

Parks Advisory Committee
April 13, 2009

Members Present: Damien Gilbert, Marie Kennedy, Emily Schue, and Carl Stiefbold

Staff Present: Todd Winter and Loralyn Spiro

Guests Present: Barbara Kirchner

Damien Gilbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Announcements/Agenda Modifications

Winter added Howard Buford Recreation Area Habitat Management Plan to Division Manager's Report. There were no other agenda modifications and no announcements.

II. Review and Approve April Minutes

January minutes were approved as written. Schue moved, Kennedy seconded, unanimous.

III. Public Comment (Maximum of 20 Minutes)

No public comment.

IV. PAC 2009 Goals

The PAC members finalized their 2009 Goals and staff will submit to the Board of County Commissioners.

V. Parking Pass Violation/Ordinance

Winter reviewed the Class D Lane Code 6.530(4) Parking (D) – Failure to display pass. Many park users have expressed to staff that the minimum fine of \$97.00 for not displaying a pass is too steep. A day pass is \$3 and an annual pass is \$30, respectively, and that the fine seems disproportionate to the violation. Winter asked the PAC for ideas or a recommendation to help public perception and to increase compliance. The PAC recommended that initial fine be \$40 for first time offenders and if paid within 14 days may be used as a credit towards an annual pass. After 14 days, a \$97 citation be issued and proceed to court through the normal process. Second time offenders would not be offered this opportunity. However, the PAC requested more information about previous citations and recovery debt before making a formal recommendation with a vote by the PAC.

VI. Lane Code 6.540 – Dogs and Other Pets – Leash Code at HBRA

Winter informed the PAC of the several complaints received about the interaction of dogs and users and other animals at the Howard Buford Recreation Area (HBRA). Winter explained the current leash code and rules at HBRA and described some of the interactions that have occurred. The PAC discussed different scenarios of the leash code. The PAC requested staff to conduct a survey of the public, user groups, and volunteer groups to receive feedback before making a formal recommendation.

VII. Division Manager's Report – Todd Winter, Division Manager

- **Master Plan Update**

Winter proposed that the PAC have a joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners possibly in September to have the first public hearing for the Master Plan. The PAC was favorable to this and expressed interest in hearing feedback from the public.

- **Whitely Landing**

Winter conducted a brief recap of the discussion about Whitely Landing from the October 2008 PAC meeting. Winter then informed the PAC of the more recent events that have occurred at Whitely Landing and calls from the adjacent land owner.

- **Other**

Winter gave an overview of the Howard Buford Recreation Area Habitat Management Plan. After the Parks overall Master Plan is completed, staff will start on the HBRA Park Master plan as the first of the individual park master plans.

VII. Good of the Order/Concerns of the Committee

Next meeting scheduled for May 11, 2009.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by Loralyn Spiro