

South Area Parks and Recreation South Area Advisory Board

Via Teleconference
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Monday, August 17, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South Area Advisory Board (SAAB), was conducted on Monday, August 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference, in accordance with safety precautions and social distancing guidelines due to the corona virus epidemic. A recording of this meeting is available.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Goelz, Chairperson
Charles Roger Hardin, Vice Chairperson
Theresa Barger
Marcia Booth
Roger Gangitano
Greg Minor
Kim Scalise
Roland VanArsdale

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Kimball, South Area Operations Manager
Jerry Gust, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Robert Salazar, Recreation Superintendent
Teresa Rivera, Administrative Secretary
Jessica Breault, Parks Supervisor III

PUBLIC

None

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mary Goelz at 7:01 p.m. Eight (8) members were present and none were absent. It was noted that the Board did have a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Goelz inquired if SAAB members had the opportunity to look over the minutes. Roger Gangitano made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 15, 2020; Roland VanArsdale seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments from the Public.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Parks – Jerry Gust, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
 - a. Projects include:
 - i. First Street entry road and parking lot paved and Eau Gallie boat ramp closed tomorrow, 8/18 to be paved
 - ii. Fisherman's Landing Grant House Fishing Pier/Pavilion completed and boardwalk replacement starts next week
 - iii. Max K. Rodes Park boardwalk renovations are expected to be completed this week
 - iv. Tile flooring at the Max K. Rodes Park Community Center has been repaired and the gym floor replacement starts next week, due to damage caused by emergency operations
 - v. South Mainland Community Center voice activated alarm system contract is under review
 - vi. Long Point Park pump house and storage building replacement projects are with St John's River District for review to approve permitting
 - vii. Disabilities building at Wickham Park has been approved by the City of Melbourne and Ivey's Construction has been contracted to provide construction
 - viii. Wickham Park Caretaker site complete – awaiting the final fee from the City of Melbourne at which time we will receive the Certificate of Occupancy
 - ix. Canova Dog Park crossover widening project is approved and will begin after turtle season
 - x. Lake Washington seawall project is in for permitting with the St John's River District
 - xi. Approved for permitting 7 acres at Viera Regional Park for athletic fields – developing funding strategies
 - xii. Awaiting final design on the Max K. Rodes Park playground drainage project
 - xiii. Beach crossover refurbishment surveying has begun
 - xiv. New gym floor cover for South Mainland Community Center's new gym floor has been received
 - xv. The Flutie tennis court repairs are almost complete

- xvi. Added a wood rail fence and posts at Christiansen's Landing retention area to prevent parking

b. Questions:

- i. Roger Gangitano – where are the cares funding being used? Jerry Gust – For the tile and gym floor repairs at Max K. Rodes Park Community Center
- ii. Charles Roger Hardin – there have been "No Parking Anytime on Grass" signs added at Spessard Holland, is that going to be enforced? Jerry Gust – That is a Florida Department of Transportation issue, they placed the signs there and we have no knowledge of police actions

2. Recreation – Rob Salazar, Recreation Superintendent

a. Current programs:

- i. Drive thru movies twice a month at Max K. Rodes Park and Wickham Park will continue thru end of year, Toy Story 4 showing at Wickham Park this Friday, 8/21 and Remember the Titans was at Max K. Rodes Park last week
- ii. Wrapping up summer camp and summer food program this Friday, 8/21 with free meals at Max K. Rodes Park Community Center and South Mainland Community Center for children under 18 years old
- iii. Erna Nixon Park is holding educational classes twice a week and we will offer home school classes as we move into the school year
- iv. We plan to resume adult athletics – adult baseball is the only sport currently planned
- v. On Monday, 8/24, after school programs will begin at South Mainland Community Center, Viera Regional Community Center, and Max K. Rodes Park Community Center
- vi. We will be offering Pickle Ball beginning August 24th at all of the centers except for Max K. Rodes Park Community Center

b. Questions:

- i. Roland VanArsdale – a year ago we had a discussion on resuming eco tours, can you provide an update at the next meeting? Rob Salazar – yes, we will
- ii. Marcia Booth – how was summer camp? Rob Salazar – we practiced social distancing with a minimum of 15 children and set up in rooms at tables and chairs with a maximum of 9 children in a group. We issued individual supplies which they can take home at the end of camp. Very unique and individualized programming, we will continue using a lot of the same aspects which will be incorporated into our after-school programs. We haven't had any cases of COVID at camp.

3. Wickham Park – Jessica Breault, Parks Supervisor III

a. Current events:

- i. Wickham Park is limiting events to 50 and under rentals, this past weekend had first big event, Cross Country Jamboree, submitted COVID plan and check sheet
- ii. Melbourne Dance Studio held two successful recitals with under 50 attendees
- iii. This year Native Rhythms will do a virtual event, but they will be back next year
- iv. Working with Lightfest and the Boy Scouts to come up with a plan for some of their events to get COVID strategies in place
- v. Wickham Park Senior Center will be opening September 8th with very limited programs and with social distancing in place, but will not open to the public until the beginning of October
- vi. 70% full in the campgrounds, crowd has ballooned
- vii. Meeting with Brevard County Farmers Market on Wednesday – they are part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program, demand has been overwhelming, working on a new strategy for them

b. Questions:

- i. Marcia Booth – is this to get a larger space for the farmer's market? Jessica Breault – they are looking to spread out their vendors
- ii. Marcia Booth – what are the hours? Jessica Breault – Thursday 3-6pm, will need to alter hours during Lightfest

4. Steve Kimball – South Area Operations Manager

- a. Last budget update was over a month ago, nothing has changed since then, we pushed back some construction projects which won't have a large impact, while we continue maintenance and repair, and we'll keep an eye on capital purchases as we move into the new year
- b. Questions: Marcia Booth – any progress on a new concession vendor for Canova Park? Rob Salazar – waiting for the background clearance to come back, final step for the contract, should be awarded by the end of the month

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Rename Football Field at Max K. Rodes Park by Mr. Kevin Henderson

- a. Kevin Henderson – current president for the Greater West Melbourne Athletic Association, requesting the football fields at

Max K. Rodes Park be named for Mr. Sid Kingery. Having known him since the late 80's, Sid supported almost every program in South Brevard. He raised money and put in time, generations of people have benefitted from the work he's done. He doesn't do it for the recognition but he deserves the recognition.

Accompanied by Mr. Joe LaPointe, Historian for the association

b. Questions:

- i. Mary Goelz – for Steve Kimball, is there any paperwork that has to be presented to the Parks and Recreation Department? Steve Kimball – we have been communicating for a few weeks now, the Advisory Board must vote on and approve the renaming, and Mr. Kingery must pass a background check. Kevin Henderson – that's understood by us
 - ii. Joe LaPointe – past president and historian for the Greater West Melbourne Athletic Association, supports renaming the fields after Mr. Kingery and discussed other renamed fields and buildings at the former Max K. Rodes Park location
 - iii. Mary Goelz – requested Kevin Henderson submit the formal full name being proposed for the football fields at his earliest convenience
- c. Roger Gangitano made a motion to go forward with renaming the football fields at Max K. Rodes Park after Mr. Sid Kingery, Roland VanArsdale seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed

OTHER

Charles Roger Hardin spoke with Parks Supervisor Jesse Brumfield, and inquired if he should continue to do so or if he should bring questions or problems to the Parks Superintendent, Jerry Gust. Mr. Gust suggested he could contact either of them at Mr. Hardin's convenience

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Mary Goelz to adjourn the meeting
- Roger Gangitano seconded the motion
- All in favor, motion passed
- Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2020
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.