

## **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, May 13, 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

### **Members absent**

Nitan (Sunny) Aggrawal  
Willie Taylor

### **City of Titusville Elected Officials / Staff**

Dan Diesel ( not present)

### **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 II

### **Brevard County District 1 Commission Office Staff**

Rita Pritchett, Brevard County Commissioner  
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 Commissioner Pritchett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **I. Roll Call:**

Absent:

**Nitan (Sunny) Aggrawal, Willie Taylor**

**Motion requested by Arnie Benson to excuse Willie Taylor. Motion by Randy Rodriguez, seconded by William Klein accepted and moved by all.**

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

**NAY: None Carried 7-0**

**Motion requested by Arnie Benson to excuse Sunny Aggrawal. Motion by Amelia Robinson, seconded by Randy Rodriguez accepted and moved by all.**

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

**NAY: None Carried 7-0**

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion requested by Arnie Benson to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting with corrections. Motion by William Klein, seconded by Randy Rodriguez, accepted and moved by all.**

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

**NAY: None Carried 7-0**

### **III. REPORTS**

**A. Miscellaneous Reports & Updates—FYI - None**

**B. Chairman’s Report on Meetings – (Briefing will be live)**

#### **C. Advisory Board Members**

**Mr. Connors:** Mr. Connors stated that the parks look great. The boardwalk at Tom Statham Park may need to be mowed. The weeds are starting to grow up through the cracks.

**Ms. Alaimo:** Ms. Alaimo stated that all of her parks look great. She had an opportunity to talk to people at Manzo Park and they really love the new equipment. Kudos from the Community. Good progress at Rotary Park.

**Ms. Robinson:** Mrs. Robinson did not get out to see her parks but she did want to check on the water stains on the ceiling in the computer room at Cuyler Community Center. Mr. Davis stated that the water stains on the ceiling have been investigated and will be painted. Mrs. Robinson also inquired about the blocks on the Gibson Center. Mr. Davis stated that he has discussed this with the maintenance team and there are plans for improvements on the exterior as well as the interior. It was painted inside and out two years ago. With the oak trees and the conditions that exist with pollen build up, they will be pressure washing. Mr. Loadholtz stated that they have been in search of the replacement bricks for the Gibson Complex for about three weeks. They haven’t given up but are having trouble finding them.

**Ms. Cline:** Ms. Cline stated that she didn’t visit her parks but she did attend an event at the pavilion inside the Harry T Moore Park. The people that she attended with were so impressed with how clean the park was, how beautiful it was. The staff from Parks came through twice to check and make sure everything was alright. It was amazing the attention on a Saturday by the staff. Ms. Cline was very proud of the work being done and she thanked staff for their efforts.

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**Mr. Klein:** Mr. Klein stated that all of his parks look very good. He had one idea that he was thinking about looking at the calendar of the parks. Some of the information on the website doesn't list everything and it might be good if the board members could look on the website and bring the discrepancies to the meeting. The website page for Chain of Lakes Park it says no picnic facilities, but there are picnic tables and benches in the park. He is wondering if he should go through the parks and check against the information on the website and then submit the corrections to the office. Mr. Davis stated that this was a great idea and would welcome Board Members to bring any discrepancies to the meetings.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Mr. Rodriguez stated that the parks in Port St John are looking really good. Mother Nature has helped to green everything up. The crew that is doing the mowing is keeping up well. The Port St John boat ramp is still waiting for solutions that are already in progress.

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Benson stated that Parrish Park Scottsmoor is doing fine. There is still construction going on at Scottsmoor Landing. Mr. Loadholtz said that it is part of the overall water base improvement, including the drainage project working with storm water. They are in the final stages of that project now.

### **D. City of Titusville**

**Mayor Dan Diesel:** (not present)

### **E. North Area Parks Operations Staff**

**Jeff Davis:** Mr. Davis stated that the City of Titusville has CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) dollars to spend in the parks owned by the City of Titusville. Parks & Recreation has presented project ideas for four parks owned by the City. Mr. Davis said that there may be a report from Mayor Diesel at the next meeting with more information for the proposed projects. There was some discussion with the Chamber of Commerce for a grand re-opening at Rotary Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Davis commended the staff for the work that they bring daily to make the team successful. Mr. Benson suggested checking with the high school for possibly interest in life guard positions. Mr. Hoffman will check into this suggestion.

### **Mike Hoffmann: NAPO Recreation Report**

The May MITP is on Saturday, May 29 at Walter Butler Community Center and will be combined with the "Community Appreciation Day" event, starting at 3PM. The event will be held in the open field in front of WBCC and will have games, bounce houses, food vendors and more. The event will have a night cap with a MITP showing of "Big Hero 6".

North Area Parks Operations (NAPO) office is working with Valiant Air Command on how to administer a free STEM program to North Brevard students. So far, WBCC, ICC, PSJCC, and SCC have all attended the programming has been a major success. The last day of programming will be Friday, May 14 and will hopefully continue in the Fall after Summer Camp ends.

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00PM. This event was sold out at 200 tickets and was an overall success.

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Port St. John CC hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Family Fun Fit Day" on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-12:00PM at Fay Lake Wilderness Park. There was a total of 6 vendors with free prizes and giveaways. Some vendors backed out the last second and the attendance was 150.

Summer Camp enrollment opened on Monday, May 3 for; ICCC, SCC, Cuyler CC, PSJCC, and WBCC. North Area Park Operations is prepared for a potentially large or small Summer Camp operation at all our facilities.

Open swim for summer camps and swim lessons for the public are unlikely to be available due to a mass shortage of Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards. Pay rates were recently increased in order to compete with other local organizations but time is running out.

### **Tex Loadholtz: NAPO Maintenance Report**

#### **Space Coast Community Sports Complex**

Musco Control Link system being installed to the football fields, purchase order provided to contractor, installation being coordinated later this month. 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 two pedestrian crossovers connecting the football and baseball fields to their west parking lots are complete. All construction completed in-house.

#### **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.

Flooring tile project has commenced and in progress in the large meeting room. Tentative completion is May 24.

#### **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 was April 25 with substantial completion June 25, final completion is July 9.

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

Trees are in process of being pruned within urban forestry guidelines by certified arborist.

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

### **Statham Park**

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

Replaced two a/c condensing units due to condition and age in the office building.

### **Rotary Park Riverfront**

Under construction with project repairs on schedule. The shoreline revetment and dock are complete including the metal roof over the terminal point of the dock. The south end has been paved and sodded. The north end not part of hurricane repair is scheduled for asphalt resurfacing May 21. Project has an estimated completion of 40 weeks or 280 calendar days for target date of substantial completion May 31.

A new park sign to replace the existing is ready for install. Sign will be installed in-house by the end of the month.

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

A ribbon cutting ceremony is being coordinated for a date in June.

### **Space View Park**

Project under construction, 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. Geotechnical work in progress when sinking pilings into muck discovered, the issue pushes back original completion to June 2021.

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. Completed one monument as test, looks great.

### **Manzo Park**

The new playground is open and getting much use.

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

New wood rail fence between the playground and the parking area complete.

Coordinating pressure washing and painting restrooms.

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Replaced hardware on picnic tables benches.

### **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 Bismark palms as replacement, timing to plant will be after June 7 when nesting season has past. New planting timeframe to be after October 1, 2021.

### **Sandpoint Park**

Coordinating with a volunteer group on planting mangroves along the shoreline in four designated areas. The planting day is scheduled for Saturday, May 29.

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.

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 in inventory, extra parts from manufacturer on order. Slide should be re-installed by the end of the month.

### **Veteran's Pier**

Met with Construction Manager and contractor to define the scope of work in addressing the electrical issues for the north pier. Scope of work to include removal/relocate the electric box under the pier, re-splicing the line and connections and weather seal. Contract in process. Timeline for repair this summer.

### **Gibson Complex**

Turf repair and strong cultural practices implemented to the football fields. Actions include aerification in multiple directions to relieve compaction and improve oxygen in root zones, weed treatment, irrigation repair and an eight-week intense growth program. Also evaluating drainage issues on west side of complex to reduce water retention on the fields.

One remaining field light ordered on east field for replacement. Installation of Control-Link System for quality operation of the sports fields lighting is complete.

Replaced the a/c condenser in building D. Replaced the air handler in building A.

Searching for matching bricks for repair of north wall. Update will be provided based on supply availability.

### **Campbell Park**

The demolition of the basketball courts began this week. Project is full removal and replacement of the concrete basketball courts converting to asphalt. Removal, grading, installing base material and asphalt

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surfacing to take approximately 2 weeks. There is a 28-day cure on the asphalt before top coat and stripes. Construction zone fenced off to manage access. Anticipate project completion June 30.

Proceeding with installing two twenty-six-foot diameter shade hats to cover the playground. Anticipate ship date June 8.

Coordinating the replacement of the countertops and painting each restroom of the community center, project rescheduled updated timeline TBD. Men's room identified first, ladies' room to follow.

### **Blanton Park**

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

Ordered new basketball backboards and rims, materials are being upgraded to match the boards at Campbell Community Center. Installation to be coordinated in 60 days.

### **WW James**

Replaced 100KVA transformer due to leakage.

### **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. Provided PO to contractor for pads. Presently coordinating with the City on permit requirements.

Demo and removal of two existing units complete in preparation for new equipment.

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.

Replacement of the formica serving counters converting to stainless steel complete. In process of renovating and replacing tops to prep tables with polymer counters.

### **PSJ Community Center**

Replacement of the surface water drain pipes from Corto Rd. through the north parking area and to the retention pond is in process. A new asphalt basketball court to be constructed at the end of the project with conversion of the north parking lot into multipurpose use. Anticipate June completion.

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### **Fay Park**

Demo of the old playground complete. Tentative delivery and installation of new play system and swings scheduled for week of May 24.

### **North Brevard Senior Center**

Repairs to the room divider complete.

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, completion by September.

Demolition and removal of concrete basketball court in progress. Grading, base and asphalt scheduled week of May 17. Asphalt has 28-day cure time until final coating and lines. Anticipate completion end of June. Park will remain closed during the curing period as the court is located in the middle of the park and cannot support any activity.

### **Chain of Lakes**

Scope of work for re-grassing eight acres of sports turf on the west soccer complex is complete with project going out for bid through Purchasing Services. Anticipate start time first of July.

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

### **Cuyler Park & Community Center**

The new playground is in manufacturing and tentatively scheduled for delivery the first week in June.

Demolition and installation is being scheduled immediately after summer camp where existing play structure will be available to summer program. Saved all possible existing shade structures to incorporate into new play system.

### **Harry T Moore**

Removed large brush pile south of the center.

Pressure washed west doors and pavilion.

Drain issues in a/c room resulted in water seeping under the museum wall damaging the laminate wood flooring. Parts on order with expected repair the week of May 17 for the a/c system. Alternate relief expansions cut into exterior threshold to allow water to move out the a/c room created in addition to drain repair. New porcelain tile to be installed in water damaged room, color selection this week. Replacement project to commence week of May 17.

Large European honey bee hive removed from one of the south building columns and relocated by professional beekeeper.

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In process of activating security cameras in the replica house and viewing monitor from offices to have visual of all building entrances.

Acquiring quotes for installation of front entrance gates.

### **Holder Park**

Demolition of existing playground scheduled for last week in May. New play structure planned for shipping first week in June.

Replaced 5 hp irrigation pump.

### **Rails Trail**

FDOT provided guidelines for sign permit application for new postings on US1 identifying the Aurantia Rd trailhead. Working on package.

FDOT completed design to improve positive drainage in specific locations, construction in progress. Anticipate completion May 21. Public notices and trail signage on the trail for public notification.

### **Scottsmoor Landing**

Coordinating with USCG on replacement beacon specifications. Contractors have been issued PO, day beacons ordered.

### **Sandrift Community Center**

Perimeter concrete around the asphalt basketball court repaired and pressure washed. Contractor grinding and resurfacing the asphalt portion scheduled to begin Monday, May 17. In-house work for gripper coating the perimeter to follow the contractor. New surface lines to also include activities for hop scotch and four-square.

### **Singleton Tennis Courts**

The south two tennis courts (#9 & 10) have been re-stripped 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.

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### **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. Timeline delayed to September.

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 completed April 28, FDOT maintenance obligations end May 8. Parks staff has assumed maintenance responsibility.

### **Flap Parrish Trailhead**

CPH has submitted 90% design which is out for review with SJRWMD. City of Titusville has approved variances for the project. 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.

**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.

### **IV. Presentations and/or Recreation Partner Reports: (None Scheduled)**

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS** - Letter to Commissioner regarding Parrish Park Titusville

Commissioner Pritchett stated that she decided to show up so that the Board could speak with her rather than writing a letter. Mr. Connors stated that it is about making sure that everyone's voice is heard and he is representing the people that come to the Board meetings to voice their concerns. Commissioner Pritchett was pleased that the Board is listening to the public, and stated that her office is always open and that is important to her as well. This has been a very emotional project for some people and change is always tough. She met with Lorilee this week and settled into a few things going on and there are some things that they just can't do. She stated that she really appreciates what the Board does, she appreciates the Board listening to people. She listens to the meetings, reads the minutes and she stated that what the Board is doing is important. Her only regret is that she wished she had like two hundred million dollars to give the Board and build that wall for you. Thank you for what you are doing. She loves our community and loves our parks and appreciates everything the Board is doing. She would love for everyone to come up and see her at her office, they just moved to the Tom Statham Park. The North Brevard Economic Zone moved into the building also. She can show the Board members around in one of NAPO's parks, have coffee and see the new office.

Mr. Klein had sent two letters about the Parrish Park Project with two different ideas, a lot of information on what they thought they would like to see there. He was expecting them and had written them for Arnie to sign. He was expecting one of those would have been chosen before the meeting. He can remember some of

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the things that were in the letters. One is that we definitely need to have living shoreline protection. There are grants available if there is no for money for the project. He has sent in information on what grants are available and how to get them for shoreline protection. He believes that we can regain a lot of that park. He has estimated that 80 foot of shoreline has been washed away. Because it has not been protected since it was first built. He believes we can get that back if they're willing to work on it. He was looking at a project down at MRC. They're working with a new type, of oyster type little barriers that you can build the shoreline. They've got it a demonstration there. This has allowed sand to accrete behind these little barriers and build up. The idea that he was listing was, you can usually work with Fish and Wildlife on about ten foot off the shoreline. He was thinking that if we would use these barriers the way he was designing them and the way they are doing it at MRC, you could gain ten foot and when that is gained, you can go for the next ten foot. Over a period of time, rebuild our park there. These were some of the ideas that he had in the letters to be submitted. Also, they do not want to have a seawall along Parrish Park. It will increase the erosion. It will cause the sand to wash away and it could become a barrier to having the new park, the way it is designed. He knows when Hurricane Irma came, it washed thirty foot of sand away from the platforms at Space View Park and they collapsed. It was because there was no shoreline protection, just rocks and hardened barriers. The same thing happened at the Max Brewer Bridge. There was a nice walkway along the bridge. It washed out and collapsed with Hurricane Irma. This is what happens when there is no natural shoreline protection. This is what he would like to see done at Parrish Park. This is what he has been pushing for to be done at Parrish Park. He also thinks that at Parrish Park we need to provide access for wind surfers, kite surfers, and catamarans. This is the only park that he knows of in Brevard County where catamarans can be launched. During the meeting in City Council, one of the people designing Parrish Park changes said they could launch catamarans there. One of the things he admitted is that he didn't know anything about launching catamarans. The man who launches catamarans explained in detail why it doesn't work the way they were designing it. He feels that they need to bring in the people who are using Parrish Park for kite surfing, wind surfing and catamarans to input their comments to the designers. They are eliminating some of the uses for Parrish Park. This is what he wrote in the two letters to submit at this meeting which he thought was going to be there. If necessary, he can drive home and get his own copies. Commissioner Pritchett said that she is listening and that he typically sends everything to her anyways. She stated that she reads his stuff and she has a few things to incorporate. As far as the letters, she has spoken numerous times to Mr. Klein on the phone, in person and he sends a lot and she does read them. She knows everything that he would like to have done and she is listening. Mr. Klein stated that he hasn't seen anything on the shoreline protection. Commissioner Pritchett stated that as far as the shoreline protection, she is with him on that. She is trying to get some funds and trying to negotiate some ideas to add sand to there. She is looking at almost a million dollars. She did get ahold of FDOT and the person that he spoke with is favorable to North Brevard. He is going to help her through some of the permitting and she is working on some funding and finding the right sand resources. A couple things on this that she has noted: if they get off the design and people are saying don't do this, most of the things we aren't doing, she can't really get into a conversation about the things that they are not doing. With all of the things they are doing, she can talk about those things. Regarding the sea wall, there is no sea wall. It started getting out there, this is a design that the St. Johns River Water Management wanted because

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all of the road debris has been running right into the lagoon. She knows that people are having a blast and she would love for that to continue if they weren't destroying it so badly. They have never had this much traffic on that Park ever. She has grown up here. She thinks that what happened is there are all these jet skis here now. There are all the big trucks coming, pulling their jet skis and they are having a blast. They are setting up their tents and having fun. She has been driving down there in the afternoons on the weekends. It is the biggest parking lot, there is no room for more cars. She sees that it is the biggest bathroom she has seen in her life in this little area at Parrish Park. There is a lot of things going on and trucks driving everywhere. There's not a chance for the horseshoe crabs. Its one of the environmental things, all of the runoff is going into the lagoon. They are dumping their gas into the jet skis over the lagoon. They are fun but it has to be changed.

Commissioner Pritchett stated that she totally trusts Ms. Lorilee. She had her come and meet with her and the consultant. She said that they have to get people off that shoreline, they have to protect the horseshoe crabs and they've got to work on the lagoon. That was the objective. She knows some things are a little more uncomfortable with some of the things the SJRWM came back with but all that to say they tried to get porous concrete in there and the SJRWM said no, you are going to clog the lagoon. You must have this concrete that will hit that block barrier and then treat that water before it goes off in the lagoon. The thing that keeps getting called a sea wall, it is a block barrier. The bottom of it is 18 inches above sea level. It can't possibly become a seawall. It is going to do its job with blocking that water runoff. It comes off the road and is going to pour into a treatment area. SJRWM is adamant about that design. As far as the hurricanes, she does not know what to do with them. The last hurricane that we had, we lost every dock but one. Every other dock got completely destroyed. It cost us millions of dollars to replace. She stated that she respects Mr. Klein, she hears him and she appreciates the phone calls that they have. She said that everyone keeps talking about the non-motorized vehicles. This is being done for the non-motorized vehicles. She suggested that you go down there on a Saturday afternoon about 4 pm when you can drive through. She has a video that she made. She counted 72 cars, 69 of them were trucks with jet skis. And there was a few people set up but the trucks and jet skis were pretty much filling up the whole space. There were a few cars parked up on the side. They can't utilize that with the jet skis taking over. She had a talk with Robin Fisher trying to figure out a jet ski idea and he came up with another idea to build them their own dock and parking. She said they can possibly do that to get the cars off of this area. They had considered a little curb but the trucks would drive right over it. They added big vertical poles up every four or five feet so the cars can't get through. They can walk straight out into the water from the car, there is just a little curb to step over. As far as all of the non-motorized crafts, they're going to have room and it is a short walk from the parking area. Some of the information is being misinterpreted from looking at the design. She does not apologize for getting some of those cars off of that park. That park cannot hold that many cars, they are destroying the environment, destroying the lagoon. There will be about a billion dollars of tax money spent to try to repair the lagoon. These are the things that have to be done. The things on the side are not stairs, they are ramps for people that have disabilities. Everything we do now has to be ADA compliant. It will be the same path except cars can no longer park in the water. She spoke with Lorilee, she doesn't want the tubes up but they can come back and discuss other options later. Commissioner Pritchett said that she really does want to increase that shoreline so she is going to be working on some funds to do that. She has taken every phone call, had every meeting, and they have

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been working on this for a few years now. She feels it is going to be a good project for our lagoon and our community and she is getting a lot of positive input as well as concerns. She would love to eventually get a bathroom down there. That is a whole other thing since there are no water and sewer lines out there. That is something that she would love to see there. She thanked everyone for their time and asked if anyone had any questions. She does not have all the answers but she will tell you the truth. She has no agenda on this except our community. Mr. Klein said that the one thing he would like to stop by and see sometime are the new drawings of the designs because the drawings that he saw that were in the City Council meeting showed steps on the west side of the Park and a ramp on the far east side. Commissioner Pritchett stated that they are ramps on both sides and are ADA compliant. She said that when you park and get out of the car, you can walk straight to the water, you do not have to go to the ends to get out onto the sand. Bianca stated that she would like to commend Commissioner Pritchett and Mr. Klein, and everyone for their input. She said everyone is passionate about this project and after they spoke, Commissioner Pritchett called and spoke with everyone. It is known that she does listen to the meeting and she calls everyone by their name. Being a president of an HOA, there is a lot of information that people don't know and things that you can't do so you want to please everybody but you can't always make everyone happy. All the misinformation gets passed around. Its really nice to have everyone here saying what they are feeling and having her here to explain and hear their concerns, she would just like to commend everyone, Parks & Rec, and the community for being passionate about this project. Mr. Benson thanks Commissioner Pritchett for attending the meeting. The idea of the letter was to confirm that you did know about the concerns and you certainly have shown that. He thanked her for being at the meeting and for answering the questions.

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS** – New Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Klein thought this was a good idea. The one thing he would suggest is when they have the meetings and the public comes in, they have on the table what is going to go on next month. He was looking at the calendar and he thinks the calendar needs to be redesigned. The calendar will have the date with thirteen or fifteen different things going on but it doesn't tell you where the events are located. He is thinking if they are not going to have things available to the public, they should have the calendar say each park and what the events are that are scheduled there. When he looked at the calendar for this month, it doesn't have anything listed for Chain of Lakes. It says the only thing going on at Sand Point Park is registering for Summer Camp. He knows there is a lot going on and this is where he thinks the calendar needs a little help. He would like the calendars with all activities scheduled brought to the meetings. He would like less meetings.

Mr. Connors made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting. Amelia Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**AYE: Connors, Alaimo, Klein, Robinson**

**NAY: Cline, Rodriguez, Benson**

**Motion carried 4-3.**

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Mr. Davis stated that the Board had already voted to not meet in the months of July and December. He stated that the Board of County Commissioners do not meet in June. There would be no business to present to the Commissioners since they are not meeting. He asked if the Board still wanted to meet in the month of June. The rest of the discussion could be discussed at the next meeting. Jane Cline asked if she could make a motion to discuss having a meeting in June since the Commissioners are not meeting in June. Mr. Rodriguez said that he was in favor and asked if that was a motion. Ms. Cline made a motion to cancel the meeting in June. Randy Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

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

**NAY: None**                      **Carried 7-0**

Mr. Benson reminded the Board that they can call a meeting at anytime if something comes up that they need, to discuss. Mr. Davis stated that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12.

### **II. Public Comment:**

1. Michael Myjak – Mr. Myjak left the meeting prior to speaking.

2. Laura Ward: Ms. Ward would like to clarify, when they were here last meeting, she remembered that the Board voted to send a letter to Commissioner Pritchett's office asking for a meeting not with everybody but with the users of the park to talk with the consultants about particular things that were missing from the park. She came in late, she said the letter did not go. She asked what came of that. The Commissioner offered to come instead, she asked if that was what happened. Mr. Benson stated that this was correct. Ms. Ward thanked Commissioner Pritchett for the phone call, she appreciated the opportunity to talk to her early on. Now, what she did hear the Commissioner say, she talked about some of the things that were issues for people but she never heard that the Commissioner met with or are going to meet with the actual users, the people that use the park. Commissioner Pritchett stated that anyone who calls her for a meeting, she would be glad to meet with them. She has an open-door policy for anyone wishing to discuss things with her. Ms. Ward said that there is only a couple people that can tell her what they need for them to continue with their sport. Commissioner Pritchett stated that they have the project designs complete. When she said that, she meant minor tweaks like tree placement but the basic design that is done, its ready to go and the funding is there. Small things she can do, the other things that they need, there are other projects that she is going to start working on are ones like what Mr. Klein had brought up about getting a bigger shore line. She is actively involved in doing that, she is trying to find a place for the jet skis to launch. Ms. Ward said that she completely agrees that the jet skis have to go somewhere else, that would solve a huge problem. But the people there that do the kites and other water sports indicate from what they can tell from the drawings that there is a lot missing that they need. Commissioner Pritchett said that they can call her. She thinks that some of the push back is that they think they have to walk all the way down to the end but they do not have to do that. They can walk straight across from the parking area to the water. Ms. Ward stated that she can read the drawings as well and she said there is an elevation change they have compensated for by pushing it back. Commissioner Pritchett said that there is a slope that they would walk down. Ms. Ward said they are talking about no place to lay their kites out, they need to lay them out for a long distance. Commissioner Pritchett stated that it is a parking lot. The kite surfers are having to figure that out now to lay their kites out between the cars. They would have more room since there will be no cars on the sand/beach area. This will open up all that area except where people put up their tents. Ms. Ward asked if they can come or if she would talk to them on the phone. Commissioner Pritchett stated that they are welcome

