

NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION

Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation (N.B.C.P.R.), an advisory board, held Thursday, April 8, 2021, in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

Members Present

Bianca Alaimo
Arnie Benson
Jane Cline
Andrew Connors
William Klein
Amelia Robinson
Randy Rodriguez
Willie Taylor- via phone conference

Members absent

Nitan (Sunny) Aggrawal

City of Titusville Elected Officials / Staff

Dan Diesel

Brevard County Parks & Recreation Staff

Jeff Davis, Jr., North Area Manager
Tex Loadholtz, Maintenance Superintendent
Michael Hoffmann, Recreation Superintendent
Shirley Corliss, Administrative Secretary
Tangela Brown, Office Assistant I

Brevard County District 1 Commission Office Staff

Carol Mascellino, Administrative Aide to Commissioner Pritchett

I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Arnie Benson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Randy Rodriguez, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call:

Absent: Nitan (Sunny) Agrawal

Motion requested by Arnie Benson to excuse the absences. Motion by Bianca Alaimo, seconded by Randy Rodriguez accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Alaimo, Benson, Cline, Connors, Klein, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor

NAY: None Carried 8-0

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion requested by to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2021 with no corrections. Motion by Bianca Alaimo, seconded by William Klein, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Alaimo, Benson, Cline, Connors, Klein, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor

NAY: None Carried 8-0

II. REPORTS

A. Miscellaneous Reports & Updates—FYI

B. Chairman's Report on Meetings

C. Advisory Board Members

Mr. Connors: Mr. Connors stated that the parks look great and staff always does a wonderful job. Mr. Connors thanked everyone that attended the last meeting and brought their concerns. He thanked those that attended the meeting tonight as well.

Ms. Alaimo: Ms. Alaimo also thanked everyone for coming to the last meeting and for their attendance at this meeting. Ms. Alaimo said that all of her parks look great. Manzo Park, the playground looks great. Rotary Park – progress is coming . Sandrift and Stuart Park – she is looking forward to the updates going on there.

Ms. Cline: No report

Ms. Robinson: Ms. Robinson visited her parks, and stated that at Gibson Complex, some of the bricks along the front that faces Sycamore St. are missing. At the Cuyler Community Center, in the computer room there are water stains in the closets.

Mr. Klein: Mr. Klein visited his parks. Mr. Klein stated that Wuesthoff Park looks really good with the new boardwalk ramp. He visited Parrish Park over Easter there were lots of people using it. On the weekends there are usually 200+ cars parked there. They are upset to hear there may be restricted parking there. Chain of Lakes complex is extremely busy with soccer teams. His parks are doing well.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez stated the Port St. John area parks are doing well. At this time of the year the youth leagues are always using the facilities. The parks are standing up well with all of the work done this past winter. The dog park at Fay Lake Wilderness Park is extremely busy. The Family Fun Fit Day will be held at Fay Lake Park on April 24th.

Mr. Benson: Mr. Benson stated that his parks are great. Parrish Park Scottsmoor is looking very professional as always. Scottsmoor Landing is still being heavily used by fishermen. The Mims Launch Ramp is excellent the way it has been cleaned up. Holder Park is a professional ball park, looking fantastic. There were fishermen at Six Mile Creek Park when he stopped by Hatbill Park had at least 10 RV's parked there.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Taylor thanked the Board for understanding while he was not able to attend previous meetings, as he is attending the Police Academy. He visited Fox Lake Park and the trail. He loves the upgrades that have been done at Fox Lake Park. He talks to visitors in the area that have been utilizing the bike trail. They have expressed concerns on the low lighting in the area just beyond the overpass near DeLeon Ave.

D. City of Titusville

Mayor Dan Diesel: Mayor Diesel stated that his sister is a coach with Titusville Soccer League and told him that they have over 600 kids playing soccer this season. Mayor Diesel attended the Mims Little League and Indian River City Little League opening days. Mims Little League has around 300 participants and IRC Little League has over 250 participants. He visits the ball parks often and knows that Parks & Recreation staff keep the facilities in good shape for the leagues. Mayor Diesel met with Ms. St. Onge, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Davis and Mr. Loadholtz at Sand Point Park regarding tree planting and work around the stormwater pond. He met with the City Manager regarding the funding for the project. The City Manager along with the partners will be working on the fundraising. The parks look great and he appreciates the passion of the citizens that are willing to come out and assist.

E. North Area Parks Operations Staff

Mike Hoffmann: NAPO Recreation Report

The March Movie in the Park was scheduled on Saturday, April 2nd at Sand Point Park was cancelled due to high winds. A request to the City of Titusville has been submitted to move the monthly MITP to Fox Lake Park, where adequate tree coverage would deter having to cancel programming due to weather.

North Area Parks Operations (NAPO) office is working with Valiant Air Command on how to administer a free STEM program to North Brevard students. All five (5) NAPO community centers will be participating, which will begin on Friday, April 16th.

Walter Butler Community Center is currently registering children ages 6-12 for their annual Youth Basketball league and will have evaluations on April 24th. League play will start May 1st. League was postponed until the Cuyler CC league finished.

Port St. John CC held their annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 2nd from 6:30-8:30PM. They had 75 children attend and participants were grateful for the event.

Cuyler CC had their Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00PM and it was attended by over 50 children.

Walter Butler CC had their Egg Hunt for their After-School children on Thursday, April 1st from 3:00-5:00PM and had 40 participants.

The Annual Fox Lake Spring Craft Festival was sold out with over 150 vendors registered. We coordinated with the Traffic Operations department to use a Traffic Counter to give a more accurate count of attendance. We had 1800 vehicles come through the park with an estimated attendance of 4,500 people.

Spring Break Camp was on Monday, March 15th and ended on Friday, March 19th. Camp was offered at five (5) different locations and had a total attendance of eight-five (85) children between all locations.

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Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 17th from 7:00-10:00PM. This event is for 18+ adults and is sold out at 200 tickets. We have over 4,000 eggs to hide with 20 “gold” eggs that are linked to premium prizes. We will have a DJ Jazzy Jeff Davis as our emcee with food and drink provided to the participants.

Port St. John CC is hosting their 2nd annual “Family Fun Fit Day” on Saturday, April 24th from 10:00AM-12:00PM at Fay Lake Wilderness Park. This event will have a walking trail with local vendors setup and at each station the vendor will have a physical activity for the family members to participate in. There will also be an inflatable obstacle course for the kids and prizes.

Tex Loadholtz: NAPO Maintenance Report

Space Coast Community Sports Complex

Musco Control Link system being installed to the football fields this spring, initiating requisition for purchase order week of April 12. Control-Link makes scheduling, controlling, and monitoring the lights simple and convenient. Through automated scheduling the system should realize a significant reduction in energy consumption and operating costs.

The old chain link fencing at the pavilion and playground has been replaced with wood fencing same as the rest of the park, looks great.

Construction of the first foot bridge connecting the football fields to the west parking lot began this week.

Reconstructing mounds and eliminated base path lips to little league fields. Coordinating with Port St. John Little League on relocating the flag pole.

Walter Butler Community Center

New metal gates have been installed on the main road past the playground entrance. Reflective mounts and signage has been installed to the gates for better visibility.

Color of tile selected for the flooring replacement in the large meeting room. Tentative start date is May 10.

PSJ Boat Ramp

Continue to repair washouts behind seawall post heavy north waves and wind. Coastal Construction has provided options for consideration as solutions for erosion issue due to high winds and washouts, working with Construction Manager on best course of action.

Manatee Hammock

Pool is closed for renovations. The notice to proceed was issued to the contractor to begin renovations March 5. The construction start date is April 25 with substantial completion date of June 25, final completion is July 9, 2021.

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The old caretaker mobile home sold. The purchaser is in the process of having the structure removed from the campground. If a new caretaker applies for the position and is selected, they will be responsible for installing a new manufactured residence.

Identifying trees for pruning within urban forestry guidelines once main camping season is over.

Campground is in the peak of season for another three weeks.

