

Brevard County Parks and Recreation South Area Advisory Board

POW/MIA Community Center
5995 North US Highway 1
Melbourne, Florida 32940

Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South Area Advisory Board (SAAB), was conducted on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM in accordance with safety precautions and social distancing guidelines due to the corona virus epidemic.

Members Present

Mary Goelz, Chairperson
Charles Roger Hardin, Vice Chairperson
Theresa Barger
Kimberly Scalise

Members Absent

Marcia Booth
Nick Galluzzi
Greg Minor

Staff Present

Richard Tucci South Area Operations Manager
Robert Salazar, Recreation Superintendent
Marsha Blizzard, Administrative Secretary
Jessica Breault, Parks Supervisor III

Public

Ryan VanBuren, President of Brevard Soccer Academy (BSA)
Chris Felber, Brevard Soccer Academy; Futsal
Ryan Mertz, General Manager for Brevard Soccer Academy; via phone

Meeting Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited then the meeting was called to order by Mary Goelz at 7:01 PM. Four (4) members were present and three (3) were absent. It was noted that the board did have a quorum.



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Approval of Minutes

Mary Goelz inquired if SAAB members had the opportunity to look over the minutes for the regular meeting on August 16 and the special meeting via conference call on August 25. Mary directed Administrative Secretary, Marsha Blizzard to make corrections for Board Member name mis-spellings on both agendas. Once noted the corrections to be made, a motion was made by Mary Goelz to accept the minutes as submitted; Charles Roger Hardin seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Public Input

There were no comments from the Public.

Staff Reports

Wickham Park – Jessica Breault, Parks Supervisor III

- a. Wickham Park remains busy; at or near capacity with pavilion and campground rentals
- b. Kidtoberfest and Movies in the Park (MITP) Oct 29 featuring Hocus Pocus
- c. Woof, Wag and Wiggle on November 6 along with Out of Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk
- d. November 12 hosting Native Rhythms
- e. November 19 Movies in the Park showing Secret Life of Pets II and a soft opening of our Lightfest
- f. Lightfest grand lighting and 5K on November 20
- g. First weekend in December is the Space Coast Light Fest walk weekend
- h. Disc Golf expansion in progress. Volunteers assisting staff with clearing the area; removing and cleaning up invasive greenery

Recreation - Rob Salazar, Recreation Superintendent

- a. August 21 and September 18 Concert Series at Wickham Park featuring American Hotrods and You're Gonna Get It
- b. First Friday Food Trucks at Wickham September 3 and October 1
- c. Youth basketball registrations at Viera Regional Community Center
- d. Afterschool near capacity at community centers; Viera, South Mainland and Rodes Park
- e. Daily Pickleball at Viera Regional and South Beach Community Centers
- f. Pickleball at Rodes Park Community Center Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- g. Homeschool classes art and physical education at Rodes Park have over 40 participants
- h. Adult baseball is Tuesday, Friday and Sunday
- i. Adult 6v6 soccer Wednesday at Rodes and Friday at Wickham
- j. Adult basketball at Viera; 40 plus Monday, 30 plus Wednesday
- k. Rodes began an adult volleyball league on Monday and Tuesday's



- l. October was our One Day Fun Day camp at Viera, Rodes Park and South Mainland Community Centers. We had 33 total participants.
- m. Upcoming events include October 28-Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade and Costume Contest at South Beach Community, Thanksgiving luncheon at South Beach Community Center November 19 and Breakfast with Santa at Rodes Park Community Center December 11
- n. Winter camp calendars were finalized for community centers. Camp runs December 22 through 24, 27 through 31, and January 3 through 5

Richard Tucci – South Area Operations Manager

- a. Working on creating Purchase Orders for new budget
- b. All departments are working with high a number of vacancies. It was asked if we can contract out services to alleviate shortages. Richard responded we do that already for common areas.

Old Business

Continued information provided on pump track as proposed in previous meetings

- a. Theresa Barger looking into possible Florida and Tony Hawk grants to cover installation costs
- b. Flutie Field Complex is the desired spot to build
- c. Desired square footage is 90 feet by 90 feet
- d. Cost may increase from the proposed \$130,000 to \$150,000 to \$200,000 with landscape beautification and enhanced environmental designs

New Business

Item A: Brevard Soccer Alliance request to construct a Futsal field at Rodes Park To present request was Ryan VanBuren, Brevard Soccer Alliance (BSA) President, Chris Felber, representative for Futsal BSA and via phone, Ryan Mertz, BSA General Manager.

Ryan VanBuren described the proposed location at Rodes Park near the concession stands and meeting building, removing pines from the green space area. This Futsal field would be a concrete slab overlaid with special materials and surrounded by a fence. All costs would be covered by BSA.

Jessica Breault inquired whether the special material was rubberized. Chris Felber, "No, it's a plasticky material "clipped in" and sealed off. Almost like a volleyball field. It's built special for Futsal, not grass. It's designed to help foot skills and a quick game for soccer players, but it's a separate sport." The builder has recommended a lighter color to help with the heat, is good for ten years and is removable with a concrete pad and material on top."



Theresa Barger inquired about drainage issues. According to Ryan VanBuren, the proposed area has none.

Rob Salazar asked, "What maintenance would be required by county staff; special materials? Ryan VanBuren, "Just sweep with a large push broom and use black squeegee for water. Builder handles repairs."

The Board had concerns regarding limited access to the public since field would be surrounded and closed off by a fence. Would the Recreation Partner, BSA have exclusive use with no access to public?

BSA had concerns about public misuse. The fence is necessary to keep out bikes, skateboards and hard cleats which will damage the surface. No issue sharing the space when it's not in use to the public, but who would be responsible?

Mary Goelz, "Would it be covered under their insurance and liability as a Recreation Partner?" Richard Tucci, "This is just preliminary. Would have to go to Legal, Risk, permitting first; added with Recreation Partner use, liability issues before this is green lit.

Ryan Mertz made the comparison to non-public use of field to the football building. Stating the public and County don't have access to their building.

Discussion of the location and cutting into open space was addressed. Charles Roger Hardin inquired how much open space for public use is at Rodes Park now? Richard explained that one area is designated wetlands, another was deemed unfit to build the disabilities building on due to proximity to wetlands, and the last is an open green space for little league baseball and softball. Charles Roger Hardin stated, "This would cut into open space. It's our responsibility to keep it open." BSA explained that the space is not being used, since it is surrounded by parking lots, bathrooms and sidewalks. Can't go any more north due to electrical. They would take down the pine area that is not used because of the pines. Theresa Barger agreed the space wasn't used.

Ryan VanBuren added that, "It would be right by our concession stand and we'd like open youth and adult Futsal leagues and use for a kids Healthcare Disability program in a controlled area. Discussion for public use can be compromised in the future.

Mary Goelz made the motion to pass the construction of a Futsal field at Rodes Park. Kim Scalise seconded the motion.

Mary, "Vote, say yes."
Mary Goelz-Yes



Kim Scalise-Yes
Theresa Barger-Yes
Charles Roger Harden-No

Motion passed three (3) to one (1)

Item B: Richard brought up the time of the meeting being 7:00 PM and referenced past discussion of moving the meeting to an earlier time. He explained that maintenance staff get off work at 3:00 PM and then have to return and other staff get off at 5:00pm and have to wait for the meeting. He added that it was of the greatest importance that the meeting time met the needs of the board but asked if they would consider an earlier start time. Charles Roger Hardin made the motion to table discussion until more members present to decide on time change. Mary second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Item C: Richard Tucci informed the board that the next SAAB meeting was scheduled for December 20. His concern was the proximity to the holidays and possible conflicts affecting attendance. The board discussed and Mary motioned to move the meeting to the 13th of December at 7:00 PM. Theresa Barger second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Richard Tucci asked the Board what determines an excused or unexcused absence for missing board members; possible replacement. Charles Roger Hardin stated it was discussed in past meetings, but the Board couldn't decide on what was considered excused or unexcused absence; illness, personal, another meeting; what takes precedent? They looked at changing the by-laws, but tabled the discussion. Richard said he would speak to legal and other Boards for guidance.

Other

No other business

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mary Goelz to adjourn the meeting and Theresa Barger seconded the motion

All in favor, motion passed

Next regular meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2021

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM

