



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

September 8, 2015
7:00 pm

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Board Members

Council Liaison

Staff Liaison

Rose Allbritton, Chris Brownlow, Mary Gay Chaples, Lana Eichel, Debra Goff-Rose, Debbie Green, Nancy Hartmann, John Herring, Aster Knight, Debbie Mantel, Marie Nix, Karen Parkerson, Kathy Sullivan

Gary Jablonski

December Lauretano-Haines

RFNRAB Members present:

Chris Brownlow
John Herring
Karen Parkerson
Lana Eichel
Nancy Hartmann
Debbie Green
Debbie Mantel
Kathy Sullivan

RFNRAB Members absent:

MaryGay Chaples
Marie Nix
Debra Goff-Rose
Aster Knight
Rose Allbritton

Council present:

Gary Jablonski

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Others present:

Mathew Cuoco
Dan Cuoco
Chris DiPasquale

Call to order at 7:10 PM. A Quorum was established.

Karen Parkerson motioned to excuse the absence of the members listed above. Kathy Sullivan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Sullivan motioned to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Karen Parkerson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mathew Cuoco briefed the members present regarding his proposed pathway project for the Equestrian Park. He would like to do a boulder memorial (in conjunction with another scout). Members asked about upkeep, non-exotic plantings, accepting donations and how much he has currently raised. He plans on including railings for the foot bridge. There must be standards for accessibility and no damage to existing structures. He will be working closely with staff throughout his project. This boulder & path will connect to the existing flagpole, also a scout project.

Lana Eichel motioned to recommend approval of the proposed Eagle Project by Matthew Cuoco. Debbie Green seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed its commitment, on a volunteer level, to the Ride for the Ranches and Country Fair scheduled for November 14th at the Rolling Oaks Barn. The members present agreed to prepare for 100 people to participate in games.

The members present discussed other upcoming events. There will be a Schools and Education Advisory Board Food Truck scholarship fundraiser event at the Equestrian Park in January. Lana suggested that a talent display would be nice to have at this event. The ROCA Halloween event will take place on October 31 at Rolling Oaks. The Country Estates Homeowners Association's event promoting the grand opening of the trail will be on December 5th at the Fishing Hole Park.

Chris Brownlow motioned to recommend approval of the January SEAB food truck scholarship fundraiser. Lana Eichel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Sullivan motioned to recommend approval of the ROCA Halloween event at Rolling Oaks Park. Karen Parkerson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Debbie Green motioned to recommend approval of the Country Estates event at Fishing Hole Park. Kathy Sullivan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Discussion Items:

- Sunshine Ranches HOA President, Ani Chang, would like to explore a community garden project through Mission United. This is in the exploratory phase.
- Staff gave an update on the Community Wildlife Habitat Certification and progress thus far.
- Staff concluded with a thorough review of the monthly maintenance report provided in the meeting packet.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.