



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

Tuesday
October 10, 2023
7:00 pm

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Board Members

Chris Brownlow, Dena Butler, Debra Goff-Rose, Debbie Green,
Wendi Halberg, Laurie Morse

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Emeritus

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS

D. NEW BUSINESS:

- Adopt Town of Southwest Ranches Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for September 2023.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- Follow up/Maintenance report attached for the Board's review and discussion.

F. AGENDA PREP FOR NEXT MEETING

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Staff's quote of the month:

"Preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known."—Carl Sagan

H. STAFF COMMENTS

I. HOA/PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. ADJOURNMENT



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

September 12, 2023
7:00 pm

Board Members

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Laurie Morse

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Members present:

Chris Brownlow
Dena Butler
Debbie Green
Debra Goff-Rose
Wendi Halberg
Laurie Morse

Council present:

Steve Breitzkreuz
Gary Jablonski
Bob Hartmann
Jim Allbritton
David Kuczenski

Staff present:

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Call to order at 7:02 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the August 2023 meeting.

Wendy Halberg motioned to approve the August 2023 minutes. **Dena Butler** seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The chair requested updates and members present discussed the upcoming Eagle Project by Xavier Jackson, the FRDAP grant for development at the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary which the Town has applied for, and our Community Wildlife Habitat renewal, as well as the completion of the mural at Founders' Trailside Park. Members would like the project to be in the Town newsletter. Councilman Hartmann will photograph when the project is complete. Staff will ask Susan to coordinate with the Councilmember.

Staff briefed the members present on the maintenance report.

- One of the large oak trees was struck by lightning and will be monitored for public safety while it is given a chance to recover if possible. Staff plans to erect safety fencing around it.
- Council member Kuczenski asked if we need volunteers for events. Staff said please have anyone interested call staff.
- The secretary briefed the members present regarding the zero waste task force. Student volunteers are needed for this effort, as well. Please let anyone who calls know about the task force's needs.
- Upcoming events include Zero Waste Task force meeting on Wednesday September 13th at Town Hall at 7 pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.



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CALUSA CORNERS

- **Tree Planting:** One sabal will be replaced. Bulnesias will receive improved staking to help their establishment period.
- **Playground surface material:** Staff will replenish surface material in early 2024.

COUNTRY ESTATES PARK

- **Playground surface material:** Donated mulch was removed. New geotextile and engineered wood fiber surface material will soon be installed.
- **Shade for Playground:** Shade structure installation is complete.

EQUESTRIAN PARK

- **Playground surface material:** The Town's arborist team will address the roots and replenish some of the surface material. Further replenishment will be done in 2024.
- **Playground fence repair:** the broken post will be replaced and the gate realigned.

ROLLING OAKS PARK

- **Electricity issues:** An electrician has mapped out electrical lines and we are awaiting his proposal to run the multiple coffee makers / hot pots needed for Santa and other events.
- **Parking lot lighting:** The electrician will install multiple LED flood lights on the east and north sides to facilitate night parking lot navigation.
- **Oak Tree:** This tree is not showing signs of recovery, but we will give it time. A fence will soon be up around the drip line to ensure the safety of park users. A resident has suggested having a carving artist turn this tree into a sculpture of a burrowing owl if it is determined that the tree will not recover. The Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation is researching costs and will donate to this project if the tree dies.
- **A/C System Fence** Repairs are complete.
- **New gate at dumpster:** Existing opening was fitted with a pair of gates that can be closed when the field is needed for emergency hurricane turnout.

SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PARK AND PRESERVE

- **Site Improvements anticipated within the next year:** The restroom with picnic shelter and storage, grass parking, and driveway, wetlands and drainage canal will be completed by December 2024.

FOUNDERS' TRAILSIDE PARK

- **Mural:** This public art project is near complete.

EVENTS

- Southwest Ranches **Farmers Market** ongoing on Saturdays at Southwest Meadows Preserve, Season Hours are now in session: 10:00 am - 3 pm
- **ROCA Trick or Trunk and Haunted Barn** Saturday, October 28, 6 pm - 9 pm, Rolling Oaks Park Barn
- **Chili Cookoff and Ride for the Ranches** Saturday, December 9, 10 am - 4 pm, Rolling Oaks Park Barn