Coordinating with Brevard County Fire Rescue with asset transfer of Station #88 to campground to replace existing singlewide trailer for maintenance. Transferred building is double wide. Fire Rescue is working on design of their replacement station, project remains on hold pending Brevard County Fire Rescue finalizing plans for replacement building.

Statham Park

Coordinating pressure washing of facilities and pavilion. Pavilion on list to be painted.

Change in plans for occupancy of Rivers Edge Event Center, information forthcoming.

Rotary Park Riverfront

Under construction with project repairs on schedule. The shoreline revetment and dock are complete. Metal roof over terminal point of dock installed. Contractor completing final grade for paving south end, anticipate paving to begin week of April 12. Project has an estimated completion of 40 weeks or 280 calendar days for target date of substantial completion May 31, 2021.

A new park sign to replace the existing is ready for install. Sign will be installed in-house when close to park re-opening.

Coordinating with Road & Bridge to resurface asphalt from the park entrance circling the pavilion and parking north of construction limits when contractor is complete with their portion.

Plans to detail areas in vicinity of the pavilion being coordinated to include, pressure washing, painting, replacing bollards and new fencing.

New landscaping to the restrooms in the north section of the park complete, looks great. Pressure washing, sealing and painting the group pavilions complete.

Space View Park

Project under construction and on schedule, shoreline revetment completed on Gemini side of park at the east point. The new seawall and tiebacks have been installed including backfill, allowing for the seawall cap pour. Pilings for both dock structures have been installed with framing continuing on north dock. Project began September 29 and is slated for 180 days with substantial completion May 2021.

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Benches removed from construction area on Gemini side, repainted and re-installed in-house. Sodding complete east of the pavilion. Working on removing old vegetation from large planter boxes and replacing with new landscape. Monuments have become unmaintainable with rust seeping through the surface. Sealing monuments and re-painting with texture stone coating for longevity.

Manzo Park

The new playground is installed with engineered wood fiber being installed this week – awesome improvement.

Borders being removed from the existing playground being re-purposed as borders for the swings.

New wood rail fence between the playground and the parking area scheduled for install the week of April 12. Tentative re-opening by April 19.

Coordinating pressure washing and painting restrooms.

Kennedy Point Park

Two Canary Island date palms died due to disease, one was removed. A pair of ospreys have built a nest in the head of the other, the tree will remain for undetermined amount of time. Quotes have been received for the installation of two Bismarck palms as replacement, timing to plant will be after June 7 when nesting season has past. The cabbage palms which have fallen into the cove due to erosion were also removed.

Sandpoint Park

Roof replacement to the Valencenti Pavilion is complete.

Coordinating with a volunteer group on planting mangroves along the shoreline in four designated areas. The group and Marine Resources Council are developing a planting strategy.

A planting project is being coordinated to include ten Red Cedar and eighteen Cabbage Palm trees on the east, north and west sides of the east pond. Planting & watering to be accomplished through contractual services.

The large fountain in east pond was cleaned, repaired and re-installed in full operation.

Researching permitting requirements for the possibility of connecting the new Titusville gap trail to the south west entrance of the park.

A slide in the playground has been taken out of service with a new one on order. New slide is scheduled for shipment April 14.

Veteran's Pier

Met with Construction Manager and contractor to define the scope of work in addressing the breaker and outlet issues and relocation of the junction box for the north pier. Timeline for repair this summer.

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Gibson Complex

Repair to the large steel beam on the north/east corner of Building A complete.

Installation of Control-Link System for quality operation of the sports fields lighting is complete.

Replaced electric receptacles in the library and installed a new outlet in the courtyard.

Campbell Park

Area electrician working in-house on improving lighting to the basketball courts with replacement of existing lights and converting the system to LED, project complete with greatly enhanced luminescence.

Coordinating the removal and replacement of the concrete basketball courts with asphalt providing a better outdoor playing surface.

Proceeding with installing two (2) twenty-six-foot diameter shade hats to cover the playground.

Installation of a 25-foot-high netting on the north side of the east basketball court to prevent balls from entering South St is complete.

Coordinating the replacement of the countertops and painting each restroom of the community center, tentatively scheduled third week in April. Men's room identified first, ladies' room to follow.

