

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 September 5, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wally Finney – Tropical Elem.
Mark Geiger – 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
Cindy Steele – Private Citizen/Landscaping Rep.
Gary Odom – MILA Elem. School

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Heiser - MIYSA
Ray Hoffman – Merritt Island
Recreation Advisory Board

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Tonya Williams – North MI Little League President

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 1, 2001 MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes by Wally Finney, second by Jeff Noble. Motion carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Election of Chair

Motion by Terry Coapstick to elect Jeff Noble as Chair and Mark Geiger as Vice-Chair, second by Steve Ramsey. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. MIYSA Special Meeting

The referendum projects were discussed and how important it will be for them to work closely with the county and the referendum committees. They discussed the possibility of moving ball fields from the school sites to the new Sports Complex in order to accommodate all the sport groups.

b. Project Elements

Mr. Nelson reviewed project elements utilizing the old site plans and informed the committee that the engineers are finalizing the surveys.

There were suggestions from the committee of possibly switching fields around to accommodate the schools.

Mr. Nelson also discussed new lighting standards.

The sketch from the architect will be completed and brought back to the next committee meeting so there would be a better idea of where ball fields could be located. Mr. Nelson commented that we want to be neighborhood friendly.

Edgewood – The school may become a high school of choice, so we will have to see what happens in the future. Concession area construction may be moved forward because the old facility is falling down. It may not be located in the same vicinity. *Cathie Schanz, Central Area Manager will notify Parks Construction to investigate safety at the present concession area.*

Jeff Noble suggested keeping all project elements standardized.

- **MILA** – The County is looking at a site near the airport for parking, they will find out something in a couple of weeks if this will work out. The next issue is the land next to the school that is double fenced, not sure who fenced property. The county will investigate and report back to committee. The south area has their bullpens outside of their ball fields and that works out well for safety. *The county staff will check the Little League standards.*
- **Tropical** – *Jack Masson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation is trying to facilitate a meeting with the Rotary Club to discuss relocation problems.* Homes will be impacted at some level.
- **Audubon** – *Chuck Nelson and Cathie Schanz will meet with Ron Lewis and Steve Ramsey on August 14, 2001 at 8:00 am at Audubon School concerning the placement of the fields.*

V. 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 committee members.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeff Noble, Chair
Merritt Island Youth Sports Association