



City of Marco Island Florida

51 Bald Eagle Drive
Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Chair: Carlos Portu

Vice-Chair: Allyson Richards

*Members: Adrian Conner, Dawn Kuhn,
Ron Rutledge, Dolores Siegel, David Shagott*

City Staff: Daniel Smith, Samantha Malloy, Patty Mastronardi

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

3:30 PM

Community Room

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Portu called meeting to order 3:30 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Member Rutledge, Vice-Chair Richards, Member Siegel, Chair Portu, Member Shagott and Member Conner

Absent: 1 - Member Kuhn

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Portu.

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Member Siegel, seconded by Vice-Chair Richards, that this be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Rutledge, Vice-Chair Richards, Member Siegel, Chair Portu, Member Shagott and Member Conner

Introduction of New PRAC Member - Adrian Conner

Chair Portu introduced new Member Conner.

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 19-478](#) PRAC Draft Minutes for August 20, 2019

No Motion, Consensus 6-0

(6) PRESENTATIONS

a. AWE Owl Watch - Brad Cornell, Audubon of Western Everglades

Brad Cornell, Audubon Western Everglades presented monitoring Burrowing Owls Naples,

Isles of Capri and Fiddlers Creek. Marco Starter Burrow Incentive Program:

Leigh Plummer Park good starting location for program, near walking trail. If construction, wait until completed.

Program at 241 Parks, 563 fledged chicks (fledged 419), 25% survived to breed - 1/4 survival

Alli Smith recruited volunteers, watching data Feb. to July

2017 Marco Island very famous due to owls on island.

Nature photographers (not on private properties), better at park without bothering neighbors.

Starter Burrows - stabilize urban population can enjoy and survive on public property. 20% recruited owls.

Gulfview Middle School on track or football fields, remove to other locations.

Mr. Cornell and Committee discussed ideas/plans for program:

Find decent location, rope off, do not mow or disturb area during breeding season Feb-July.

Use City property within reasonable interval, concerns if in walkway, plan timeline

Install with rock garden, no weeds, depends on grass growing season, depends on height of grass.

Audubon will pay (with specific City requirements), to maintain grass around owl nests as done on island.

Next step: City decide on moving forward, PRAC can help with decision. Propose program, draft guidelines, vote, then to City Council for approval. No rush, committee will review resources, funds and structure. Ms. Malloy and Mr. Cornell will research City requirements to better serve island.

(7) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

a. Programs/Facilities - Samantha Malloy

Ms. Malloy reported:

Facilities:

Racquet Center:

Received bids to renovate two restroom facilities (ADA compliant). Forward to City Manager/City Council.

Member Shagott mentioned meeting with RC members November 2019.

Members offered raising funds to add for Court #1 for pickleball. Received proposals, start fund raising project. Approximate cost \$6,000.

Veterans' Community Park:

Installed new fountain pump, running by Veterans Day, working on lights.

Vietnam Wall arrives February 2019.

Mackle Park:

Playground shade structure not covering much space, need future shade other side near entrance, very costly.

Programming:

New special account created for donated funds for FY20 to pay for projects.

Farmers Market:

September 28th deadline for vendor applications, booth numbers staying same, 81

vendors, 100 booths to date, received 98 applications.

Seasonal programs starting October - Halloween Spooktacular, exercise classes - October, November, January.

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September 2019 City Council Report

(8) PUBLIC COMMENT (TIME CERTAIN 4:00 P.M.)

None.

(9) OLD BUSINESS

a. Food Spice Garden Update - Vice Chair Richards

Vice Chair Richards researched iguanas food dislikes. IFAS stated iguanas do not eat citrus trees. Committee has funds to purchase and install citrus trees.

Chair Portu recommended using trees as buffer, install 2 limes and 2 lemons. Identify location at Calusa Park comfortable with City, Affordable Landscaping, PRAC and staff, then City Council for approval.

(10) NEW BUSINESS

a. Naming Rights Veterans' Community Park

Chair Portu stated \$7,000 funds received, moving forward with signed agreement for architectural work. Next park fund itself, 10% of project cost (\$7+ million dollars).

Committee and Director Smith discussed City naming right guidelines for structure, private funding levels:

Director Smith - If donor interested funding Band Shell can participate in naming rights. Every taxpayer has right for input on City property. Start fund raising project: install pavers (as Residents Beach). Speak to architect to create design for donation project prior to building.

PRAC responsible for project, difficult raising funds. City needs to ensure funds available, before PRAC moves forward. Make concrete order seeking private funding, use fund raising plan or sponsorship with City/City Council commitment.

MOTION recommend to City Council to provide concrete fund raising plan with approval for Veterans' Community Park and PRAC solicit donations for benefit of park. Vote 5-1.

Member Conner recommended shade needed more at Mackle Park then working on Veterans' Community Park. She will meet with Director Smith to earmark project for 2019/2020.

MOTION by Chair Portu, seconded by Vice-Chair Richards, that this MOTION be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Rutledge, Vice-Chair Richards, Member Siegel, Chair Portu, Member Shagott and Member Conner

(11) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Malloy topic: add shade at Mackle Park playground for future PRAC meeting

(12) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

NOTE: TWO OR MORE CITY COUNCILORS OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT