



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION South Area Advisory Board

Regular Meeting April 20, 2009

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South Area Advisory Board, was conducted on Monday, April 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1515 Sarno Road, Building B-2, Melbourne, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Jagrowski, Chairman
J. Keith Farquharson, Vice Chairman
Richard Contreras
Ben Clark
Damian Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ted Whitlock
Mary Goelz
Frank Bevack

STAFF PRESENT

David Moore, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Jerry Gust, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Gustavo Vergara, Recreation Superintendent
Mechelle Cook, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

None

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jagrowski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mrs. Cook called the roll and county staff members introduced themselves to the board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After review of the minutes from the February 16, 2009 meeting, Mr. Jagrowski called for a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, Mr. Contreras made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, Mr. Farquharson **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Approved October 19, 2009

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Moore stated that this our busy time of year, Little League is in full swing. Mr. Moore stated we have made much progress at the South Beach Community Center and that it is a very nice facility. We have an upcoming event, Support Ovarian Cancer, and teams will be returning this year, Mr. Moore said this is personal for parks staff, that a member had lost his spouse to ovarian cancer last year. Mr. Gust announced that the dedication ceremony and grand opening of the Ted Whitlock Community Center will be held on May 23, 2009 at the Ted Whitlock Community Center. Invitations will be mailed in the next month.

Mr. Gust stated that staff has been working on the budget and the target is 17 to 20 percent. Mr. Wilson asked what the layoffs meant and Mr. Gust responded that we had lost 27 positions last year in our area alone. Mr. Moore said that we will know the results at the end of June or the 1st of July, Mr. Wilson asked what they would be in real dollars. Mr. Moore said that he did not have the dollar figures available right now. Mr. Gust said that the cuts will not affect referendum projects, they are funded for 20 years and O&M were part of the referendum. Mr. Contreras asked if the Senior Center at Wickham and the community center would be affected. Mr. Moore said it would get interesting, they have hired a coordinator for the Senior Center and they would be using existing staff. Mr. Gust said that though we may cut back on operating hours at facilities, construction on the South County Boat Ramp, community center at Wickham and Canova were going out to bid and we were moving forward with referendum projects. Mr. Jagrowski asked if we would get any money out of these programs. Mr. Gust said there would be a small amount of revenue generated. Discussion ensued concerning the rates and fees charged, premium rates, direct costs, dumpsters, and personnel.

Mr. Clark suggested the use of memberships (similar to the YMCA) and the sale of parking permits at the centers with big athletic fields to generate revenue. Discussion ensued concerning the feasibility and implementation methods of Mr. Clark's suggestions and staff said they will forward the ideas to the appropriate staff.

Mr. Vergara said flyers were distributed to every school this year, they had printed banners to hang at each park, and that our information was posted on the website. Mr. Wilson asked if there were any scholarships available to lower income families and that CDBG areas in the north subsidized every child that goes to camp. Mr. Vergara then announced that Andretti Thrill Park has made a huge contribution to the camps, and was very interested in associating with our summer camps.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Moore stated that we have a verbal approval from the St. Johns River Water Management District for the mitigation of the Brevard Zoo Linear Trail Project and the first payment in the amount of \$9,600.00 will be forwarded to the District.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Farquharson made a **MOTION** to adjourn, Mr. Wilson **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.