

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 December 5, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wally Finney – Tropical Elem.
Jeff Heiser – MIYSA
Mark Geiger – Merritt Island Youth Sports Assn. (MIYSA)
Gary Odom – MILA Elem. School
Ron Lewis – Audubon Elem.
Jeff Noble – South MI Little League/MIYSA
Steve Ramsey – East MI Little League/MIYSA
Cindy Steele – Private Citizen/Landscaping Rep.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tammy Brown – North Merritt Island
Senior Little League/MIYSA
Ray Hoffman – Merritt Island
Terry Coapstick – MI High Soccer &
MI Fast Pitch Softball/MIYSA
Richard Putnam - MIYSA
Tonya Williams - MIYSA

STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Schanz, Central Area Parks Operations Manager
Dan Click, Parks & Recreation Construction Manager
Kent Hanson, MI/Bches Maintenance Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise Guthrie – South MI Little League
Josh Noble

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Jeff Noble called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 1, 2001 MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes by Jeff Heiser, second by Mark Geiger. Motion carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Survey Review:

Site-to-Site review:

- **North MI Sports Complex** – FYI – Land closing after first of the year. The County will have 114 acres.
- **Audubon** – Parks and Recreation felt that the proposed alternative field configurations proposed by the Audubon reps could not be accomplished within budget. The original site plan is the only way the field configurations will work, replacements and upgrades need to stay as they currently exist in the plans. The committee discussed the existing fields and how difficult they are to use. Constraints include the County's commitment to the school that they would not go any further east than the West side of the pavilion on the construction of the fields, and the budget. Dan Click told the committee that he would have all the drawings together for the next meeting. The double fence issue will be resolved in the near future. *Another meeting will be set-up with the Audubon reps to discuss the committee's proposed plans prior to the next meeting of the full committee.*

- **MILA Elementary** – Reviewed upgrades. Traffic control is going to be a problem, Allen Engineering is reviewing alternative traffic entrance. Some lighting at the entrance would assist in traffic control. There was extensive discussion on alternative field configurations and budget constraints. Parking is a problem, lighting in the proposed parking area would assist parking problem. It was brought to the committees attention by Cathie Schanz that the issues are; how much of a buffer do we need, how many access roads do we need, and are we going to be able to keep that road East of the field if we put one West of field, without cutting off the parking lot totally. Extensive discussion on site plan for parking, fields, concession stand and beautification (green space) around fields. Cathie Schanz asked the committee league representative whether both leagues need 3 fields long term and the answer was “yes”. *Allen Engineering should have the survey completed soon, so the committee will have an accurate site plan to review at the next meeting, and be able to make decisions accordingly.*
- **Tropical** – The Rotary Club has requested a full presentation to the entire membership on the proposal. Cathie Schanz will send a letter to the Rotary Club to arrange a meeting to discuss plans for Tropical. Any decisions are pending results of that meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

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