

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

1:00 PM

Community Room

Marco Island Community Parks Foundation, Inc.

*Chair: Erik Brechnitz
Vice-Chair: Christina Obando
Treasurer: Dr. Carlos Portu
Secretary: Laura Litzan*

*Directors: Rene Champagne, David Cox,
Mike Ilitch, Jr., Jim Richards*

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brechnitz called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and noted the need for the Board Members who were physically present in the meeting room to consider allowing other Board Members who were on the phone to fully participate in, and vote on, any matters coming before the Board at this meeting.

MOTION by Member Champagne, seconded by Member Ilitch, that Board Member Cox be allowed to telephonically participate in, and vote on, all matters coming before the Board. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 4 - Chair Brechnitz, Director Champagne, Director Ilitch Jr. and Vice-Chair Obando

Not Present: 2 - Treasurer Portu and Director Richards

Abstain: 2 - Director Cox and Secretary Litzan

(2) ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chair Brechnitz, Director Champagne, Director Cox, Director Ilitch Jr., Vice-Chair Obando, and Secretary Litzan

Not Present 2 - Treasurer Portu, and Director Richards

(Note: Board Member Cox participated via teleconference connection)

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes were presented for approval at this meeting of the Board.

(4) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

No Staff Communications topics were reviewed at this meeting.

(5) OLD BUSINESS

None.

(6) NEW BUSINESS

A) Presentation of Kimley Horn 90% Draft Plan for Veterans' Community Park

Public Works Director Timothy Pinter presented conceptual renderings and reviewed the key design elements of the structures and amenities approved and planned by the City of Marco Island for Veterans' Community Park.

B) Estimated Costs of Gateway Arch and Boardwalk

Mr. Pinter then shared preliminary cost estimates and design concepts for additional structures which could be pursued with Foundation donations and support, and he addressed a number of questions from members of the Board.

C) Discussion - Marketing to Solicit Funds for Projects

Chair Brechnitz advised the Board of a \$50,000 contribution from the Collier County Community Foundation, and he noted the need for high-quality creative renderings to enhance

the ongoing contribution solicitation effort. Member Cox identified an individual that he felt could be very helpful in building awareness for the Foundation's marketing effort, and he agreed to submit that individual's contact information to Chair Brechnitz. Members of the Board pledged their support to help raise funds.

(7) DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS

Vice-Chair Obando sought direction from Chair Brechnitz on whom to contact at the City to advance the marketing planning effort.

Director Ilitch encouraged the team to devote resources toward truly understanding the level of activity and types of events that the community would like to see supported at Veterans' Community Park. Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager Samantha Malloy shared a brief summary of the community inputs received to date, and she expressed confidence that the planned onsite facilities and amenities will be actively utilized by many on-Island groups and organizations.

Director Ilitch further suggested a Community 'Care & Share' element to encourage the matching of those with resources to those who are in need. Community Affairs Director Daniel Smith communicated plans that are underway in support of the City's Comprehensive Plan that are in alignment with Director Ilitch's thoughts.

(8) PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

(9) ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Foundation Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

Erik Brechnitz, Foundation Board Chair

ATTEST:

Laura Litzan, Secretary, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist