



Carrollwood Recreation District
July 8, 2024

Board of Trustees

Executive Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Mark Snellgrove
President

Regular Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Anna Brown
Vice President
Recreation Center/
Tennis Chairwoman

1. Executive Committee Meeting

- Review & make corrections to the June 10, 2024, public hearing & regular meeting minutes.
- Review & finalize the July regular meeting agenda items.

Mark Georgiades
Treasurer

2. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Kristy Taylor
Secretary

3. Roll Call

- Mark Snellgrove
- Dr. Anna Brown
- Mark Georgiades
- Kristy Taylor
- Jared Brown
- Jack Griffie
- Matt Lavisky
- Dan Seeley
- Kevin Shidler

Jared Brown
Community
Development
Chairman

Jack Griffie
Scotty Cooper Park
Chairman

4. Determination of Quorum

Matthew J. Lavisky
Original Carrollwood
Park Chairman

5. Public Comment

Dan Seeley
Grounds Chairman

6. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

- Approval of July 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda
- Approval of June 2024, Independent Accountant's Compilation Report
- Approval of June 10, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of June 10, 2024, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Kevin Shidler
White Sands Beach
Chairman

7. Regular Agenda Items

Treasurer:



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Mark Georgiades
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Original Carrollwood Park Chairman:

Kristy Taylor
Secretary

White Sands Beach Chairman:

- Review lab results from the swim side

Jared Brown
Community
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Scotty Cooper Park Chairman:

Jack Griffie
Scotty Cooper Park
Chairman

Grounds Chairman:

Matthew J. Lavisky
Original Carrollwood
Park Chairman

Community Development Chairman:

Dan Seeley
Grounds Chairman

CCA Liaison:

8. Other Business

- Reopen Public Comment

Kevin Shidler
White Sands Beach
Chairman

9. Adjourn

**Carrollwood Recreation District Board
Executive Committee Meeting
Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024 – **Not Yet Approved****

THESE MEETING MINUTES ARE NOT A WORD FOR WORD TRANSCRIPT OF WHAT WAS SAID.
THE NOTES CAPTURE THE ESSENCE AND MEANING OF THE MEETING DIALOGUE WHILE
TRANSCRIBING EXACT PHRASING AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE.

1. Executive Committee Meeting

- Review & make corrections to the May 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes.
- Review & finalize the June public hearing & regular meeting agenda items.

2. Public Hearing

- President Mark Snellgrove announced the opening of the public hearing at 6:32pm.

3. Roll Call

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| • Mark Snellgrove | President | Present |
| • Dr. Anna Brown | Vice President Rec Center/Tennis Chair | Present |
| • Mark Georgiades | Treasurer | Present |
| • Kristy Taylor | Secretary | Present |
| • Jared Brown | Community Development Chair | Present |
| • Jack Griffie | Scotty Cooper Park Chair | Not-Present |
| • Matthew J. Lavisky | Original Carrollwood Park Chair | Present |
| • Dan Seeley | Grounds Chair | Present |
| • Kevin Shidler | White Sands Beach Chair | Present |

4. Determination of Quorum

- Yes

5. Public Hearing on the 2025 Fiscal Year Ending Budget

- **Motion** to Approve the Public Hearing Agenda by Board Member Dr. Anna Brown. **Motion** Seconded by Board Member Jared Brown.
- **Vote:** 8-in favor – 0-opposed
- Public Hearing Presentation by Treasurer Mark Georgiades.
- Public Comment.
- Treasurer Georgiades answered questions.
- The new budget year will start on October 1st, 2024.

- Treasurer Georgiades reported that \$320,580 is currently being held in reserve, earning ~\$1,500 interest per month. The District has been budgeting money for the reserve account since the recreation district tax increase, \$50,000 in this proposed budget.
- Treasurer Georgiades made a **Motion** to Adopt the 2025 Fiscal Year Ending Budget, based on the District Tax Rate of \$800.00 to be assessed and collected upon the Taxable Property of the District for 2025-FYE.
- **Motion** Seconded by **Trustee Jared Brown**
- **Vote:** 8-in favor – 0-opposed
- Public Hearing closed at 6:44pm

6. Regular Meeting Public Comment

- No public in attendance
- Public comment closed at 6:44pm

7. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

- Approval of June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda
- Approval of May 2024, Independent Accountant's Compilation Report
- Approval of May 13, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Trustee Dr. Brown made a motion to approve.
- **Motion** Seconded by **Trustee Jared Brown**
- **Vote:** 8-in favor – 0-opposed

8. Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Treasurer Georgiades

- Committees reviewed their current budgets.

President Snellgrove

- Board discussed new ethics training requirement.
 - Options are online or in-person.
 - The Board favored training online.

Recreation Center/ Tennis Chair Dr. Anna Brown

- Nothing to report.

Original Carrollwood Park Chair Lavisky

- The District's maintenance employee – Gary Greene – suggested to Trustee Lavisky the idea of moving the fence near the dog park entrance back further to allow more room for parking.
- The board discussed this.

- If there is a demand, we should wait until the whole fence is done in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, however, the board does not think there's a big need for this now.
- It would increase traffic and there's not a lot of room to back out of the area.
- That area isn't a designated parking area, residents should use the parking lot at the Recreation Center.
- A sign was suggested that says this area is not a designated parking area and parking is at the owner's own risk.

White Sands Beach Chair Shidler

- Lab results from the swim side are good.
- Board discussion on shade coverage and a more permanent structure for the guard at the front entrance.
 - Anything permanent or attached to the fence will need permitting.
 - A tent and fans can be removed much easier to manage.
- On Monday, June 17th, the center wall where the guard sits under the oak tree will be demolished. It's a one-day demo and it was suggested that White Sands Beach be closed for the day.
- On Wednesday, June 19th, the new fence will be installed.
- A resident, Shirley Pearsall, will be providing landscaping ideas. She'll provide recommendations on plants and landscape lighting.
- Focus will be the fence first, then landscaping and lighting last.

Scotty Cooper Park Chair Griffie

- Not present.

Grounds Chair Seeley

- The Board discussed some parking issues on the street in the median on Lake Carroll Way.
 - Some board members live in the area & know it can be busy at times.
 - Sheriff has been called in the past and there's not too much that can be done. A car can be parked for 3 days without moving.

Community Development Chair Jared Brown

- Nothing new to report.

CCA Liaison:

- Not present.
- July 4th activities at White Sands Beach are coming up, the grounds will be spruced up and sprayed for ants.

9. Other Business

- Reopened Public Comment, but no public was in attendance.
- A non-resident made a public records request & contacted our general counsel to request the District's 2014 loan documents, and wanted to know if the loan was tax free and asked about a non-resident membership fee.
 - The general counsel provided the person with our original loan documents. Per the state law that governs the CRD, the District has never changed or deviated from the law that was adopted by the Florida Legislature in 1972. The Legislature restricted the use to residents, nonresident property owners, and family & guests.
 - In the past, we've had non-residents ask about fees to use the amenities.
 - Older residents that don't use the facilities have asked about their adult children being able to use the amenities.
- Continued board discussion on the Umbrella policy and concerns of a judgement that could attach the community properties in a litigation settlement.
 - The CRD reached out to the CCA about changing title of ownership for the Recreation Center, White Sands Beach, and Scotty Cooper Park to the CRD, to better protect the assets from a judgement. The CRD has sovereign immunity limited to \$200,000 as a governmental entity per state law, whereas the CCA does not.
 - The CRD will ask if both boards' general counsels could attend a future CRD meeting so both boards are fully aware of the legality and laws regarding the land that is owned and leased between the boards.
 - We do not know all the facts and rules without getting the attorney's involved and the CRD Board agrees that it's worth further discussion between both boards.

10. Adjournment

- **Motion** by Trustee Lavisky to Adjourn
- Motion Seconded by **Treasurer Georgiades**
- **Vote:** 8-in favor – 0-opposed
- Time: 7:39pm

Meeting minutes recorded by Secretary Taylor

**Carrollwood Recreation District Board
Executive Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024 - **Board Approved****

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1. Executive Committee Meeting

- Review & make corrections to the April 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes.
- Review & finalize the May regular meeting agenda items.

