



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2014

3:30 – 5:00

Tobacco Free Partnership of Martin County

945 SW Martin Downs Blvd.

Palm City, FL 34990



Attendance	Kim Waser, Justin Beard, Valerie Graham, Dr. Barry Hummel, Robyn Vanover, Danny Knight, Agnieszka Marshall, Emily Gregory
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Topic	Discussion	Action
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Welcome	<p><u>Self Introductions-</u></p> <p><u>Overview of December Meeting Minutes;</u> Motion to approve meeting minutes made by Emily, seconded by Justin. All in favor.</p> <p><u>Budget Report:</u> Dr. Hummel was able to apply for an increase in funding. After Rick Bender’s speaking services were no longer desired due to his opening an e-cigarette store in Florida, therefore some of that funding was freed up, and additional funding was allocated to the Partnership. Approximately half of the \$8000 for sponsorships has been used, with another \$750 pending.</p> <p>A request from Parks and Rec came in for a \$250 sponsorship for their #LoveMCParks photo contest; Robyn makes a motion to approve; Justin Seconds; All in Favor</p> <p>Justin makes a motion to accept Danny Knight as a Youth Advisory Board member of the Tobacco Free Partnership; Robyn Vanover seconds; All in favor.</p>	<p>Kim Waser</p> <p>Approved Unanimously</p>
Items for Approval		

Tobacco Prevention Quarter Update	<p>On February 25, the County Commissioners voted to accept the four recommendations by Kevin Abate, Parks and Rec Director, to move forward with smoke free parks and beaches in Martin County. His four recommendations were approved and the Commissioners, particularly Ed Fielding and Doug Smith, wanted to do something stronger and move forward. Doug Smith recommended forming a coalition with other counties to see what they could do together to stand up against preemption. We will try to build a 5 county coalition along the Treasure Coast to see what we can do to ban tobacco use on our parks and beaches. They also outlined a plan to possibly start a ranger program through the MC Sheriff’s Department to enforce smoke free parks and beaches.</p> <p>The four recommendations were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct staff to prepare and advertise a draft ordinance that reflects any change in the language in the FCIAA related to preemption of smoking to the State in favor of local government regulation. 2. Adopt a new resolution urging the State Legislature to repeal the state preemption in the area of regulating tobacco smoke use. 3. Direct staff to prepare and advertise a draft ordinance creating a Countywide Litter Ordinance that collaborates with the Martin County Sherriff Office. The Countywide Litter Ordinance would enhance the “Florida Litter Law” under Florida Statute 403.413 and include the following elements; enforcement measures by County and Sherriff employees and citation for violation recommendations. 	<p>Kim Waser, Dr. Barry Hummel, Danny Knight, Robyn Vanover</p>
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	<p>4. Allow staff to proceed with an “Adopt a Park/Beach” program that provides for litter improvement throughout the County”. Bring the proposed program back to the MCBOCC for final approval.</p> <p>The Town of Sewall’s Point is considering passing a resolution urging retailers to stop the sale and marketing of candy flavored tobacco, despite the fact that they have very few tobacco retailers. They should make their decision sometime this Quarter.</p> <p>City of Stuart has adopted a 100% tobacco free workplace policy. Signage has been ordered for all of their properties. Additionally, the Sheriff’s Department has adopted a No Hire policy for tobacco users.</p> <p>Presentations opportunities for the partnership are needed. Emily suggested Relay committee meetings and the March team party Jensen Beach Relay</p> <p>K-12 Update: The policy language has been updated to include e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco. It needs to go through three readings and will be on an upcoming agenda at a School Board meeting.</p> <p>Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JBHS SWAT Club is planning for a future themed Relay booth for 2114 with the theme of oral tobacco to combat the epidemic of chew tobacco use on campus. Their meeting time has changed, so they are working on recruiting new members.• JBHS is hoping to have a school presentation on chew tobacco, but haven’t located a speaker. However, because teachers are frustrated over the loss of instructional time, they are looking for other options to spread the message on campus. <p>Items from the Floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Hummel recommended doing our awards at the Tiger’s Den Café again this year. We need recommendations for award winners this year.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Some recommendations were Linda Toppi from City of Stuart, Kevin Abate from Parks and Recs. <p>Motion for adjournment at 5:00 by Justin, seconded by Danny. All in favor.</p>	
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