

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

Mitchell Ellington Sports Park Committee
Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Coapstick, Chairman
Dennis Dougherty
Mark Geiger
Marshall Hieronimus
Bill Huminski
Rose Plummer
Steve Ramsey

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Ball
Tammy Brown
Jeff Noble
Rick Putnam
Kim Smith

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Nelson, Parks & Recreation Director
Cathie Schanz, Central Area Parks Operations Manager
Hector Lopez-Acevedo, Central Area Merritt Island Beaches Recreation Superintendent
Sheila Hart, Central Area Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT

See Secretary for sign in sheet.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Terry Coapstick called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2004 MINUTES

Correction from June 16, 2004, minutes; add Marshall Hieronimus as present member. A motion was made by Steve Ramsey; second by Marshall Hieronimus to approve the minutes of June 16, 2004. Motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Referendum Project Update – Cathie Schanz

- Mitchell Ellington permitting is complete and clearing has begun.
- Manatee Cove waiting on final permitting.
- Stevenson and Gardendale fields are complete, final completion on restrooms estimated early March.
- NMILL fields 2 & 3 are near completion. Building will be completed late summer.
- Tropical fields are ready for practice. Building will be under construction through late summer.

- Rotary construction will start very soon, as soon as the contractor has completed other projects. Estimated completion in 6 months.
- Jefferson to start construction during spring break.
- Edgewood field is complete. Existing building may be rebuilt or only renovated pending the engineering analysis.
- Kiwanis Island Park Community building is scheduled for completions early March.
- Kelly East and West: tennis courts on West are out for bid. East renovations are complete. A new sidewalk will be moved up into the west park by roadways and landscaping.
- Mitchell Ellington: The current master plan has been approved. Dog park element has been approved and will be placed near entrance.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

Master Plan Options-Chuck Nelson

Due to rising construction costs, several plan decisions may change. Currently \$2M over budget. Roadways and Landscaping will be less cost than outsourcing to a private company. Softball fields; the master plan includes 2 - only build 1 with lights at this time. Little league fields; the master plan includes 2 - only build 1 with lights at this time. Postpone construction of softball building. Senior fields; master plan includes 2 – build both, light 1. Build baseball building. Soccer fields; master plan includes 6 – build 6, light 2. Build soccer building. Build maintenance building. Football fields; master plan includes 2 – build both, light 1. Build football building. Possibly will not build football fields depending on commitment level from MIYFB. If not, possibly will add additional lighting on soccer fields. Storm water area will have to be undeveloped due to gopher tortoises. Surrounding walk way will be complete except on east side. Scheduled completion for January 2006.

Mark Geiger asked when the senior fields would be completely lighted. MI/Beaches Recreation Advisory Board would access those needs based on a year-to-year basis. If more leagues are formed, need would definitely be recognized. Steve Ramsey is organizing a big league program to emphasize the need for more fields. Use of schools is also available to leagues. Steve Ramsey also wanted to know what the light agreement would be for the senior leagues when Mitchell Ellington is completed and Edgewood fields. Mr. Nelson reassured the leagues there would be no changes to the lighting responsibilities of each league. In the next 60 days there will be more information/costs for an update.

V. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

A motion was made by Marshall Hieronimus to adjourn meeting, seconded by Bill Humanski. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.