2. Regular Meeting

- President Mark Snellgrove called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm.

3. Roll Call

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| • Mark Snellgrove | President | Present |
| • Dr. Anna Brown | Vice President Rec Center/Tennis Chair | Present |
| • Mark Georgiades | Treasurer | arrived at 6:32 Present |
| • Kristy Taylor | Secretary | Present |
| • Jared Brown | Community Development Chair | Present |
| • Jack Griffie | Scotty Cooper Park Chair | Not Present |
| • Matthew J. Lavisky | Original Carrollwood Park Chair | Present |
| • Dan Seeley | Grounds Chair | Present |
| • Kevin Shidler | White Sands Beach Chair | Present |

4. Determination of Quorum

- Meeting started at 6:30pm.
- Yes: seven trustees present.

5. Public Comment

- Gary Sadler: Resident from Peacock Lane
 - He has concerns about White Sands Beach and how many people visit the park that are not residents.
 - He doesn't think the guards are doing a great job. They are not stopping all non-residents or visitors with dogs.
 - He has reminded over 60 people that no dogs are allowed in the park and doesn't get the best response from people and the situation sometimes becomes confrontational.
 - His mother, Mary Sadler, has been an OC resident for a very long time and he has seen how many changes over the years and has more concerns than ever.

- He will question people on where they live or why they brought their dog but isn't always greeted with the best response. He doesn't know if he should continue to question people.
- Suzy Giunta: Resident from Picwood Road
 - Her dogs were attacked by another dog whose owner lives on Lacewood Road.
 - This same dog has attacked other dogs at other times, and she called Animal Services, and a citation was issued to the owner.
 - She requested that the board send a letter to the owner, Shawn McCool, about not being allowed to bring his dog to the dog park because of this attack.
- President Snellgrove indicated that he would request that Janet forward the District's form letter to Trustee Lavisky to follow up on the incident.
- Sheila Santafemia: Resident from Carrollwood Drive
 - She has concerns about the guard service at White Sands Beach. She was stopped by a resident that observed the guard smoking pot, but she did not personally see anything; however, she did smell it.
 - She feels that many times the guards do their jobs, but there's some concerns with consistency and other issues.
 - She also has concerns with non-resident access to White Sands Beach.
- Public comment closed at 6:42pm

6. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

- Trustee Lavisky made a motion to approve.
- **Motion** Seconded by **Trustee Dr. Brown**
- **Vote:** 8-in favor – 0-opposed

7. Regular Agenda Items

Treasurer Georgiades

- Presented the draft budget for board discussion.
- The final budget will be presented for adoption at the public hearing on June 10th.
- We must have a board quorum at the public hearing.
- Discussion on the umbrella policy for budgeting purposes.
- Treasurer Georgiades increased the budgets for White Sands Beach Capital Improvements; Guard Service; and made reductions from Scotty Cooper Park. He also discussed Capital Improvement for Original Carrollwood Park and for the Grounds committee.
- Trustee Seeley suggested keeping some money budgeted for tree trimming because there's still some work that is needed.

- Trustee Lavisky obtained an estimate for a black wrought iron fence for the front of Original Carrollwood Park in the amount of \$33,000, but suggested this probably can wait until the 2024-2025 budget cycle.
- Trustee Seeley discussed keypad access or swipe system for when the guard service isn't at WSB. The gate would be closed and only residents would have access. If a resident gives their access credentials to non-residents and if something happens, we will know.
- Trustee Seeley indicated that we would need to increase the block wall height on the sides to 7-feet and we will install a black wrought iron fence in the middle at WSB. One side will cost \$4,000 and the other side will cost \$3,800. Doing these improvements now will get the wall ready for electronic access control later. There will be a walk-thru gate and a rolling gate and access will be ADA compliant and have cameras. The electronic access control system is estimated to cost ~ \$65,000.
- Trustee Seeley proposed increasing White Sands Beach security budget.
- Trustee Shidler commented on White Sands Beach and how difficult it is to control what goes on there. He's been doing it for many years, and he's seen a lot. He wanted to comment on resident Sadler's public comments. He said that we are going to continue to have issues and have things happen that we must address, but residents do need to come to the meetings to express their concerns. They need to do what they feel is right on confronting people. We will continue to address any issues and handle them as we need to. He has dealt with dogs on the beach and medical issues. He feels that the guard service is the best that we have had in a long time. He does feel that there is a guard or two that he will address with the company on their performance. He has tried to talk to his contact and has gotten some run around and isn't satisfied with the quality of work at this moment. He is going to continue to escalate his concerns until they are resolved. He thinks residents need to advocate for the board and spread the word that we're trying to make changes for the better. If someone questions the ID requirement for access to White Sands Beach, they need to see what occurs daily. We cannot please everyone unfortunately.
- Trustee Jared Brown asked about the basketball court at OCP, since he's new to the board, he wasn't sure what has been discussed for budgeting purposes. The board informed him that in the past, when we had a basketball hoop, we had more vandalism from non-residents, and it was decided to take out the basketball hoop. There were also costs for vandalism to damaged fences and graffiti. There was a pickleball court discussion and a quote was obtained, but the slab was not big enough for a regulation pickleball court and would cost too much to modify. The board then discussed the cost of demolishing the concrete slab.

President Snellgrove

- President Snellgrove said that the District can obtain \$5 million in umbrella coverage for an additional cost of \$12,803.77. Treasurer Georgiades budgeted \$65K (property + general liability + umbrella) in the proposed budget for 2024-2025. If the Board would like a higher limit of \$10 million for umbrella coverage, the cost would be approximately \$28K, bringing the total for property, general liability, and umbrella insurance cost to approximately \$80K with the \$10 million limit.
- Trustee Lavisky continued to discuss his concerns on the low coverage and what could happen if there was a judgement.
- Trustee Lavisky spoke to the CCA board, and they discussed it with their general counsel and how the CCA could potentially lose the property if there was a judgement, but the CCA general counsel indicated that they could also file for bankruptcy. There might be restrictions on the properties, but this is unknown at this time.
- Trustee Lavisky thinks we need to at least do the \$5 million umbrella.
- Trustee Dr. Brown agrees with more insurance but asked about the CCA titling the property in the CRD's name. Then we wouldn't need high limits of the umbrella's coverage. It's been discussed in the past; however, the boards weren't always on the same page. Both boards work well together now and maybe it's time to discuss this again. The benefit is that the CRD has Sovereign Immunity, which limits the amount of a judgement to \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident. Any amount over that must be awarded by the Florida Legislature. It would be good if the discussion of transferring title from the CCA to the CRD could start now.
- Trustee Shidler doesn't favor \$10 million of umbrella coverage, because it will never be enough. We will continue to need more and more insurance.
- Trustee Jared Brown thinks it's a slippery slope, he thinks better of people, but we need more insurance. Maybe the \$5 million but the \$10 million cost too much.
- Trustee Dr. Brown, Trustee Seeley, Trustee Lavisky, Treasurer Georgiades, Secretary Taylor all agree the \$5 million would be our best option. Trustee Georgiades commented that the cost increase to \$10 million of umbrella coverage is too much of the total budget.
 - Trustee Lavisky: **motion** to purchase the umbrella insurance policy through our current insurance agent at a cost of \$12,803.77 for \$5 million of umbrella coverage; bringing the total to \$6M when including the property & general liability policy.
 - Motion Seconded by **Trustee** Shidler
 - Vote: 8-in favor – 0-opposed

- President Snellgrove discussed the summer schedule for the Off-Duty Sheriff's Deputy for May 24th Weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday) – last year's times were: 12-7. The board discussed changing the guard to starting at 10am and keeping the off-duty sheriff's deputy's hours the same as last year 12pm-7pm.
- President Snellgrove presented the garbage dumpster contracts and recommended renewal. He's negotiated the current contract and solicited bids from two other companies with no success.
 - Treasurer Georgiades made a motion to award Republic Services two garbage disposal contracts for a 36-month Term at a Total Monthly Cost of ~\$230.24 for White Sands Beach and the Recreation Center-(Rate Firm Until June 2025); with 15% Increase in June 2025; and 15% Increase in June 2026.
 - Motion Seconded by **Trustee** Shidler
 - Vote: 8-in favor – 0-opposed

