

**SAMSONS ISLAND WORKING BOARD
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD JANUARY 19, 2016**

Eugene Matthews called the meeting of the Samsons Island Working Board to order at 6:10pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Members in attendance were Eugene Matthews, Sandy Carnival, David Vigliotti, Brian Gilcher, Sam Lauricella and Dan Hamblin. Absent was Greg Smith. Also present was Kerry Stoms Recreation Director, Cassie Warthen Deputy Recreation Director and Dori Hughes Recreation staff.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from the November 17, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Sam Lauricella moved, seconded by Brian Gilcher to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

Election of Chairman: Eugene Matthews was nominated for Chairman. All ayes, nomination approved. David Vigliotti was nominated for Vice-Chairman. All ayes, nomination approved.

Volunteer and Public Works Activities: Dori reported on a very productive Adopt a Park work day with members of the South Patrick Baptist Church. She also had an occasion to view video from a trail cam that was used in the Archie Carr Refuge and thought such a cam might prove both interesting from a wildlife aspect and seeing possible vandalism occurring. Recreation staff will look into trail cams and report back at the February meeting.

Mangroves will be trimmed during the spring time period using a Public Works boat driver and staff from Atlantic Engineering. The Board asked if the mangrove trimming could begin in the interior canals to help prepare them for the 2/27 open house kayak activity.

Adopt a Park: Cassie will design an Adopt a Park flyer for distribution to potential Adopt a park groups. It is hoped that there would be 5-6 Adopt a park groups signed up.

Open House: Kerry reviewed the presenting groups that have agreed to participate so far. There was some discussion about the location of the kayak station, which recreation staff will follow up on. There was also some discussion about not using disposable plastic water bottles, and going with cups and water from a container. This was brought up to address the use of plastic bottles and the lack of recycling opportunities for that bottle during our open house. Recreation staff will look into purchasing water bottles for visitors to keep and report back to board members via email. There is no specific work day scheduled prior to the open house, but members are asked to join the standing Sunday or Wednesday work days at any time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.