

# **The South/Central Brevard Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

Viera Government Center  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Building C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 313-Florida Room  
Viera, FL. 32940

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 2:00 p.m.**

A rescheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South / Central Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, was conducted on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

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## **Members Present**

Skip Taylor  
Nick Galluzzi  
Betty Wells  
Roger Hardin  
Mary Jane Nail

## **Members Absent**

Janice Scott  
Leartis Brothers  
Ralph Williams

## **Staff Present**

Richard Tucci, South Area Operations Manager  
Marsha Blizzard, Administrative Secretary

## **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Roger Hardin at 2:00pm. Five (5) members were present and three (3) were absent. It was noted that the board did have a quorum.

## **Pledge**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Hardin, Chairman.

## **Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman, Roger Hardin made a motion to accept minutes as written. All members accepted motion saying, aye. Minutes from July 9, 2024, meeting were approved, unanimously.**

## **Public Comment**

No public present. No Public comments

## **Board Member Reports**

No board member reports

## **Standing Committee Reports**

No Committee reports

## **Old Business**

Mary Jane Nail requested status of request to re-establish Wickham Park Advisory Board. Staff advised the recommendation was submitted via 2024 Annual Report with no response from the Commissioners.

Chairman, Hardin went over his draft submission of the annual report, expanding on what was accepted in the final report, including discussions. Staff informed board that the draft was reviewed and edited by Department Director, Mary Ellen Donner and the County Attorney's Office, out of need to streamline all advisory board reports. No recommendations were removed. Mr. Hardin stated his disappointment in the truncation. Mentioned that Commissioner Tobia had requested the longer version and sent his draft to staff for his review.

Update and discussion on Proposal of Amendment to Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of the South / Central Brevard Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Article IX, Public Meetings, Section 2, (3) Current verbiage: Speakers may be required to give their name and addresses for the record.

Per the County Attorney's Office, the public is not required to provide name and addresses. Therefore, proposed verbiage change to, Speakers are not required to give their name and addresses for the record.

Some members disagreed with speakers not being required to provide their name and addresses, but unclear on how do you enforce or vet them? It was suggested that with the verbiage of "may", the board could ask speakers to provide their name and district. Questioned if speakers are required to give name at Commissioner meetings.

Chairman, Roger Hardin advised not to go against the advice of the County Attorney and to table the discussion until new Commissioners were in office. Ms. Nail stated she'd attend next meeting to verify speakers are required to provide names. **Mr. Hardin made motion to table the discussion until then. Ms. Nail seconded. All members unanimously agreed.**

Note the next Board of County Commissioners meeting to be held on October 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

## **New Business**

Discussion regarding reappointment of Chairman Roger Hardin. District three (3) Commissioner Tobia is not up for reelection and would not be reappointing Mr. Hardin. Leaving

that to the new commissioner. There were three (3) commissioner seats up for election; Districts one (1), three (3), and five (5).

County staff informed the board of their appointment terms and dates for reappointment. All applications were sent to the new commissioners for review.

Based on the Bylaws, the proposed meeting dates for 2025 should be January 7, April 8, July 8, and October 7.

**Motion made by Chairman, Roger Hardin to accept the meeting dates, as proposed, for January 7, 2025, April 8, 2025, July 8, 2025, and October 7, 2025. Motion seconded by Vice Chair, Mary Jane Nail. Meeting dates were approved by all members.**

Member Skip Taylor informed board of the ground breaking ceremony for new amphitheater at Veterans Memorial, in Sykes Creek, Merritt Island, District two (2). Open to the public on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mary Jane wanted to know who can use the new amphitheater and what is the process to reserve. Mr. Taylor asked county staff if there were other areas for arts and performances, Wickham Park.

Mr. Taylor asked how the county fared during the hurricanes. Mr. Tucci, South Area Operations Manager responded. Some damage in all the area parks. Most of the parks will be closed for another week or two. The worst damage in the South Area was Long Point campground. Suffered substantial flooding and currently closed with backflow into the ranger station. As we can, will open spaces as they dry out. Some pedestals under water. Some lights came down at Flutie Park in Melbourne Beach and a lot of debris. Eau Gallie boat ramp will have to be redone with finger piers. Fisherman's, Christensen's, and Jorgenson's boat ramps were under water. Just a matter of drying out Filing all the FEMA reports. Not as much beach erosion as in the past, so crossovers fared better.

### **Public Comment**

No public present. Chairperson acknowledged no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Roger Hardin to adjourn meeting. So moved by Mary Jane Nail. Seconded by Betty Wells. All in favor, motion passed.**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2025

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/s/ Mr. C. Roger Hardin 01-07-2025