Recreation Center/ Tennis Chair Dr. Anna Brown

- Trustee Dr. Brown proposed to continue the discussion with the CCA and CRD lawyers to title the community properties in the CRD's name. We need to start this conversation and see what is best to protect the assets. We will need to pay for legal guidance, but this discussion needs to start.
- Trustee Shidler said that past board member Mickey Jaap, might have some insight on both boards & help answer some questions as well, Trustee Lavisky will call him.
- Trustee Dr. Brown indicated that this month is the CRD employee's annual performance review and recommended cost of living raises for the employees. Currently, both Janet & Gary are compensated \$18 per hour, so the board agreed that an additional \$1 raise would be appropriate. The new hourly rate will be \$19 per hour effective immediately. Both Gary and Janet average 20 hours per week.
- Trustee Dr. Brown has a request for the use of our tennis courts from a resident that teaches tennis at Steinbrenner High School. She wanted to discuss this with the board because requests have come up in the past and will of course continue to come up. She's more inclined to approve this request because it is a resident, there's only a need for 5 weeks, will have a maximum of 10 players, it wouldn't conflict with our existing tennis court schedule and insurance is covered by Hillsborough County Public Schools. Dr. Brown contacted the Hillsborough County Public Schools Athletic Director, and he confirmed that they would be covered by the school's insurance. They would also pay a fee for the use of the tennis courts.

- Trustee Shidler is opposed to it because he knows others that weren't allowed in the past and knows that more requests might be made in the future.
- Trustee Jared Brown asked if parents will also be attending for security and/or if a hold harmless agreement will be signed.
- The board approved the tennis court request by the resident.

Original Carrollwood Park Chair Lavisky

- Trustee Lavisky: nothing to report for OCP.

White Sands Beach Chair Shidler

- Lab results from the swim side are good.
- Water levels are still very low at WSB.
- Trustee Shidler addressed the issue with the security guard again. He thinks there are two steady guards that do a wonderful job, and they are very consistent. But now, there's been a different guard and more complaints. His main contact at the company has not been able to help, so he will escalate the issues with the manager. It's been one of the best guard services we've had, but with time, employees change. This company said they will do their best to have the same guards assigned to our site.
- Treasurer Georgiades asked about what can be done with enforcement of dogs at White Sands Beach. For example, Publix has signs that dogs are not allowed in shopping carts. Trustee Shidler said there's not much that can be done, the Sheriff's office can't be called, all we can do is ask residents to obey our rules, others do not want to be on the lake shoreline where dogs have gone to the bathroom.
- Trustee Shidler said that over the years he has addressed so many issues and concerns. He's talked to residents and nonresidents about the rules and supporting them. The bottom line is that we can't please everyone and all we can do is try to improve and make changes along the way as needed.

Scotty Cooper Park Chair Griffie

- Not present

Grounds Chair Seeley

- Trustee Seeley would like to complete the projects of increasing the concrete block wall height at WSB before the 4th of July community event.

Community Development Chair Jared Brown

- Nothing to report.

CCA Liaison:

- Nothing to report.

8. Other Business

- Reopened Public Comment.
- There was a comment about algae in Lake Carroll from a resident. Margaret Rush, the resident volunteer who draws the water samples and delivers to the lab, contacted the Environmental Protection Commission, and reported that it is an algae bloom and naturally occurring. Fertilization can cause this. The storm drain runoff also contributes to the algae bloom.

9. Adjournment

- **Motion** by Trustee Jared Brown to Adjourn
- Motion Seconded by **Trustee Shidler**
- **Vote:** 8-in favor – 0-opposed
- Time: 7:57pm

Meeting minutes recorded by Secretary Taylor