

SAMSONS ISLAND WORKING BOARD
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2016

David Vigliotti called the meeting of the Samsons Island Working Board to order at 6:08pm on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Members in attendance were David Vigliotti, Sandy Carnival, Sam Lauricella, Brian Gilcher, and Dan Hamblin. Absent was Greg Smith and Eugene Matthews. Also present was Kerry Stoms Recreation Director, Cassie Warthen Deputy Recreation Director and Dori Hughes Recreation staff.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Sam Lauricella moved, seconded by Brian Gilcher to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

Volunteer and Public Works Activities: Dori reported on the upcoming scheduled Adopt a Park work day with approx. 9 members of the Air Force, set for Saturday, February 20. Two additional groups are scheduled for future educational fieldtrips out to the island, including the Creative Playtime Recreation Program and a homeschool group. Kerry reported on the progress of repair to the solar restroom. A quote is expected back from the company within the week.

David and Dan volunteered to help fix the Marquee out on the island prior to the Open House event 2/27. Supplies will be provided by the Recreation Dept.

Implementation of Management Plan annual tasks: Dan volunteered to meet with the Recreation Dept. to review the Management Plan for the year and establish goals.

Mangrove Trimming: Atlantic Engineering will begin trimming the mangroves around Samsons Island on Friday, February 19, 2016. A Public Works staff person will drive the Recreation pontoon boat for Atlantic Engineering. This project is expected to take 5-6 weeks to complete. 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.

Report on trail Cam: No updates at this time

Adopt a Park: The final proof of the Adopt a Park marketing piece was presented. 250 large postcards have been ordered from Vistaprint and should arrive in time for the open house event. The board will be asked once we have the postcards to disseminate them to businesses and groups in the community. The goal is to expand the Adopt a park program to 5-6 new groups.

Open House: Kerry reviewed all of the presenting groups that have agreed to participate. Location and placement of presenters was discussed along with the new implementation of temporary trail markers to help visitors find each of the presenters the day of the event. The RSVP list is filling up as expected, most morning time slots are full, but some afternoon time slots are still available. There are still a few volunteer positions that need to be filled. The recreation staff will work on this. Set up and clean up before/after the event should be easier with the use of note cards and detailed maps with instructions.

Kerry presented the stickers that will be included in the Adopt a Park packages, and sold at the open house event for \$1/each.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2016 at 6pm.