Blanton Park

New seats to all swing bays have been received and are 90% installed.

Ordered new basketball backboards and rims; materials are being upgraded to match the boards at Campbell Community Center.

WW James

Painting the concession building is complete.

Little League season underway, daily maintenance of fields for practice and games.

Wuesthoff Nature Park

New exercise equipment has been ordered. Plans are to consolidate equipment to two large exercise locations rather than equipment spacing along the trail. Consolidation allows more equipment rather than scattered independent stations.

The concrete pads for the exercise equipment are twenty-five feet by forty-five feet. Presently coordinating with the City on permit requirements.

The decking and handicap ramp to the building has been replaced and is a magnificent improvement. All demo and construction was accomplished in-house by area carpenter and Career Source Brevard.

Green space along the exercise trail has been expanded, debris mulched on site as renewable resource.

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Exploring opportunities for use of the old nature center for educational programming. Building upgrades may ensue depending on outcome to include roof, wrap around decking, painting and flooring.

Fox Lake Park

The purchase order for the new playground has been provided to the vendor where the play system is in manufacturing. Demo of old system in preparation for new playground anticipated June.

Tree planting project on hold, evaluating budget. Will review beginning of fiscal fourth quarter.

Replacement and conversion on the lighting above serving counter retrofitting to LED complete. Working with contractor on replacing existing formica serving counters with stainless steel, anticipate completion this week.

In process of replacing the five (5) ceiling fans in the kitchen.

PSJ Community Center

Coordinating plans to replace the surface water drain pipe from Corto Road through the north parking area and to the retention pond. A new asphalt basketball court to be constructed at the same time with conversion of the north parking lot into multipurpose use. Timeline expected this month.

Fay Park

The purchase order for the new playground has been provided to the vendor for manufacturing. Demo of old system in preparation for new playground anticipated late May.

Fay Lake Wilderness Park

Project to remove exotic vegetation at the entrance and around dog park continues.

Pressure washing and painting all buildings in the park underway.

North Brevard Senior Center

Coordinating with alternate contractor for repair to the room divider, original did not E-Verify.

Changed the filter in the water fountain.

Continuing in the process of treating and removing exotic vegetation along the trail.

Stuart Park

Coordinating the replacement of the twenty-five by twenty-five-foot pavilion.

Coordinating the demolition and replacement of the concrete basketball court with new asphalt.

Blue Hole Park

Tree planting project on hold to fourth quarter of budget. All picnic tables painted.

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Chain of Lakes

Replaced two (2) forty-eight station irrigation control stations at the softball complex.

The tunnel slide on the playground, which was developing cracks, has been replaced.

Improvement project to mill, grade and sod the over flow grass parking area east of softball is complete. Project greatly improves parking conditions and drainage. Area re-opened for use and being maintained, numerous compliments received.

Continuing to reduce invasive plants along lakes edge through mechanical control.

Tree planting project on hold to fourth budget quarter.

Coordinating with turf contractor for replacement of five acres of sports turf in the north section of the west soccer field approved in balance forward. Project will commence right after spring season.

Red, White and Boom – July 4 celebration to be held at Chain of Lakes this year. Additional information forthcoming.

Cuyler Park & Community Center

Two Proposals received for playground replacement. A change in County Policy requires additional proposals for cost analysis. Once additional proposals are received the selection team will coordinate meeting to finalized choice of system as replacement. Saved all possible existing shade structures to incorporate into new play system.

Replaced transformer for electric to Civic Room and softball field. Irrigation system repaired and operating.

Trimmed trees in parking areas.

Harry T. Moore

Pressure washing and painting the stucco of the museum and community center complete.

Continuing efforts in beautification around the grounds and museum. Receiving positive comments.

Holder Park

Two proposals received for playground replacement. A change in County policy requires additional proposals for cost analysis. Once additional proposals are received the selection team will coordinate meeting to finalized choice of system as replacement.

Rails Trail

FDOT provided guidelines for sign permit application for new postings on US 1 identifying the Aurantia Road trailhead. Working on package.

