

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Central Area - Merritt Island/Beaches Service Sector
Referendum Projects Committee Meeting
Annex Building – Kiwanis Island Park
950 Kiwanis Park Road
Merritt Island, FL 32953

Baseball/Softball Group Committee Meeting Minutes August 1, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wally Finney – Tropical Elem.
Mark Geiger – North Merritt Island Little League (NMILL)/Merritt Island Youth Sports Assn. (MIYSA)
Tammy Brown – North Merritt Island Senior Little League/MIYSA
Jeff Noble – South MI Little League/MIYSA
Steve Ramsey – East MI Little League/MIYSA
Ron Lewis – Audubon Elem.
Terry Coapstick – MI High Soccer & MI Fast Pitch Softball/MIYSA

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director
Cathie Schanz, Central Area Parks Operations Manager
Dan Click, Parks and Recreation Manager of Construction
Dot Estes, Administrative Secretary, Central Area Parks Operations

OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas D. Evans, Jr. – Tropical Elem.
Steve Geiger – NMILL

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting started at 5:45

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cathie welcomed everyone participating in the committee meetings and introductions were made.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sunshine Law

Chuck Nelson reviewed the Sunshine Law and went over major points throughout the Law. He requested each committee member read the Law carefully.

This is a subcommittee of the Merritt Island/Beaches Advisory Board and recommendations will go to this board and then finally to the Board of County Commissioners. Referendum projects on school property will go through the school principals.

b. Committee Guidelines

Chuck Nelson reviewed guidelines with committee members and went over major points and requested each member read guidelines and bring back questions if necessary. Chuck went over their responsibility to the committee and committee attendance. Chuck advised the committee that they will be working closely with Architect/Engineering firms, through planning and construction of projects and will be included in the ribbon cutting ceremony when completed. The county will maintain all projects done on school property.

There will be a chairman elected when we have a quorum, which is a majority plus one. Discussed attendance.

Chuck discussed that the committee does have some flexibility, however we need to stay basically with the original referendum that was voted for by the citizens. You can meet the intent of the referendum by making some changes, but not major changes, due to original referendum

vote. The idea is not to spend all the money but be conscious of what we have to spend and what we can save. The maintenance has been budgeted for each project. We can possibly do other projects that the county has in the Merritt Island project that were not funded with any left over funds.

We are contracting with Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group to do the design for the park sites, Allen Engineering to do the design for the school sites and Rood & Zwick to do the design for the buildings & facilities. The design engineers will be ready to meet with the committee in about a month.

c. Project Elements

Chuck Nelson reviewed elements and project cost break down with committee members. Park improvements were reviewed. Showed each member the existing plans and explained where all the proposed designs might be, however the committee can move around designs if needed. The project budget should be carefully spent and the committee should try to save money so we can do more recreation projects if possible. The total project budget was reviewed. No major changes can be done because of voter referendum and what the citizens voted on.

MIYSA special meeting will discuss referendum issues and whether activities are best suited at particular locations or whether it would be feasible at another location.

Audubon Elem. – Reviewed fields and lighting upgrades. Discussed rearranging fields.

Restroom/Concession building - Will have elevator

Ron Lewis asked how we would work with the schools and their construction projects? Chuck Nelson replied that the county will complement or supplement school projects.

MILA Lassie League – Fields and lighting upgrades

MILA North MILL – Restroom/concession building – Discussion with principal of MILA about maintaining area on their side.

Tropical – is crowded now, so discussion on moving projects or existing facilities somewhere else will be forthcoming. If fields are put at school, we will have the capacity to lock facility.

Ron Lewis asked about start and finish dates, Chuck Nelson replied that the projects will not start until the design and plans are done. Construction will probably begin next year. From start to finish, it will probably take approximately 120 to 140 days of construction time. At least 190 days for A/E plans to be done before construction starts.

A decision as to the placement of fields will be reviewed according to the survey and plans.

Buildings may even be put in different locations instead of existing locations.

d. Land Acquisition

No land needs to be acquired.

e. Timeline

We will have another meeting in about 30 days from now. Notices will be mailed out. Chuck Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director has requested that committee members recruit more committee members.

f. Website / Newsletter

Cathie Schanz, Central Parks Manager reviewed that committee members would be able to find information on the County Parks and Recreation website. We will post the minutes from each meeting, agenda meeting schedule and the newsletter.

IV. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next scheduled Committee meeting will be publicly announced and notices will be sent to members.

Minutes submitted by:

Dot Estes, Administrative Secretary

Minutes approved by Committee on: