



Town of Southwest Ranches Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

January 11, 2022
7:00 pm

Board Members

Chris Brownlow, Dena Butler, Debra Goff-Rose, Debbie Green, Wendi Halberg, Sheryl Melson, Laurie Morse, Catalina Stubbe

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Emeritus

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

Members present:

Chris Brownlow
Dena Butler
Debbie Green
Wendi Halberg
Laurie Morse
Catalina Stubbe

RFNRAB Members absent:

Debra Goff-Rose
Sheryl Melson

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Mayor Steve Breitreuz
Jim Allbritton
Bob Hartmann
David Kuczenski

Others present:

Sheena Frederick

Call to order at 7:10 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the December 2021 meeting.

Dena Butler motioned to approve the minutes of the December 2021 meeting. Catalina seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chair welcomed returning board members. She also welcomed Sheena Frederick and board members introduced themselves. The Chair and staff briefed the members present regarding the meeting materials, including the Town’s Advisory Board Policy and Handbook. Advised board members to review. The Board reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2022 included with the meeting materials.

Laurie Morse motioned to accept the 2022 proposed meeting calendar as presented. Dena seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chair called for the Board to elect its 2022 officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Wendi Halberg motioned to nominate Chris Brownlow as Chair, Debra Goff-Rose as Vice Chair and Debbie Green as Treasurer. Laurie Morse seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The Chair continued the discussion on board members submitting articles to go in the Town’s newsletter. She shared as an example of how members don’t need to author an article but find interesting information to share. The Chair found an interesting article on vertebrate and importance of leaves and submitted that to be included in the Town’s newsletter. NatureScape Broward runs several programs; one of which is Water Matters Day. Rose Bechard Butman, the program’s coordinator provided informational brochures on butterflies and help us understand the kind of plants and flowers that will help support the butterfly

population. NatureScape Broward also recognizes properties with an Emerald Award. A couple parks in the Town have earned the Emerald Award. There is a decline in pollinators and we need to look for new ideas in the way we maintain our properties.

Staff gave her maintenance report. Founders Trailside Park and the mural are in the process of being painted by, Laura Warren, the artist awarded the project. She has three of the six panels painted. Few snags came up with the installation of the bulletin board going up at the Equestrian Park, but in process. The three user groups of the parks are in the process of completing the new paperwork and payments as recommended by the board and approved by the Council. The planting project at Calusa Corners will be done in the rainy season, June or July and professionally planted. We can include an elementary school field trip as an educational experience along with this as we discussed in the last meeting. Southwest Meadows Sanctuary will host a carnival presented by the Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation. Funds raised by the Park Foundation all come back to benefit our parks. At Rolling Oaks Park, the fitness equipment is in, the trail is finished and the wetlands improvement is next to work on. At Country Estates Park, the signs have been replaced and still some work to touch up the playground equipment. We will do some fence upgrades with some of the approved funding that was freed up with the mounds of dirt that was brought there from the drainage and TSDOR project out west.

Debbie Green shared with everyone that the Education Advisory Board has planned to hold the Barn Dance on March 12th.

Chris Brownlow shared information about the Sunshine Ranches HOA party on April 10th.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.