

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Central Area Parks Operations- Merritt Island/Beaches
951 Kiwanis Island Park Road
Merritt Island, FL 32953

Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Jarrell – Chairman
John Campbell
Vicky Fischer
Dorothy Hill
Ray Hoffman
Bill Parlon
Hank Salvin
Albert Thomas

STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Schanz, Manager, Central Area Parks Operations
Sheila Hart, Secretary, Central Area – Merritt Island/Beaches Parks Operations

OTHERS PRESENT

Louise Campbell
Heather Dyer
Scott Babcox
Joe Nocera

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman, Ms. Cathy Jarrell called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2003 MINUTES

The minutes of the March 19, 2003 meeting were reviewed. A **motion** for approval was made by Mrs. Cathy Jarrell, **seconded** by Mr. Ray Hoffman and **approved unanimously**.

III. OLD BUSINESS: REFERENDUM UPDATE - Cathie Schanz

- A.** Audubon – The multipurpose fields and ball fields are complete. The building is under construction. Completion is scheduled for September 19.
- B.** Edgewood – New lights and fence have been installed on the ball field. League is using the field. Soccer field construction will begin in approximately 6-8 weeks. Parking lot permits have been submitted and building will be built with the parking.
- C.** Gardendale & Stevenson – Board to approve conceptual plans at July meeting. Soccer fields to be completed by mid-September.
- D.** Kelly Park East- A Find grant was approved for the dock improvement project. Waiting on shipment of new pavilion to install on the point.
- E.** Kelly Park West – Permits have been submitted for the new maintenance area for Stevenson. Tennis courts are in the planning stage. Small playground has been installed at Kelly West.
- F.** Kiwanis Island Park- The KIP Building is still waiting for site plan approval. Ball field 2 is under construction with completion scheduled for August. Maintenance will be moved from community center to the area outside field 2. Raquetball courts are almost complete.
- G.** Manatee Cove- The playground is in and complete. Dedication is scheduled for June 19 at 1pm. Still waiting on permit for the new pavilion.
- H.** Mila-Lassie field renovations will begin in 3 weeks with scheduled completion in November.

- I. Mitchell Ellington Park- Mosquito control has been treating the area. Construction plans are 90% complete. A dog park has been suggested but has to be voted on by the referendum committee, which we will reconvene.
 - J. Rotary Park/Tropical- Little leagues have submitted their letter/surveys to the homeowners. Cathie Schanz to schedule the next referendum committee meeting to approve conceptual plans.
 - K. Woody Simpson Park-Computer center is under construction and scheduled to be completed by November. WSP HOA and the Cocoa West HOA formed a non-profit group to apply for grants and operate the 2 computer centers.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS - Cathie Schanz**
- A. **CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR STEVENSON AND JEFFERSON:**
Board will review and vote at the July 16 meeting.
 - B. **REQUEST TO NAME FIELD AT MILA ELEMENTARY:**
Louise Campbell and Heather Dyer spoke on behalf of Bill Strickland to name 1 of the 3 ball fields at MILA "Strickland field". Board recommends starting a petition to show community support and then resubmit to the Board for approval at a later meeting date.
 - C. **REQUEST TO NAME NEW PLAYGROUND AT ROTARY PARK:**
Request to re-name the playground for Dave Hawks was voted on by the Board. Motion to deny by Ray Hoffman and seconded by Al Thomas, Denied unanimously. Many other community members have also donated their time at this park. Other suggestions were given as an alternate memorial (benches, trees, etc.) for Dave Hawks to be provided by his family.
- VI. **REPORTS**
- A. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Revenue and Expenditure summary report through April 2003 was reviewed. Summer Camp has started with approximately 260 children enrolled at KIP and WSP. Teen Camp is at Edgewood and Rockledge. Expenditures are at 39.5%. The board stands in receipt of the financial report.
 - B. **ATTENDANCE, PROGRAM, AND ACTIVITY REPORTS-** Included in member packets for review.
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**
- A **motion** for adjournment was made by Ms. Vickie Fisher, and **seconded** by Mr. John Campbell. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next scheduled Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be July 16, 2003 at the KIP Community Building.

Cathy Jarrell
Chairman

Cathie Schanz, Manager
Central Area Parks Operations