

Town of Southwest Ranches
Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday

Town Hall

January 12, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 P.M.

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

RFNRAB Members Present:

RFNRAB Members Absent:

Council Present:

Rose Albritton

Debbie Mantel

Gary Jablonski

Chris Brownlow

Marie Nix

Doug McKay

MaryGay Chaples

Staff Present:

Lana Eichel

December Lauretano-Haines

Debra Goff-Rose

Debbie Green

Nancy Hartmann

John Herring

Aster Knight

Karen Parkerson

Kathy Sullivan

Call to order at 7:00 P.M. A quorum was established.

The meeting began with "Happy Birthday" wishes going to both Mary Gay Chaples and Debra Goff-Rose.

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

Staff briefed the members present on agenda items including previous minutes, resolution # 2016-013, the proposed 2016 meeting schedule, advisory board policies and maintenance report.

Karen Parkerson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Debbie Green seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Aster Knight made a motion to approve the proposed meeting calendar for 2016. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The chair briefed the members present on elections.

John Herring made a motion to maintain MaryGay Chaples as Chair, Aster Knight as Vice Chair and Chris Brownlow as Secretary. Karen Parkerson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff briefed the members present on a request by the South Florida Trail riders, who are partnering with the Town to build trailhead amenities at the Country Estates Park and would like to embed a small plaque in the concrete pad for the water trough in memory of one of their members. Plaque design will uphold "sense of place" standards set by the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board.

Debra Goff-Rose made a motion to approve the Trail Riders' request for permission to place a plaque on the water trough pad. Lana Eichel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The chair briefed the members present regarding a request by a resident for a pedestrian path to be built and for access to be opened on the east side of the Country Estates Park

Aster Knight made a motion to recommend installation of a pedestrian gate at the NE corner of Country Estates Park. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris Brownlow made a motion to approve investigating the creation of a dirt trail from 188th to the asphalt road. Debbie Green seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff briefed the members present regarding maintenance and proposed development items, including: a proposed memorial picnic shelter for Gary Poliakoff and removal and replacement of the damaged bench at Trailside Park.

Staff briefed the members present regarding upcoming events: The 29th is a food truck event and scholarship fundraiser at Equestrian Park. It is a partnership between Hawke's Bluff Elementary and the Town, Country Estates is having their party on the 30th, The Town is having its annual Arbor Day celebration on January 15, Poker night at Landlubber's will be held on the 19th benefitting the scholarship fund.

Discussion Items:

Members present discussed the damaged guard rail at Hancock & Griffin, traffic signal problems at Griffin & I-75, ball fields within Country Estates, slides in the parks, playground equipment, a playground at Rolling Oaks, shade for play equipment, and play equipment durability

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.