

**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**

Manatee Cove Committee Meeting Minutes August 22, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeanne Hoy
Jennifer East

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debby Button – 4H Rep.

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Nelson, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Jack Masson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Department 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

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting started at 5:45

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 25, 2001 MINUTES

A committee quorum was not present to approve minutes.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Election of Chair

A Chair was not elected because a quorum was not present.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meeting with Joe Walter of the 4H Club:

Chuck Nelson and Cathie Schanz had a meeting with Joe Walter concerning the lack of maintenance that is being preformed at the park. The county would like the community to be able to utilize the facilities. Further discussion will be forthcoming.

b. Project Elements

- Chuck Nelson briefly reviewed specific elements with the members. Mr. Nelson went over the old site plans with members to illustrate where the project elements might be located at the park.

- The new pavilion (40X60) could be located in front of the park, which is more accessible; a decision will be made after further committee discussion.
- Another option might be a boardwalk out to the river.
- The North Merritt Island Homeowners Assn. has donated \$6000 towards a small playground for the park.
- There is no additional parking proposed for the park.
- Presently the property line is a little bare, so there will be vegetation added.
- Committee members have suggested that a buffer be added between the horse area and the homes for privacy. The County wants to be a good neighbor, so if we need more vegetation, we will have it.
- In response to a committee members concern about more activity bringing more crime to the park, Mr. Nelson stated that when the park has more activity it seems to deter crime, not attract it.
- Upon a comment from a committee member there is a question of more lighting needed around pavilion and the park in general.
- A question was brought up as to whom the responsibility falls on to keep the creek cleaned out. Mr. Nelson will investigate.

c. **Barry Cabaniss from Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group** was present and will be doing the engineering for the park and Rood & Zwick will be doing the design for the pavilion.

- The time frame will be discussed with Barry and will be brought back to committee in about 30 days.
- The estimated time of completion for the park would be approximately 30 to 45 days for the permitting and will be ready to go to bid in approximately 60 to 90 days. Construction completion will be approximately one year.

IV. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20. The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2001 at 5:30 pm in the annex building at Kiwanis Island Park Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by:
Dot Estes, Administrative Secretary