

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

Mitchell Ellington Park Committee Meeting Minutes February 6, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marshall Hieronimus
Ken Ball
Jeff Noble
Terry Coapstick - Chair
Steve Ramsey
Dennis Dougherty
Rose Plummer
Kim Smith
Bill Huminski
Kristina Kerr
David King
Evon Jackson - MI Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Putnam
Jeff Heiser
Tammy Brown
Dan Bears
Mark Geiger
Hugh Corr

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Masson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Cathie Schanz, Central Area Parks Operations Manager
Dan Click, Parks and Recreation Construction Manager
Kent Hanson, MI/Beaches Maintenance Superintendent
Dot Estes, Administrative Secretary, Central Area Parks Operations

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Noble
Marc Phemister
Cindy & Doug Younger
Todd Pankuch

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair, Terry Coapstick called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2002 MINUTES

A motion was made to approve minutes by Marshall Hieronimus, second by Jeff Noble. Motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Cathie Schanz reviewed the Citizen Advisory Committee Guidelines and the Sunshine Law Guidelines for the new members.
- b. **Property Review** –
 - Cathie Schanz reported that the Mitchell Ellington property has been purchased and will be called the Mitchell Ellington Park. The property is 114 acres and offers a lot of room for buffering. There will be a master plan for the property, which may include elements such as a Community Center and/or a pool. The referendum funds do not allow for these extra elements presently, however, we will plan for them for now.

Right now there is only a small dirt road for access off of N. Tropical Trail onto the property, there is no access off of Hall Road. The current road will probably will not be a public entrance for the facility. Dan Click reported that the County has a negotiating session with Bussen-Mayer tomorrow afternoon for the scope of the engineering services and they will do an environmental on site assessment for wetlands delineation, and threatened/endangered species. This is the first phase of the contract and usually runs 90-120 days. They will come back to the committee with updates. Traffic issues will be discussed, such as what we are able to do or not. Traffic safety and entrance will be studied and addressed. The Engineering and Architect firms will assist in direction.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Jack Masson reported that the County is working with County Storm water for possible storm water treatment for North Merritt Island area. This is only in discussion stages at this point and may result in a portion of the property may be sold to County Storm Water for treatment to address storm water issues in the future. Storm water is working on the ditch along Hall Road presently.
- Permits will be obtained in advance.
- Cathie Schanz reviewed the elements with the committees. There will be a full time crew on site. There may be a caretaker at the park full time.
- Cathie Schanz reported that the County had a meeting with the North Merritt Island Homeowners Association about their concerns. There were four concerns: traffic, security, noise and lights, these issues will be addressed at a later date as plans move along. Also discussed the usage of the park and limiting the late night activities. They discussed the difference between practices and games.
- There was extensive discussion on the entrance to the park being on Hall Road or not and the problems that it may cause. The county informed the committee that the removal of the barn, old trucks, boats and cars, etc. would be completed in the near future.
- Proposed completion of the complex is late 2004.

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 Jeff Noble to adjourn meeting, seconded by Marshall Heironimus. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm. The next scheduled Committee meeting will be in 2 months, April 3, 2002. Committee members will be noticed when we have a date scheduled.

Minutes submitted by:

Terry Coapstick,
Chair