

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

Kelly Park East & West Committee Meeting
Minutes
July 25, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Noble – Merritt Island Youth Sports Assn. (MIYSA)
Steve Ramsey – MIYSA
Marshall Hieronimus – MIYSA
Jeff Heiser – MIYSA
Pat Maguire – East Merritt Island Homeowners Assn. (EMIHOA)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Putnam - MIYSA
Anne Byrd – EMIHOA
Tinho Dornellas – Windsurfing

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Chope – EMIHOA
Rob Johnson – Rep. Bob Allen’s Office
Norman H. White – Central Brevard Soccer

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting started at 6:30

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.

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 plans, construction of projects and

will be included in the ribbon cutting ceremony when completed. Some referendum projects will include schools improvements, so school representatives will be involved in the committee meetings.

There will be a chairman elected when we have a quorum, which is a majority plus one. Chuck discussed that the committee does have flexibility, but we need to stay 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 will be in the budget for each project.

We are contracting with Bussen Mayer Architect/Engineering Company 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. There will be an additional tie up boat ramp for the benefit of boaters. Basketball courts that are presently at the park will not be removed; the committee reviewed these on the existing plans. The committee does have choices to change things around. Once the project is completed we will see more availability for fields and ball games will be scheduled with more ease. The total project budget was reviewed. No major changes can be done because of voter referendum and what the citizens voted on. We will have the ability to develop a master plan for the future if and when funds may be available.

d. Land Acquisition

No land purchase is necessary for this project site.

e. Timeline

Next meeting will be around 30 to 45 days from now and will be advertised in a timely manner. MIYSA is scheduling a special meeting to discuss referendum projects on August 7, 2001 at Kiwanis Island Park in the annex building at 7:30 pm.

f. Website / Newsletter

Cathie reviewed how to access website.

IV. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next scheduled Committee meeting will be announced as soon as we have a date.

Minutes submitted by:

Dot Estes, Administrative Secretary