

Meeting Date
July 26, 2016



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AGENDA	
Section	New Business
Item No.	<i>V.I.F.2</i>

AGENDA REPORT
 BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Dogs on Brevard Beaches before 9am and after 5pm
DEPT/OFFICE:	Citizen Request / Renee S. Hurley

Requested Action:

Please change the ordinances against dogs on the beaches before 9am and after 5pm. We would like to be able to take our dogs to the beach for fun, exercise and socialization. Request the commission hear proposal of dogs on Brevard beaches before 9am and after 5pm

Summary Explanation & Background:

We would like to be able to take our dogs to the beach for fun, exercise and socialization.

According to the AVMA Pet Ownership Statistics (American Veterinary Medical Assoc. www.avma.org) there are approximately 76,282 households in Brevard with one or more dogs (which amounts to about 122,051 dogs) and yet there is only ONE dog friendly beach in all of the county (Sandy Paws at Canova Park). That park is over 10 miles from South Cocoa Beach and the City of Cocoa Beach which makes it impractical for dog owners to go there on a day to day basis, not only from Cocoa Beach but from many of our towns within Brevard County.

Much of South Cocoa Beach has no sidewalks or green areas on which to walk dogs. Many of us live on a narrow bit of land between the Banana River and the ocean, where there is often no option other than to walk along a busy and dangerous A1A several times a day to exercise our dogs. This road has no sidewalks (except for one or two very small sections) and cars regularly speed over the 45mph speed limit. The only other choice for us is to drive somewhere else to walk our pets. This is inconvenient and impractical, especially for those who don't drive, such as many of the elderly. They are especially at risk walking along A1A and need a safe area within walking distance of their homes and condos.

As an added bonus, it would be good for tourism to be able to offer a dog friendly beach in the area. There are many dog friendly beachfront hotels, motels and rental units and yet the tourists may not take their dogs to any beach at any time, anywhere in Brevard County.

There are hundreds of successful dog beaches all over Florida and the USA. Let's add Brevard county to the list.

Contact:
 Phone/e-mail: Renee S. Hurley, 321-223-0993, wgirlinfl@yahoo.com

Clerk to the Board Instructions:				
Exhibits Attached:				
Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney		Yes	No	PR
County Manager	Assistant County Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager			
		Department Director / Extension		



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Parks and Recreation Administration
 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
 Building B, Room 203
 Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

April 24, 2015

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: Stockton Whitten, County Manager

THROUGH: Venetta Valdengo, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Department Director

SUBJECT: STAFF REPORT - BOCC AGENDA, NEW BUSINESS VI. F. 1-CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO AMEND BREVARD COUNTY CODE SECTION 14-60.

Ms. Baerbel Comb is requesting the Board adopt a Resolution amending Section 14-60 of Brevard County Code to allow dogs on an unincorporated section of the beach from the southern boundary of the City of Cocoa Beach to the northern boundary of Patrick Air Force Base.

Section 14-60 of Brevard County Code stipulates:
 Public Parks and Beaches.

(a) No animal shall be permitted or allowed into or on any public park or beach; provided, however, that an area in public parks may be designated for animals by Resolution of the Board, or by the governing body of any applicable municipality. In that event, the area provided for animals must be properly identified and posted by the county or the appropriate municipality.

(b) It is a violation of this article for the owner of an animal to permit or allow the animal into, or on, any public beach, or any public park not designated for animals and not properly identified and posted. However, a disabled person, as defined under the Americans With Disabilities Act, shall have the right to be accompanied into or on any public park or beach by a service animal without violating this section.

The unincorporated area in the request is a 1.2 mile section of beach that includes 15 County maintained public accesses. Each public access provides a wooden dune crossover and a trash can. Land Development regulations preclude vehicle parking in this area as it is a right-of-way with varying widths between 30' to 60'. Adequate parking facilities would need to be addressed as to not create safety issues.

Enforcement of an on-leash requirement is the responsibility of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. Traditionally, this is a reactive service in response to complaints. Reporting of "off leash" activities may be an undue burden on beach goers.

Environmental impacts and potential threats to wildlife, including the frequency of sea turtle nesting, must be analyzed.

The Parks Department would sustain a substantial impact to ensure crossovers and surrounding areas are kept clean and free of health hazards. Clean-up and the use of "doggy bags" would require absolute compliance of pet owners. In addition, the request includes hours before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.

