



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION South Area Advisory Board

Regular Meeting
January 22, 2007

A Regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South Area Advisory Board, was conducted on Monday, January 22, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1515 Sarno Road, Building B-2, Melbourne, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Rosasco
J. Keith Farquharson
Mary Ann Bowman
Jerry Jagrowski
Ted Whitlock

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Goelz
Joan Lewis
Kevin Walsh

STAFF PRESENT

David Moore, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Fred Poppe, Recreation Superintendent
Barry Portnowitz, Recreation Superintendent
Alicia Webb, South Area Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

R.L Jones
Jamie Seymour
Bernice Smith
Justin Toombs

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. Ms. Webb called the roll, and Ms. Bowman noted that a quorum was present and that the meeting would be conducted.

STAFF REPORTS

Jeff Whitehead

- Drawings for the Brevard Zoo have been received by the County and are currently being reviewed
- Flutie Park is currently working on their parking lot issue
- Irene Canova park is waiting on data field work that has been done internally by Susan Jackson
- