

**SAMSONS ISLAND COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD JANUARY 20, 2015**

The meeting of the Samsons Island Park Committee was called to order by Sam Lauricella at 6:07pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Members in attendance were Sam Lauricella, Greg Smith, Eugene Matthews, David Vigliotti. Also present was City Council Liaison Osmer, Kerry Stoms Recreation Director and Recreation staff Dori Hughes.

The minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Volunteer Activities: Dori reported that the Sunday/Wednesday folks going out have been continuing to work on exotic plant removal. There is a need for more volunteers. The committee agreed to sponsor a last Saturday of the month Jan-April, 8am-11am, work day with interested persons calling the Recreation Department to RSVP their participation. There was also some discussion about the good trees being chopped down by vandals and a suggestion was made to identify trees to be cut down with a brightly colored ribbon, so that those camping would see the tree that needs cutting and choose that one to chop.

Public Works activities: Public Works removed the golf cart and repaired it, then returned it to the island. They still have on their work list to fix the restroom solar issue and repair the educational pavilions roof.

Adopt a park future: David Vigliotti agreed to work with recreation staff to prepare an Adopt a Park plan for the Committee's review. It is going to be critical that the Adopt a Park program be revised in order to secure the number of volunteers working on the island.

Boy Scout 309 Scout leader Kay Bruce presented two proposals for scout projects: one is a metal frame to be permanently placed near the south-end scout camp group to be used to place a tarp over when scouts use the park. The other proposal was to installed 2-4 benches along the ADA trail as a scout project. The committee agreed to both ideas and asked that Kay visit the island with recreation staff to determine the location of each.

Other conversations worthy of follow up include owl houses and a Friends of the park program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.