

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SOUTH AREA ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department South Area Advisory Board was held on Monday, March 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at 51 S. Nieman Avenue, Melbourne, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Hurley, Chairman
Mary Ann Kise, Vice Chair
Ted Whitlock
Robin Tibbitts
John Corelli
Mary Goelz
Ben Drew

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Stieber
Jerry Jagrowski

STAFF ATTENDING

Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Barry Portnowitz, Recreation Superintendent
Jeff Whitehead, Maintenance Superintendent
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hurley called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2/16/04)

Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Corelli seconded.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Portnowitz informed the Board of the recent activities including Turtle Krawl, which raised \$1,500 for the Sea Turtle Preservation Society; Toy Box Sale at Rodes Park; Spring Break Camp is starting soon; and the Water Aerobics program at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center which currently has 30 enrolled.

Mr. Whitehead informed the Board of the Grand Opening event of Oars and Paddles Park; little league and soccer opening days went very well; and staff removed the old playground at Suntree Rotary Park and a new playground will be installed on Wednesday.

MINUTES APPROVED 4/26/04

Ms. Palus asked the chairman to move ahead on the agenda to item number 5- New Business. The chairman agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

Ms. Kise made a **MOTION** to nominate Mr. Hurley as the Chairman and Mr. Corelli seconded. Mr. Hurley accepted. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Mr. Corelli nominated Ms. Kise as the Vice-Chairman. Ms. Kise declined and nominated Mr. Corelli as the Vice-Chairman which was seconded by Ms. Tibbitts. Mr. Corelli accepted. Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to accept the nomination of Mr. Corelli as Vice-Chairman and Ms. Goelz seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Pineda Causeway Boat Ramp:

Ms. Palus explained to the Board that staff met with the Pineda Causeway Boat Ramp Committee to sun set the committee due to not building the proposed project based on the Manatee Protection Plan. The Pineda Causeway Committee provided suggestions as to where they would like to see the funds reallocated that were proposed for the Causeway project. Ms. Palus provided an email from Ms. Samuelson regarding her suggestions and discussed them with the Board.

Mr. Leslie provided his suggestion of utilizing the funds to provide a sports water park which would allow boaters an opportunity to ski and take some power boats off the Indian Rive. He also mentioned that it could be a strong mitigation opportunity in renegotiating more launch area spaces for the State. Mr. Leslie mentioned a few sites that he had looked into including the Desert Ranch site through Solid Waste and asked that the Board take the opportunity to at least look at the possibilities.

Discussion ensued. The Board asked Ms. Palus for a list of the Referendum projects that still need additional funding. Ms. Palus verbally provided an update on the funding issues at this particular time. The Board decided to table this item until more information can be provided on the funding needs of the current referendum projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Palus provided an update on all South Area projects.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Fergus spoke regarding his suggestions for the funding allocations to be utilized in assisting the Hightower Park Project, located in Satellite Beach, as indicated by Ms. Samuelson in her email previously provided to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss. Mr. Corelli made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Whitlock seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next meeting is May 17, 2004.