devices. Mr. Boylan commented regarding the availability of parking at Red Reef Park on Memorial Day, specifically on the west side.

ACTIVITIES:

Parks and Recreation Board Re-appointments (Peter, Gordon, Joe & Trudi)
City Council Workshop on Monday, July 21st (Workshop is after CRA Meeting – CRA Meeting starts @ 1:30 and goes to ???) or City Council Meeting Tuesday, July 22nd at 6pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

July 1, 2014 – Downtown Library
August 5, 2014 – Sugar Sand Park Community Center

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Dr. Frisch, seconded by Mr. Boylan, to adjourn at 6:21pm.
MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Arlene Moskowitz, Recorder