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FDOT working on design to improve positive drainage in specific locations. A pre-construction meeting was held in the Fall of 2020 to discuss details and timing. All entities involved are scheduled to regroup for final timeline. Work to be scheduled when water shed lower during winter/spring dry season anticipate late April. Public notices and trail signage to be done for as much notification to public in advance. Continuous maintenance and removal of overhanging vegetation being accomplished by in-house staff.

Scottsmoor Landing

Coordinating with United States Coast Guard on replacement beacon specifications. Contractors have been solicited for quotes on installing the day beacons and piling in the boat ramp channel.

Scottsmoor Meeting Hall

Replaced the water softening system and chemical feed pump to the building.

Sandrift Community Center

Coordinating resurfacing the basketball court including activity lines for hop scotch and four-square approved in Balance Forward.

Singleton Tennis Courts

New picnic tables provided to tennis and racquetball courts.

In process of re-lining the south two tennis courts (#9 & 10) to include six pickleball courts and re-surface painting over the yellow lines on courts #7 & 8. The tennis netting will provide court delineation when pickleball being played.

Parking area improvements have been changed to re-shaping and stabilizing with millings. Cost for project design and permitting were not cost effective considering the size of the project. SJRWMD reviewing request for approval and exemption. Project permit remains with the City of Titusville pending exemption.

Postponing receiving quote process for replacement of single rail wood fence along front of recreation area until parking area improvements are complete.

New park sign has been delivered. Installation will be scheduled once parking improvements are complete.

Parrish Park Titusville

Voids have been identified in the north seawall of the parking area. Contractor and engineer formulating a solution with a design for repair, revisions requested. No timeline on start date.

Numerous vehicles rutting up and performing donut type activity in beach area. Grading activity areas with frequency to minimize washouts.

Trail head construction through FDOT project along trail complete with new landscape, maintenance being done by FDOT. Final establishment meeting scheduled for April 28, FDOT maintenance obligations end May 8. Parks staff will assume maintenance responsibility at that time.

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Flap Parrish Trailhead

CPH has submitted 90% design which is out for review with SJRWMD. City of Titusville passed a resolution that will not require a variance. Design and specs due April 20, hoping to have permit from SJRWMD and the City by May 7. A revised schedule is being provided by CPH.

Invasive Plants

Area Landscape Technician treating Brazilian Pepper trees and other invasive terrestrial plants throughout all North Area parks with frequency.

Playgrounds

All playgrounds continue being sanitized twice weekly.

Report covers highlights of the month. Daily maintenance, repair and care of all parks, community centers, educational & recreational facilities are entirely made possible by an unbelievable group of employees.

Jeff Davis: Mr. Davis thanked the staff for their hard work and announced the recent promotion of LaShawn Stevens. Ms. Stevens is a 20+ year employee and has been promoted to the Recreation Coordinator at the Cuyler Community Center. Mr. Davis introduced and welcomed Ms. Tangela Brown as the Office Assistant for NAPO.

Mr. Benson reminded everyone that the meeting scheduled in the month of November will actually be held on the third Thursday of the month due to the Veteran's day holiday on the second Thursday in November.

III. Presentations and/or Recreation Partner Reports: (None Scheduled)

VI. OLD BUSINESS : Tree Planting @ Sandpoint Park

Tex Loadholtz met with City Officials for the tree planting project at Sand Point Park. The will be listing a Request For Proposal to plant 10 red cedar trees and 18 cabbage palm trees along the east and west sides of the retention pond at Sand Point Park. The RFP will include delivery, installation, and watering through the establishment period. This will be the first phase of the plan.

V. NEW BUSINESS - none

VI. Public Comment:

1. Claude Black: Mr. Black stated that he and his wife have been coming to Florida since 1961. For the past 10 years, they have been visiting the Manatee Hammock Campground. There are some things he would like to suggest for improvements. The pool has been closed since last February. Last week someone came and put up construction fencing around the pool area but then disappeared. Someone was told the projected completion date is July 14. Many campers would enjoy using the pool while staying there.

The WIFI at the campground is not good. If there is bad weather or strong winds, the signal is lost. The band width is also a problem as many people use the wi-fi for streaming video.

