



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION

South Area Advisory Board

SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2006

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South Area Advisory Board, was conducted on Monday, April 3, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the South Area Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1515 Sarno Road in Melbourne.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Ann Bowman
Jim Rosasco
Jerry Jagrowski
Ramona Birmingham
Ted Whitlock

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joan Lewis
Mary Goelz
Kevin Walsh

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Masson, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
Marsha Cantrell, Parks Support Services Manager
Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

Debra Thompson
Bill Palmer

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Ms. Nicholas called the roll, and Ms. Bowman noted that a quorum was present and that the meeting would be conducted. Ms. Bowman reminded members that the only item that could be discussed was what was on the agenda.

SALE OF EXISTING RODES PARK

Mr. Masson noted that Ms. Cantrell had distributed a letter from the School Board of Brevard County regarding the sale of the existing Rodes Park and informed Committee members that the Board was being asked to make a recommendation on the sale of Rodes Park to present to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners. The Rodes Park Referendum Committee had already discussed the issue and recommended the sale of the property with certain conditions. Ms. Cantrell noted that it was staff's intent to take the recommendations of the Rodes Park Referendum Committee and the South Area Advisory Board to the Board of County Commissioners on April 25, 2006.

Two appraisals had been performed on the property; one appraisal came in at \$2.636 million, and the other came in at \$3.75 million, thereby rendering the average of the two appraisals at \$3.193 million.

Mr. Jagrowski asked if the County really wanted to sell the property, and Mr. Masson replied that the proceeds would be helpful for continuing with construction of the new park. Ms. Birmingham inquired as to whether the Rodes Park project was experiencing a deficit, as was the case with numerous other projects, and Mr. Masson indicated that the original amount reflected in the referendum was \$5.2 million but the estimate was now approximately \$11.6 million.

Ms. Birmingham stated that it made sense to sell the property but was concerned about the price and asked if a decision had to be made by the Board that evening. Ms. Cantrell responded that the County Manager had made a commitment to place the item on the agenda of the April 25 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Birmingham then noted that the land value may increase as more land in the area is purchased. Ms. Birmingham asked how the property was zoned, and Mr. Masson replied that it was zoned institutional.

Mr. Rosasco made a **MOTION** to approve the recommendation of the Rodes Park Referendum Committee, and Mr. Whitlock seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Jagrowski noted that the property should revert back to the County if the School Board would, at some point in the future, decide to vacate the property and also stated that if the property were to be put up for sale, the County should have the right of first refusal with regard to the purchase.

Mr. Rosasco then made a **MOTION** to amend the original motion to add such a provision, and Mr. Whitlock seconded. The amended **MOTION** reads that the South Area Advisory Board approves the recommendation of the Rodes Park Referendum Committee, but if the property were to be put up for sale in the future, the County would have the right of first refusal with regard to the purchase. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Ms. Bowman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rosasco made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Jagrowski seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Ms. Bowman adjourned the special meeting of the South Area Advisory Board at 8:05 p.m.