

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Central Area – Merritt Island/Beaches Service Sector  
Referendum Projects Committee Meeting  
Annex Building – Kiwanis Island Park  
951 Kiwanis Park Road  
Merritt Island, FL 32953**

***Mitchell Ellington Sports Park Committee***  
Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2003

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rick Putnam  
Steve Ramsey  
Marshall Hieronimus  
Jeff Noble  
Kristina Keer  
Mark Geiger  
Terry Coapstick, Chairman  
Bill Huminski  
Kim Smith  
Dennis Dougherty  
Tammy Brown  
Rose Plummer

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ken Ball  
David King

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chuck Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director  
Jack Masson, Asst. Parks and Recreation Director  
Cathie Schanz, Central Area Parks Operations Manager  
Dan Click, Parks and Recreation Construction Manager  
Carlos Zarate, Parks and Recreation Construction Coordinator  
Kent Hanson, Central Area Merritt Island Beaches Maintenance Superintendent  
Hector Lopez-Acevedo, Central Area Merritt Island Beaches Recreation Superintendent  
Karla Grisham, Central Area Administrative Secretary

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

See Secretary for sign in sheet.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Terry Coapstick called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF July 23, 2003 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jeff Noble; second by Steve Ramsey to approve the minutes of July 23, 2003. Motion carried.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Review and Approve Playground elements – *Cathie Schanz*

Cathie Schanz presented the playground element designs to the members for review and discussion at the July meeting. Further discussion at that meeting concluded that staff would provide additional information to the members, modify the plans utilizing the members' suggestions and revisit the issue at the next meeting for final approval. Cathie Schanz began by presenting the requested changes to the Landscape Structure playground plans that came in at \$77,288.07; the Burke playground plans were revised to provide a shade structure and came in at \$64,374.00; the Miracle playground plan was revised to include more diverse elements with climbing and removal of typhoon slide and came in at \$66,000. Cathie Schanz guided the members to only select the element and staff would determine color scheme. Rose Plummer made a motion to accept the Miracle playground plans as amended. Marshall Hieronimus seconded and added that the parks staff will select color scheme. Motion carries.

b. Discuss Dog Park component request – *Chuck Nelson & Cathie Schanz*

Chuck Nelson updated the members that staff has been working on the request from Commissioner Pritchard to house a dog park element at Mitchell Ellington Park. The committee previously approved adding a dog park element to the master plan West of the entrance road at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Mr. Nelson continued that permitting issues are being reviewed and the construction Manager is reviewing an alternative location at the site.

c. Sales Tax Update – *Chuck Nelson*

Chuck Nelson provided the members a listing of funds appropriated if the sales tax increase is approved.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Referendum Project Update – *Chuck Nelson, Cathie Schanz, Dan Click*

Cathie Schanz reported that construction is underway at Gardendale, Stevenson and Audubon. The fields will be constructed first followed by the buildings. She continued that Jefferson will begin at the end of school; Rotary Park and Tropical projects are in the design phase; Kelly East pavilion will be installed soon followed by the boardwalk; Kelly West tennis courts and pedway to begin design phase by the first of the new year; Kiwanis Island Park replacement of community building, in the bid process and pre qualifications meetings have been scheduled; fields are nearing completion.

V. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

A motion was made by Jeff Noble to adjourn meeting, second by Marshall Hieronimus. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.