**South Area Parks and Recreation**

**South Area Advisory Board**

## Via Teleconference (563) 999-2090 Access Code 810746#

Host Pin 4390#

***Monday, October 19, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.***

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South Area Advisory Board (SAAB), was conducted on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference, in accordance with safety precautions and social distancing guidelines due to the corona virus epidemic. A recording of this meeting is available.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Goelz, Chairperson

Charles Roger Hardin, Vice Chairperson

Theresa Barger

Roger Gangitano

Greg Minor

Kim Scalise

Roland VanArsdale

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marcia Booth

**STAFF PRESENT**

Steve Kimball, South Area Operations Manager

Jerry Gust, Parks Maintenance Superintendent

Robert Salazar, Recreation Superintendent

Teresa Rivera, Administrative Secretary

Jessica Breault, Parks Supervisor III

**PUBLIC**

None

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mary Goelz at 7:00 p.m. Seven (7) members were present and one (1) was absent. It was noted that the Board did have a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mary Goelz inquired if SAAB members had the opportunity to look over the minutes for both the regular meeting on August 17th and the special meeting on August 27th. Roger Gangitano made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 17, 2020; Charles Roger Hardin seconded, and the motion unanimously passed. Roger Gangitano made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on August 27, 2020; Charles Roger Hardin seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no comments from the Public.

**STAFF REPORTS**

1. Parks – Jerry Gust, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
   1. The damaged gym floor was replaced at Max K. Rodes Park Community Center and all floors were stripped and waxed at the South Mainland Community Center.
   2. Boardwalks around the Grant House at Fisherman’s Landing and at Max K. Rodes Park were replaced.
   3. Replaced the flow meters in two (2) of the three (3) irrigation pumps/systems at Max K. Rodes Park.
   4. The two (2) new spring riders in the Lake Washington Park playground were damaged but were replaced via the warranty.
   5. Performing renovations on all South Area athletic fields to prepare for the fall sports season.
   6. The ADA accessible dune crossovers were closed at Coconut Point and Juan Ponce de Leon Parks due to excessive erosion at the base of the crossovers making them unsafe for usage. Wheelbarrows were used to move the sand.
   7. Long Point pump house project awaiting pricing.
   8. Disabilities building at Wickham Park needs a new sewer line causing project delay and additional cost.
   9. A new roof was installed on the Youth Area shower building in Wickham Park.
   10. A car left the football field parking lot at Max K. Rodes Park Football Complex and ran through a wood rail fence, chain link fence, and then crashed into a concrete athletic field light pole causing significant damage.
   11. Upcoming projects:
       1. Voice activated alarm system for Max K. Rodes Park Community Center.
       2. Howard E. Futch Park will get a new shade structure for the playground.
       3. New playgrounds will be installed at Police Foundation Park, Grant Community Center and South Mainland Community Center.
       4. Drainage project for football fields at Max K. Rodes Park.
       5. Wickham Park road paving project.
       6. Contracting out to have 6 crossovers renovated.
       7. 300,000 pounds of rye seed will be laid on the fields.
       8. New partitions will be going into the restrooms at Suntree Park.
2. Questions:
   1. Roland VanArsdale asked about sand at the Bonsteel park crossover – he observed a woman with a walker trying to navigate the crossover. Jerry Gust said the dunes have gotten so high that the sand has built up because of the winds and we will get staff down there to move the sand (completed and photo attached).
   2. Charles Roger Hardin asked what was being done about the sand build up. Jerry Gust responded that it is still turtle season and we cannot go on the beach with any equipment right now therefore we had to use wheel barrows to make sure the crossovers were ADA compliant.
   3. He also inquired about the purpose of the voice activated alarm systems and Jerry Gust explained they audibly announce to exit the building.
   4. Mr. Hardin brought up that Mark’s Landing crossover is just a path in the dune itself and Jerry Gust informed that there is no plan at this point to construct one there. Brevard County has multiple locations where there are only paths through the dunes and not constructed crossovers.
   5. Theresa Barger inquired about the canopy and fencing at the Howard E. Futch Park playground. Jerry Gust confirmed the installation of the canopy and that the new playground would be in the same footprint of the current playground with the fence remaining.
3. Recreation – Rob Salazar, Recreation Superintendent
   1. October “Movies In The Park” were Ghostbusters at Max K. Rodes Park on the 9th, Beetlejuice on the 17th, and Hocus Pocus will be showing at Wickham Park as part of Kidtoberfest on 10/30.
   2. At Kidtoberfest, children will be given candy through PVC piping into their baskets for safety.
   3. The Art Explorers program at Max K. Rodes Park Community Center is in full swing for home schoolers.
   4. After school programs are operating at South Mainland Community Center, Viera Regional Community Center, and Max K. Rodes Park Community Center.
   5. Adult baseball is being held twice a week at Flutie Athletic Complex and Viera Regional Park.
   6. Upcoming drive-in movies – November 6th Freebird at Max K. Rodes Park and on November 20th Elf at Wickham Park.
   7. On November 20th there will be a drive by Thanksgiving luncheon pick up at South Mainland Community Center. Last year 75 attended the luncheon event and 150 are expected this year.
   8. Early voting is in progress at Max K. Rodes Park, Viera Regional Park, and Wickham Park Community Centers.
   9. The new Recreation Coordinator starts at South Beach Community Center on November 14th.
   10. We will be looking for a new Supervisor for Long Point Campgrounds.
4. Questions:
   1. Roland VanArsdale wanted to know if there had been any action on the non-motorized eco tours and Steve Kimball explained that the guidelines were still being drafted by Hector Lopez, Assistant Director, to present to the Board of County Commissioners.
   2. Theresa Barger inquired about safety procedures for Kidtoberfest and Robert Salazar outlined the precautions being taken.
5. Wickham Park – Jessica Breault, Parks Supervisor III
   1. Space Coast Lightfest has set up in earnest and will be starting a week early this year on November 13th.
   2. Upcoming events in 2021 include a circus and renaissance fair.
   3. Campground reservations are busy – 40% booked for next weekend, at 98% this past weekend.
6. Questions:
   1. Mary Goelz asked about the status of the farmer’s market and Jessica Breault stated that it has expanded quite a lot, is busier, and is utilizing CARES Act funding to provide vouchers to the public. It has been held in the regional pavilion since May and will be located there through at least December 19th.
7. Steve Kimball – South Area Operations Manager
   1. There are no budget updates that would impact operations. All Recreation Instructors and Partners must submit Covid-19 safety plans for approval prior to restarting activities.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Request to Rename Football Field at Max K. Rodes Park approved – Steve Kimball reported that we received the official transcript of the Board of County Commissioners approval and we are in the process of collaborating on the design of the signage that will be installed at the park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OTHER**

Roger Gangitano expressed that this staff does an excellent job of handling all the programs and maintenance in Parks and Recreation and thanked the staff for their hard work.

**ADJOURNMENT**

* Motion was made by Roland VanArsdale to adjourn the meeting
* Roger Gangitano seconded the motion
* All in favor, motion passed
* Next regular meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2020
* Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.