



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Parks and Recreation Department**  
**Central Area Parks Operations**  
840 Forrest Avenue  
Cocoa, Florida 32922

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CENTRAL AREA PARKS OPERATIONS**  
**District 2 Merritt Island/Beaches Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**February 16, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Jack Masson  
Mary Jane Nail, Chair  
Janice Scott, Vice-Chair  
Ralph Williams, III

**Members Not Present**

Phil Barnes  
Debby Gauntlett  
Cathy Jarrell

**Staff Present**

Terry Lane, Central Area Parks Operations Manager  
Fred Ameigh, Central Area Maintenance Superintendent  
Courtney Kellem, Central Area Recreation Superintendent  
Denise Hayes, Central Area Parks Operations Administrative Secretary

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Nail called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. Approval of November 17, 2021 Minutes**

**Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams. The motion passed unanimously.**

**III. Old Business**

**Financial Report**

Mr. Lane stated four months into the fiscal year Central Area Parks Operations has spent 38% of its projected expenditures.

Chair Nail asked if the Financial Report reflected the expenses Parks and Recreation incurred during the time Kiwanis Island Park was being used as a site for the Monoclonal Antibody Covid Therapy.

Mr. Lane stated he had sent an email to the Parks and Recreation Director regarding the Board's recommendation that Parks and Recreation be reimbursed the money that was spent and/or lost at the Kiwanis Island Park Community Center while the Community Center was closed for recreation and being used as a site for the Monoclonal Antibody Covid Therapy. He further stated that the Director spoke to County management, and they said Parks and Recreation would not be getting reimbursed.

Mr. Masson asked what the revenue loss was for that time period.

Mr. Lane stated it was an approximate loss of \$2,500 a month because it didn't happen during the summer months when Parks and Recreation collects most of its revenue.

### **Attendance and Programs Report**

Ms. Kellem informed the Board that County run over 50 softball leagues were playing on Tuesday nights, and coed kickball leagues were playing on Wednesday nights at Kiwanis Island Park. She further informed the Board that there was going to be an adult soccer tournament at Mitchell Ellington Park starting Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and running through Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Kellem stated that Spring Training starts Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and runs through Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and that Merritt Island Little League would be holding its Opening Day event sometime next month.

Ms. Kellem Informed the Board that on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> the One Day Fun Day would be held at Kiwanis Island Park Community Center. She further informed the Board that all of the community centers would be open and ready to transport kids at 9:00 a.m. and return 4:00 p.m. to the home community center and that there must a minimum of 5 children registered in order for staff to transport the children to Kiwanis Island.

Ms. Kellem stated that Spring Break Camp would be held March 14<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup>, that Summer Camp would begin Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and run through Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Kellem stated the Food Truck Festival/Movies in the Park would be held at Mitchell Ellington Park on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> and Kiwanis Island Park on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Kellem stated that the same Food Truck Festival/Movies in the Park was held on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Mitchell Ellington Park and that it had approximately 15 food trucks signed up to participate.

Ms. Kellem stated the Rotary Park Nature Center Program Supervisor was continuing with all programing, including private homeschool programs outside while the Nature Center siding project is being completed. She further stated that the Big Kid Adventure group went to Vero Beach for the Balloon Festival on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Kellem stated that Woody Simpson Park Community Center held a Princess Ball on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### **Maintenance Report**

Mr. Ameigh stated the new fencing installation around the tennis courts at Mitchell Ellington Park has been completed and that staff was beginning the installation of the new football field goals.

Mr. Ameigh stated the siding project at Rotary Park Nature Center was approximately 90% complete.

Mr. Ameigh informed the Board that at Robert Murkshe Park new shower towers were being installed to replace the ones that had rusted.

#### **IV. New Business**

Chair Nail distributed a letter she received regarding the installation of a self-contained Thrive 900 Outdoor Gym in the parks and stated she felt it was a good idea.

Mr. Lane stated almost every playground company has fitness stations.

Mr. Lane also stated it would be good idea depending on available funding and location.

Mr. Lane further stated that if Chair Nail was thinking about the outdoor gym equipment being installed at Lori Wilson Park it would have to go through the Tourism Development Office Board.

Chair Nail passed gavel to Mr. Williams for the purpose her making a motion.

**Chair Nail made a motion to have a self-contained outdoor gym equipment installed next to a playground so that parents can watch their children and exercise at the same time. Ms. Scott seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Masson recommended staff consider this type of equipment be incorporated into the next fiscal year's budget, and that staff give the Board a presentation at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Scott wanted to know what the cost would be.

Mr. Lane stated he would investigate the cost and present the numbers to the Board at the next meeting.

#### **Election of 2022 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

Mr. Lane opened the floor for nominees for Chairperson.

Mr. Masson nominated Chair Nail be re-elected as Chairperson.

Chair Nail nominated Mr. Williams be elected as Chairperson.

Mr. Williams declined the nomination.

Ms. Nail accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected Chairperson for 2022.

Chair Nail nominated Ms. Scott as Vice-Chairperson for 2022.

Ms. Scott accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson for 2022.

#### **Projects**

Mr. Lane distributed the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Capital Improvements projects list.

Mr. Lane gave the following information:

- Rotary Park Nature Center siding replacement project is still ongoing.
- Kiwanis Island Park Community Center voice activated fire alarm system installation has been completed.

- Watts Park playground replacement has been completed.
- Kiwanis Island Park playground replacement has been completed.
- Kiwanis Island Park tennis court restroom renovations is set to begin soon.
- The MILA Sport Complex Lassie and Little League dugout renovations are set to begin after baseball and softball seasons are over.
- Rotary Park playground replacement should be installed soon.
- Kelly Park East has been budgeted for a new restroom building and an additional pavilion.
- Rotary Park soccer field lighting project is being worked on by staff and Musco Lighting.
- There are five septic to sewer conversion projects; two are on Merritt Island, Rotary Park, and Manatee Cove Park. The other three are on the mainland.
- Veterans Memorial playground replacement, shade structure and band shell are being worked on by staff and the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency.

Mr. Lane stated that the Lori Wilson Park beach crossovers have to be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup> because of turtle season. He further stated that after turtle season the connector sections will begin to be replaced and the pavilions that are part of the connectors. He stated that in May the new sewer lines and CXT restrooms will be installed, and that once the new restrooms are completely installed the old ones would be demolished.

Mr. Masson asked staff to provide an update on the projected completion date for the Mansfield Maritime Hammock boardwalk.

#### **V. Public Input**

There were no public present

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Chair Nail adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

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Signature line for Chair Mary Jane Nail