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At about 9:00 pm, someone closes the gate. If someone would turn into the park coming from the North, not expecting the gate to be closed and they had a long RV behind them, the tow would be sticking out in the highway. This could be a danger for anyone coming down the road. This is a safety issue that should be considered.

2. Kay St. Onge: Ms. St. Onge thanked Mayor Diesel, Jeff Davis, Tex Loadholtz, and Laurilee Thompson for meeting her at Sand Point Park to discuss the tree planting along the east and west sides of the pond and mangrove planting along the shoreline. The plantings would absorb nutrients from sewage spills as well as adding beautification in the park and providing shade for residents and habitat for wildlife. Mangrove plantings were approved for Sandpoint Park and possibly for Marina Park in the future. Mangroves are an important part of the ecosystem of the Indian River Lagoon by stabilizing the shoreline, preventing erosion and provide habitat for wildlife and fish. They also provide nutrients to the lagoon.

Ms. St Onge stated that the upcoming City Council meeting has an agenda item for \$5000 for the plating of trees at Sand Point Park. She is hoping that this will be approved. Ms. St Onge thanked all who are working to make this happen.

Mayor Diesel thanked Ms. St. Onge for her work on this project.

3. John Ingerbritsen: Mr. Ingerbritsen's concern for the project at Parrish Park is that it will limit access by creating a virtual sea wall. The wording is a 3-foot foundation for the bollards. This is what is in the most recent plan. This is currently a beach that everyone enjoys. During the City Council meeting, Mr. Ingerbritsen held up a picture of the Ft. Pierce south causeway park. That park is what we ought to have. His big concern is there will only be two places off this seawall to get off the land and into the water, there is one stairway and one ramp. That is a whole lot different than a beach like we have right now where you can walk right into the water. This is what people saw at the virtual meeting. There were two meetings, one on the causeway and the other was done on teams or some other kind of software. He wants to know how we can get more access points or continuous access like they have now.

Mr. Klein asked if the Parks would gather comments from the public, would he be willing to come and provide advice. Mr. Klein thinks that would be good as there hasn't been much public input with the design and he thinks Mr. Ingerbritsen's comments would be appreciated.

4. George Peters: Mr. Peters had an incident at the Titusville Veteran's Pier that disturbed him greatly. There are park rules in every park in the County. His question is who enforces the rules in the parks. Rules and laws are nothing if they are not enforced. Currently there is a rule that states no cast nets on the pier. From personal experience in the past three weeks, the cast netters are up there. They spray water on everyone there getting them soaked. They are throwing the nets up over the pier and the wind blows water all over the people on the pier. There are senior citizens coming from all over the state and the country. They go up there trying to enjoy themselves and they are either getting wet or getting hit in the head with cast nets. They call,

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try to find out but no one can tell them. One says call the police department, he would like someone to tell him who to get a hold of. Mr. Davis asked that he speak with him.

5. Laura Ward: Ms. Ward attended the City Council meeting where the county was given the go ahead for the Parrish Park project. She would like to know if this Parks & Rec committee would consider that users of the park be allowed to meet with the design consultants to accept some tweaks. The Commissioner said twice at the meeting that they were still tweaking it. So far, the users have not been able to get a meeting scheduled with the design consultants to offer suggestions and alternatives to make the project much better.

Mr. Benson stated that the board is an advisory council and the comments made are public record. The meeting minutes are provided to the Commissioner and Parks & Recreation Director. Mr. Benson stated that Ms. Ward's words will be heard.

Ms. Ward said that she doesn't have any problem with the Commissioner but they just don't seem to be able to get anything going. It's almost as though they are going to break ground tomorrow on this project.

Mr. Davis stated that the project is not at that point. He stated that Commissioner Pritchett would like anyone that has questions or issues to contact her office and she would be willing to sit down and talk to you about it. This board serves as an advisory board. They don't have the authority or the power to tell the County Commissioners or the Director.

Ms. Ward said maybe the Board could send her a letter. She feels the project is really not what is appropriate for that park. Ms. Ward said that they have a copy of the grant application and it states the design plans update proposed with this application will additionally seek to find options for shoreline restoration, formalize non-motorized boating facilities. So, in the application, these non-motorized vessels were supposed to be addressed and she doesn't see that they are. She doesn't understand how you get a grant saying you are going to do all of this stuff and then you don't do it.

