

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 June 16, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Coapstick, Chairman
Steve Ramsey
Rick Putnam
Mark Geiger
Bill Huminski
Kim Smith
Dennis Dougherty
Rose Plummer
Jeff Noble

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Ball
Marshall Hieronimus
David King
Tammy Brown

STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Schanz, Central Area Parks Operations Manager
Dan Click, Parks and Recreation Construction Manager
Tex Loadholtz, Horticulturist
Kent Hanson, Central Area Merritt Island Beaches Maintenance Superintendent
Hector Lopez-Acevedo, Central Area Merritt Island Beaches Recreation Superintendent
Sheila Hart, Central Area Secretary
Chena Lessey, Central Area Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator

PUBLIC PRESENT

See Secretary for sign in sheet.

I. **CALL MEEING TO ORDER**

Marshall Hieronimus called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2003 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Marshall Hieronimus; second by Mark Geiger to approve the minutes of October 6, 2003. Motion carried.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

Discuss Dog Park Element- *Cathie Schanz*

Cathie Schanz reviewed the previous discussions and approval of a future dog park element at the park. She updated the members on status of the location of the approved dog park element. It will be located near the main entrance off of Hall road. Parks and Recreation will pay for the fencing required, as this is not a

Referendum project. The dog park area will be self-monitored. Rules and Hours will be posted.

Referendum Project Update – *Cathie Schanz, Kent Hanson*

Cathie Schanz gave an update to the members on the completion of the Audubon project and the completion of the fields at Gardendale, Stevenson, Edgewood, & Kiwanis Island (except for lighting) projects. She also updated the members on the following projects in process: the new buildings at Stevenson & Gardendale are under construction; the new building at Kiwanis Island will have additional costs due to the changes for the foundation; Kelly Park East is complete except for the boat dock, the pedway and the plans for the tennis courts on Kelly West are pending. Mila and Tropical fields scheduled to start this summer and be complete for the spring 2005 season – the buildings will be under construction probably through part of the spring season. Jefferson improvements are being coordinated with the school as they are constructing a classroom addition. We will be building a track for the school system while completing the referendum projects. Possible start will be spring of 2005.

Mr. Mark Geiger asked about the current bus parking on Courtney Parkway. Cathie Schanz gave an update that the new location will probably be on Fortenberry and Plumosa. No date has been set as to when the move will take place. We are working to get construction started around the parking area.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Landscape Plan Review: *Tex Loadholtz, Horticulturist*

Mr. Tex Loadholtz reviewed the plans and design as to where the landscaping will take place at Mitchell Ellington. The majority of the landscaping will be along the South property line adjacent to the Citrus Isle subdivision.

Groundbreaking Ceremony: *Chena Lessey*

Chena Lessey reviewed the plans for the groundbreaking ceremony for Mitchell Ellington. Acreage area on the south west corner of the property on Tropical Trail will be cleared for parking and set up of tents and chairs. The actual ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 24, 2004 at 10 a.m. Invitations will be going out the week of July 5.

Mitchell Ellington Discussion:

There was a discussion on the budget for Mitchell Ellington and what projects will need to be postponed. \$6 million was put in the budget for this project, estimated \$8 million to complete as planned. Some lighting, parking and buildings will be added at a later date.

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 7:25 pm.