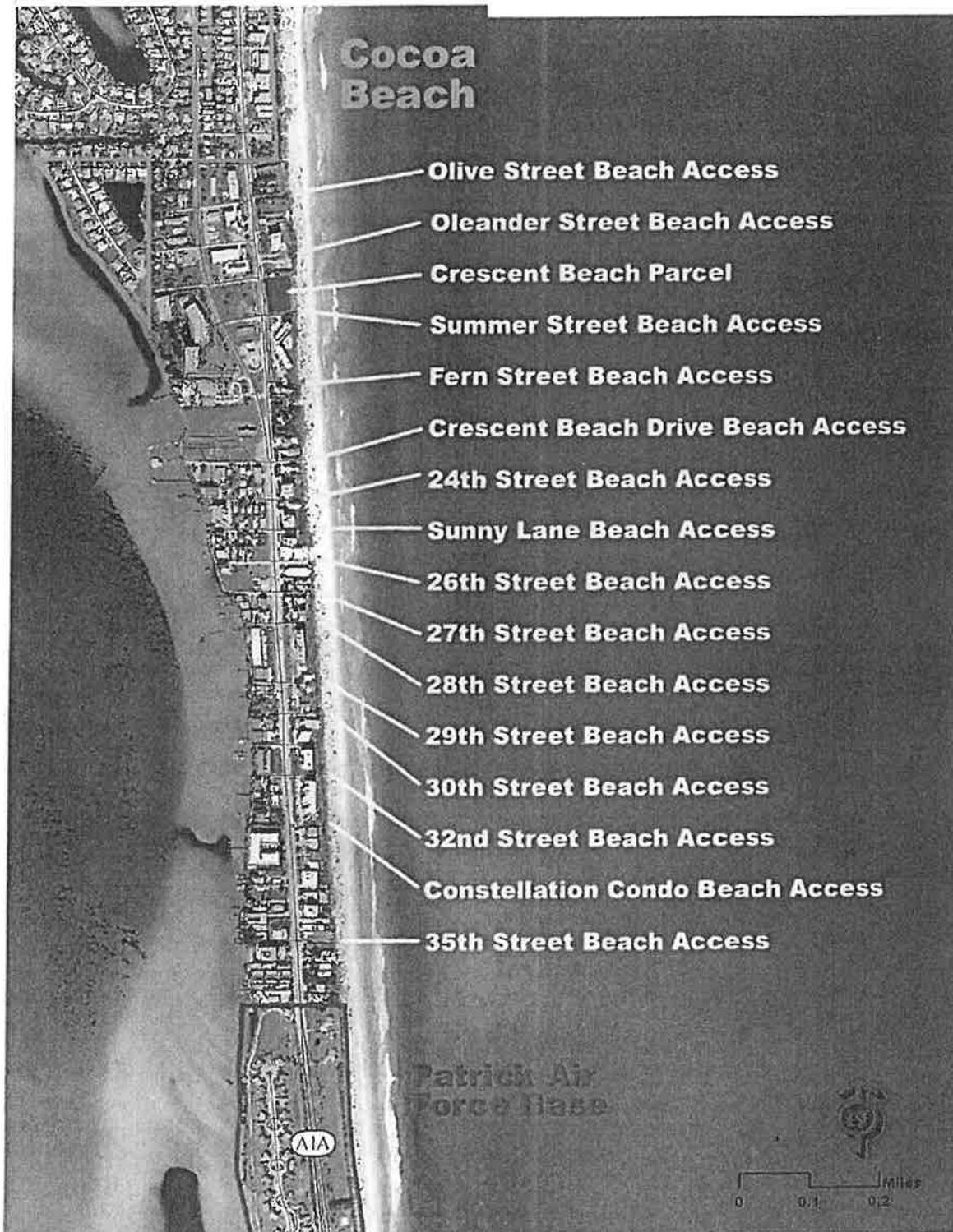
The County currently provides several locations throughout the Park system for pet owners to enjoy the outdoors with their dogs including the dog parks at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach, Marina Park in Titusville, Fay Lake Wilderness Park in Port St. John, Palm Bay Regional Park in Palm Bay, and Wickham Park in Melbourne. Additionally, a dog friendly beach is located at Canova Park.

In an effort to ensure a quality beach experience for all visitors and residents of Brevard County, the above listed concerns would need to be considered.



Beach Access Location Map

April, 2015



Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department
Central Area Parks Operations

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Donna Scott

From: Lewis, Sally A <Sally.Lewis@brevardfl.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 8:30 AM
To: Whitten, Stockton E; Masson, Jack; Valdengo, Venetta
Cc: Christine Mulligan; Deborah Thomas; Donna Scott; Kimberly Powell; Tammy Rowe
Subject: FW: Proposed Agenda Item for Board of Commission Meeting 26 July 2016

This is FYI. Item VI F 2.

From: Renee Parry [<mailto:wxgirlinfi@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2016 6:02 PM
To: Lewis, Sally A
Subject: Re: Proposed Agenda Item for Board of Commission Meeting 26 July 2016

Sally, I have a family emergency that I need to tend to and I will not be able to attend the commissioner meeting on 26 July 2016 in reference to my agenda item on Dogs on the Beach before 9am and after 5pm. I certainly apologize for any inconvenience this may present. Respectfully,
Renee S. Hurley

On Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:51 AM, "Lewis, Sally A" <Sally.Lewis@brevardfl.gov> wrote:

Renee,
I have received your agenda request and it will be on the July 26th agenda under New Business.
Thank you,
Sally

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From: Renee Parry [<mailto:wxgirlinfi@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 5:29 AM
To: Lewis, Sally A
Subject: Proposed Agenda Item for Board of Commission Meeting 26 July 2016

Dear Ms Lewis, please find attached the necessary paperwork requesting an item be added to the meeting agenda, hopefully, 26 July 2016. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Renee S. Hurley

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