6. Pam Dirschka: Ms. Dirschka was very interested in hearing what Mayor Diesel said. They have been involved in several conversations with various levels in this project. This as referred to as one meeting in person that she was not aware of and zoom meeting or some online. For a project that impacts so many in our community, that is not a lot of involvement. She would really like to see some of the alternatives that have been presented at the city council meeting considered. She has spoken many times to county commissions both here and where she used to live and she was never in a group that she was prouder of. They had a professional presentation with the ones that are here and others that are not. She felt at the city council meeting there was very little impact that they were able to make. Not one person spoke in favor of this plan other than the paid members of the county and the staff that they have hired. There were really great presentations. She was able to speak with Virginia Barker a couple days later and asked if she was ever given any alternatives that they presented and she said that she was not given any information about their alternatives, she was only asked to give a judgement on what was presented was better than what currently exists. Her group thinks there needs to be improvements. They think that people should not be able to back

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right down into the water and destroy the shoreline there. They also think there should be treatment of the water but it doesn't need to have all of the concrete and all the barriers to keep people from accessing the water. Personally, she does not think it should be a parking lot for the trailhead because there is other parking available that is not right next to the water. The people that are enjoying that water for wind surfing and sailing, paddle boarding and jet skiing if they come from the dock and are not launching from their catamarans. All of those should be the consideration in there along with the concerns of the horseshoe crabs and maintaining the beach there. She is hoping that some of the board members would get on board to speak to the County Commissioner, different people who are in authority and convince them that there are some alternatives and you know how important that is.

7. Laurilee Thompson: Ms. Thompson stated that John is handing out packets and in the packet is an alternative for this gateway to Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge. These are crown jewels in America on Federal Lands Program and they deserve to have an appropriate dramatic environmentally sensitive gateway to these national treasures rather than a parking lot that looks just like parking lots that you see in any city or town anywhere around the nation. There are four main objectives for this project. The first one is keeping people from being able to back their cars up to the shore, the second was stormwater treatment, the third was traffic control and public safety was the fourth one. All of those objectives can be met with this environmentally sensitive plan that involves a berm close to the water that has pathways through it. She showed another picture of Sombrero Key, a beautiful vegetative berm and the beach with the water on the other side. This is what could be done there instead of having a concrete wall with iron posts sticking out of it. This is what is going to happen if they put that wall in. It will turn into a sea wall. It may not be a sea wall tomorrow but within a year of two, if they don't restore or put back sand at the beach, this is what it will look like. This is how a beach function. The sands roll up over the beach and they wash back out again. Sea grass cannot grow in front of this. Sea grass can grow in front of the natural beach. She is pleading to please consider this plan. There is an opportunity to create a beautiful creative environmentally safe showcase for the entrance to national assets that people all over the world come to see or we can have a concrete parking lot with a concrete barrier turn into a seawall with ugly iron posts sticking out of it. You are an advisory board, you can advise the Commissioner to please allow them to sit down with the designers and have them come up with a better more appropriate design for Titusville's beach for this asset.

Mr. Klein stated that he would like to make a comment as a member of the board. He thinks they should take a vote to notify the parks department that they want to have a meeting with the public to get the advice on what they want at the park. They have not done that. They are an advisory board and they should be allowed to make a request for the parks department to meet with the public to discuss what I really needed, as they have not been allowed to discuss.

8. Stel Bailey; Ms. Bailey is the Executive Director for the organization "Fight for Zero". It is an organization where they work towards environmental health. She would like to echo some concerns of the speakers tonight. She would like to have a copy of the grant agreement. As for the financial justification and all of the detailed information in the grant, she has gone to several people including the county and Commissioner

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Pritchett told her to come to the board. She has forwarded the email numerous times and she would like to put it on the record tonight that she has requested that grant numerous times since the beginning of March. She would like to take a look at it and she would also like put it on record that her organization has done testing across the county of the PFAS, that are also known as perforated compounds, a forever chemical in the movie "Dark Waters" and in the documentary called "The Devil We Know" if you want to learn more about the chemical. They found it at Sand Point Park, they detected it at 7.4 parts per trillion and also detected the sister chemical. That was POAF and POAS. They were able to test for 52 chemicals. This is really important because drinking these chemicals, they build up in your body, they don't leave your body, they cause cancer and also cause auto-immune disease. Beginning on a federal and a state level to get something done about perforated compounds. She was just in DC last week talking to them about it. She thinks that this board needs to be well aware that there are children drinking this compound at the park. Take a look at the information, go to their website: www.fight4zero.org.

9. Melissa Stahl: Ms. Stahl said that she believes you are an advisory board and this has to stop somewhere. They are asking you to stop that buck here. She spoke with the Commissioner earlier in the week and sent her two emails requesting a meeting with the consultants so they could sit down with them and show them exactly where she thinks the extra access should be. They could discuss the possibilities and work out a plan to suit the needs of the users. Just putting ideas on a paper isn't the same as a discussion and coming up with solutions. She feels without the opportunity for a meeting, they have lost any way of making any adjustments to the plan. They need an open, sit down conversation with the designers. She thanked everyone and requested the advisory board to communicate the desires of the speakers.

10. Kevin Rosa: Mr. Rosa asked if everyone was aware of the details as to the amount of access they would have at Parrish Park as the design goes. He stated that this is the only access for non-motorized vessels that he was aware of and asked if there was anywhere else in Titusville that they would be able to access the water. He stated that there are other places in the area that a trailhead parking lot parking lot could be built. He asked what would be the alternative if the trailhead parking lot is built.

Mr. Benson thanked everyone for coming and speaking to the board.

Motion requested by Mr. Connors to re-open new business, seconded by Mr. Klein, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Aggrawal, Alaimo, Benson, Cline, Connors, Klein, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor

NAY: None Carried 8-0

Mr. Connors requested to add a new item to the agenda under new business. Mr. Connors apologized and stated that as a board member, he is listening to all of the concerns and feels he cannot do a thing to help and stated that he is going to do everything that he can.

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Motion requested by Mr. Connors for the Advisory Board to craft a letter to Commissioner Pritchett and the County expressing the concerns of the citizens, emphasizing the fact that they need to sit down and talk with our community and asking them to address this going forward, seconded by Ms. Alaimo.

Discussion: Mr. Klein asked if they were to vote to approve the advisory board write a letter, would they have to wait for another month for the meeting or could they have a special meeting where they could discuss this with the Commissioner. Mr. Benson stated that the board could call a special meeting anytime. Mr. Benson stated that they would have to notify the commissioner first. Ms. Alaimo stated that she thinks the letter just has to say that there are citizens that are very passionate about this park and it seems that there are people who are not in the community that are making plans and not listening to the people. She thinks that they are asking to be heard, whatever ideas that they have, where they live and the park. As he was expressing, they feel like they can't do anything. They are an advisory board, when somebody tells them their concerns about parks they are supposed to visit and this is bad and then they come back to the meeting to report something is bad and to please fix it. It feels like there are so many people coming to the board about Parrish Park and there is nothing that they can do. They are allowed to speak and the board says we hear you but she don't know where it is going to go from here. By having a meeting or having a letter, something that says it is so important to our people, something that is coming up, that they should really be heard and she thinks this is what they are supposed to do.

Mr. Benson stated that there has been a motion made and seconded, Mr. Connors nominated Mr. Klein to write a letter, Mr. Klein accepted, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Aggrawal, Alaimo, Benson, Cline, Connors, Klein, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor

NAY: None Carried 8-0

Motion requested by Mr. Benson to adjourn, Motion made by Randy Rodriguez, seconded by Williams Klein, accepted and moved by all.

AYE: Aggrawal, Alaimo, Benson, Cline, Connors, Klein, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor

NAY: None Carried 8-0

Meeting adjourned at pm

Public present: 13

Public comment cards: 10

Members present 9

Staff present: 6

City staff: 1 Total: 29

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Arnold Benson, Chair
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