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to come into her office. She has never not made an appointment with anyone that wants one. Ms. Ward thanked her for agreeing to speak with them. Commissioner Pritchett stated that she has never turned anyone away from coming into her office. As far as the consultants, absolutely not. They are hired by us, they hear what she wants them to do from the design. Someone got ahold of them from the City Council meeting and he almost quit because he was threatened. She will never put someone that they hire in that position again. People are passionate and they don't know how to contain their words when they are passionate. Ms. Ward stated that she did not think that the Commissioner would meet with anyone. What she is asking is can they come to the Commissioners office and show her on the drawings what their concerns are for their sport. Commissioner Pritchett stated that she meets with everybody. Ms. Ward asked if Commissioner Pritchett could ask the consultants about their questions. Commissioner Pritchett said that she is pretty familiar with the project and can answer the questions that they have. Commissioner Pritchett stated that she is not the enemy, she understands that people are passionate and they don't deal with change well but by the time they are done with it, it is going to be a wonderful project for the community. She stated that not everyone will get what they want because some people shouldn't be there. She feels this is the best way to handle this because it is really tearing up our environment. She is hopeful that they can find a place to put them but she has to do what is best for this community.

3. Lorilee Thompson: Ms. Thompson distributed drawings to the Board members. She stated that the last time you provided photographs. This time they are based on the actual architectural drawings that they have access to for the park. She stated that Commissioner Pritchett met with her for a long time in her office and she accepts the fact now of the paved driveway so that the stormwater can be handled properly. The only thing that changed on that drawing from the original plans is that the sidewalk and the bollard foundation has been replaced with half a berm. The other half of the berm has to be there anyways. And the berm got raised. It is a thirteen-foot wide raised berm. This will give a really natural transition to the shoreline. If you have seen the paper, you have seen about the 300 manatees. Most of the manatees that starved to death in Brevard County, starved to death up here. There is no sea grass and we can't keep doing things the same way over and over again, because it is not helping the lagoon. We have to change the way we are looking at it and thinking of things to do that are going to be better for the lagoon. She has said many times, it is the entrance to the third most visited wildlife refuge in the Nation. This would be a lot more natural looking entrance to the wildlife refuge. With this kind of design, we would be able to keep the wildlife that is there, the three hundred black skimmers that loaf on the beach there and all the shore birds that run up and down. It would give them a place, rather than standing on the concrete. So this is like a hybrid between green infrastructure and gray infrastructure. And this is what a lot of designers are moving towards now, trying to work with nature and not against it. You'll see that the foundation is still there but the bollards are gone. And the bollards are a big problem for the kite boarders. They are concerned that they will get those long lines. They do set up their kites actually in the road and then once they get airborne, they go out into the water. They are concerned that they are going to have issues with the bollards. With this design the bollards go away, the concrete sidewalk goes away and you have some cuts through the berm so the people can get down to the beach. It would be a really spectacular entrance to the wildlife refuge and something different that would be really good for the lagoon. All it does is put dirt on top of the sidewalks and the bollards, it doesn't change anything.

Mr. Klein stated that looking at the sketch that Lorilee brought up would really solve a lot of the problems that he saw. The sketch that she has put on the 8 ½ x 11 sheet, he thinks would work out very well with the design that he had seen at the Titusville City meeting which had the bollards and what looked like a wall between the water and the drive way. He thinks this would be an excellent change to the design and would satisfy what he was looking for.

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Mr. Benson thanked Commissioner Pritchett for being at the meeting. He thanked the Board for their input.

**Motion requested by Mr. Benson to adjourn, Motion made by William Klein, seconded by Bianca Alaimo, accepted and moved by all.**

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

**NAY: None                      Carried 7-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm**

**Public present:   6**

**Public comment cards:   3**

**Members present   5**

**Staff present:   7**

**City staff:   0      Total:  18**

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Arnold Benson, Chair

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