

**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 August 22, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Noble – Merritt Island Youth Sports Assn. (MIYSA)
Terry Coapstick - MIYSA
Steve Ramsey – MIYSA
Marshall Hieronimus – MIYSA
Dennis Dougherty – MIYSA
Pat Maguire – East Merritt Island Homeowners Assn. (EMIHOA)
Tinho Dornellas – Windsurfing
Cindy Steele – Volunteer/Environmental

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Putnam - MIYSA
Anne Byrd – EMIHOA
Jeff Heiser – MIYSA

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director
Jack Masson, Assistant 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

Barry Cabaniss – Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group
Robert Chope – EMIHOA
Stan Allen - EMIHOA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting started at 6:40

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 25, 2001 MINUTES

A motion was made to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Election of Chair

Steve Ramsey volunteered to be Chair and Pat Maguire volunteered to be Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously. The Chair will be the Chair for the duration of the project from start to finish.

b. Merritt Island Youth Sports Association Special Meeting

A special meeting of the MIYSA members was held on August 7, 2001. Each member represents a sports association on Merritt Island. They discussed referendum projects. When the minutes are approved we will distribute to each committee member.

- One issue that was discussed was to move football out of Kelly Park because of the limited parking facilities. North Merritt Island Sports Complex may be an option to move football there, which would open Kelly Park up for soccer.
- The North Merritt Island Sports Complex was discussed, however location has not been determined as of yet.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Project Elements

Mr. Nelson reviewed the old site plans with the committee as to how we might best utilize the park.

- A pavilion may be placed on the point to encourage more use of that area.
- A dock may be placed along the side, so boats can pull up and tie their boats there without pulling them up on the shore.
- In response to an inquiry from a committee member about a sea wall or something around the inlet on the boardwalk and dock to protect the shoreline from erosion, Barry (Bussen-Mayer) responded that permitting would address this issue. The member was satisfied after viewing a photo of what kind of boardwalk and dock would be added. Attention will be given to be sure not to block the Fire Department's access to water.
- Shoreline stabilization of 4 to 6 feet wide will take place at the south end of the park. The county has applied for a Florida Inland Navigation District grant for this project.
- A request for a committee member to have markings or signage for pedestrian crossing between playground and the boat ramp.
- Relocate tennis courts with lighting, racquetball courts and a basketball court. The lights will probably be on a timer at the courts. Mr. Nelson will consider fencing the retention pond near the courts to keep the balls from going into the water and to address safety issues and gators.
- A request to add more sidewalks to the park in order for the community to utilize them for skateboards or rollerblading.
- The west playground will be supplemented, not replaced because there is only \$4000 in budget.
- The location of the maintenance storage shed will be moved to accommodate a two bay maintenance building.
- The restroom/concession building will need more parking. If football goes somewhere else there may not be a need for a new concession at Kelly Park.
- Storage for the league, they could build their own storage building.
- The county will investigate relocating the control boxes.
- Possibly adding more vegetation and trees and benches along the sidewalks could be an option. There are funds in the budget for maintenance.

IV. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 26, 2001 at 6:30 pm in the annex building at Kiwanis Island Park.

Minutes submitted by:

Steve Ramsey, Committee Chairman