



Tuesday
April 9, 2019
6:30 pm

**Town of Southwest Ranches
Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources
Advisory Board Meeting Agenda**

Town Parks:
Founders' Trailside, Sunshine Ranches
Equestrian, and Calusa Corners Parks

Board Members

Chris Brownlow, MaryGay Chaples, Lana Eichel, Debra Goff-Rose,
Debbie Green, Aster Knight, Marie Nix, Karen Parkerson

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS**
- D. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Excuse absences:
 - Adopt Town of Southwest Ranches Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for March 2019.
 - Parks tour and discussion: Founders' Trailside, Sunshine Ranches Equestrian, and Calusa Corners
- E. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Follow up/Maintenance report attached for the Board's review and discussion.
 - Events upcoming, Friday April 26: Arbor Day 12 noon – Town Hall
- F. AGENDA PREP FOR NEXT MEETING**
- G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- H. STAFF COMMENTS**
- I. HOA/PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Town of Southwest Ranches
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Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday
March 12th, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

RFNRAB Members Present:

Chris Brownlow
MaryGay Chaples
Lana Eichel
Debra Goff-Rose
Debbie Green
Karen Parkerson

RFNRAB Members Absent:

Aster Knight
Marie Nix

Council Present:

Gary Jablonski

Staff Present:

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Call to order at 7:07 P.M. A quorum was established.

Karen Parkerson made a motion to excuse the absence of the members listed above. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Debra Goff-Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2019 meeting. Debbie Green seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The members present discussed Fiscal Year 202 Budget Priorities.

Debra Goff-Rose made a motion for the Board to recommend Council designate Southwest Meadows Sanctuary as the #1 development priority , Country Estates is #2 (fence repair & safety), Frontier Trails is #3, and Calusa Corners is #4 (fencing).

The Chair requested the members present discuss a potential wetlands dredging project at Rolling Oaks Park. The Chairperson would prioritize removal of silt build-up (Staff would prioritize removal of exotic vegetation and planting of beneficial natives). The Chair would like the support of Council as she has residents willing to do the work for free. Dried muck can be used to help level the field. She is planning to speak with Al Suarez for plant donations.

Lana Eichel made a motion to recommend to Council that a project to dredge the wetlands at Rolling Oaks be done with 99% volunteer labor and resources. The Parks Foundation could be requested to subsidize the project so there would be no cost to Southwest Ranches. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

As we are discussing Budget Priorities and development, the members present would like to do site meetings at each park. Board members decided to begin the April meeting at 6:30 PM and to meet at Founders Trailside Park, the move on to view the Equestrian Park and Calusa Corners. In May, the parks the Board will visit are Southwest Meadows Sanctuary, Rolling Oaks, Frontier Trials and Country Estates Fishing Hole.

Discussion Items:

- Staff reviewed the monthly maintenance report and upcoming events as listed in the evening's packet. The Sikh Society Run will feature craft booths and blood mobile.

- Board members feel the turn into and out of Mather Boulevard has a visibility issue. Also, Board members suggested that reflective paint should be used on the medians for better night visibility.
- Water Matters Day was a success! The Town's display was popular as usual. The Town received an Emerald Award for choosing to create a wetlands at Calusa Corners Park as part of the Dykes Road drainage project.
- Notes on Country Estates: The fence needs repair/replacement along the Griffin Road corridor.
- Notes on Calusa Corners: Staff suggests removing damaged fencing. New fencing is priced at \$16-\$20 per foot. Not all fencing is in poor shape though. Board members suggest the fence is an important item as it deters ATV users...this is a passive park and open to the public, but not for motorized vehicles.
- Notes on Southwest Meadows Sanctuary: Trees have been planted and exotics removed. Funding is behind to 2017. MaryGay would like to talk with the town's attorney: when the fill is gone, let's move the rock and demuck in order to stabilize the ground (muck may be repurposed). She suggested utilizing volunteer residents with expertise in earthwork. Parking, seating, and shade are needed. If possible, the Town will apply for a non-matching FRDAP grant (\$50,000) to assist with some development funding for 2020. The Parks Foundation can be requested to assist.
- Notes on Frontier Trails: The Council just approved the first phase of development, and further development is funded. Improvements needed include picnic facilities, parking, archaeological signage, and wetlands clean-up. There is \$50,000 allocated for this year.
- Notes on Rolling Oaks Park: Debra noted a broken curtain rod in need of repair. Staff mentioned it will be repaired, and the barn pressured cleaned, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



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EQUESTRIAN PARK

American Flag: Damaged flag was replaced.

ROLLING OAKS

Run-in pen: Anthony Beckman of Scout Troop 160 is working on this project.

Roof Cleaning/ fascia painting: Proposals for this service are still awaited.

COUNTRY ESTATES PARK

Griffin Road Fence replacement: Staff has requested proposals from Ace Fence, Davie Fence Installers and Joe Proof for this project. Many concerns have been brought up by fence companies about utilizing old posts, including the fact the old posts are terribly out of alignment and the new fence would not be attractive or straight. The Board's recommended "child proof" high security (small size) chain link is very expensive. Pricing will dictate the Town's ability to follow the Board's recommendations. Volunteers have offered to remove the barbed wire tops along the SW 190th Avenue Side. The Town will need to supply new post caps for the 86 posts.

Restroom Use: This is a popular place for regular passers by to use. Unfortunately, all do not care for our facilities the way we wish they would. Many times, the commodes have been left clogged and needing to be attended by professional plumbers.

TRAILSIDE "FOUNDER'S" PARK

Pavilion Finish Work and Entrance sign: Roof issues have been corrected, and final approval is awaited from Building. Site furnishings will be installed soon.

SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY

Fill contractor is performing as expected without issue.

CALUSA CORNERS

Dykes Road Drainage Project: Remediation has not been completed for filter marsh plantings, including weed cleanup. It is anticipated this week and will be coordinated with an inspection from the Town's Landscape Inspector.

FRONTIER TRAILS PARK

Phase I development will be underway soon. Preconstruction meeting took place at end of March. Product substitutions have not been approved for the pavilion, and Finance has been requested to provide guidance.

PARK PREPARATION FOR SPRING EVENTS

The Town will host a National Arbor Day celebration on Friday April 26th at noon at Town Hall.