

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

Sports Complex Committee Meeting Minutes September 5, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marshall Hieronimus – Merritt Island Youth Sports Assn. (MIYSA)
Jeff Noble – MIYSA
Steve Ramsey – MIYSA
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Kim Smith – North Merritt Island Homeowners Assn. (NMIHOA)
Terry Coapstick – MIYSA
Mark Geiger – MIYSA
Dennis Dougherty – MIYSA
Bill Huminski – NMIHOA
Evon Jackson - MI Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Putnam – MIYSA
Ken Ball – MIYSA
Jeff Heiser - MIYSA
Tammy Brown - MIYSA

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

None

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting started at 7:30 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 25, 2001 MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Election of Chair

A motion was made by Jeff Noble, seconded by Marshall Hieronimus to elect Terry Coapstick as Chair and Steve Ramsey as Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. MIYSA Special Meeting

The referendum projects were discussed and how important it will be for MIYSA members 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.

- A number of issues were discussed, such as football and whether the new Sports Complex would be a better use of facilities than Kelly.
- Discussed if baseball left Edgewood, whether girl's softball could possibly use the fields at Edgewood.

We would like to resolve these issues in a couple weeks, however we can't move forward until the land is in hand.

b. Land Purchase

- A counter offer on the 114 acres was made to the seller and they will discuss it with the family over the weekend, and then meet with their attorney this week. Hopefully this will be resolved next week.

c. Project Elements

- Mr. Nelson reviewed the site project elements with the committee.
- The County staff will meet with all groups to coordinate project design.
- The planning may not be ready in a month; we may not meet for at least 6 weeks to 2 months from now. The committee may meet after Football, Little League and softball groups meet and resolve their issues.
- We could move forward with survey and the design.
- The complex from start to finish could take 8 months to one year due to permitting. This is one of the largest of the referendum projects.

d. Complex Use

- If the Summer Olympics ever came to Orlando, our facilities could be used for venues. The County could possibly receive grants to assist in that endeavor.
- Little League will have to furnish the equipment for the concession stands.
- Possibility for storage could be a trailer on site.
- The county would like to get the Little League out of the grass cutting business and to have the LL use their funds to buy equipment needed.
- The county will maintain the exterior of the building and the LL will maintain the interior.

The information on the meetings and anything else concerning the Referendum Projects can be found on the website at www.brevardparks.com.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Marshall Hieronimus to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mark Geiger. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. The next scheduled Committee meeting will be in approximately 30 days, committee members will be noticed when we have a date scheduled.

Minutes submitted by:

Marshall Hieronimus,
Chair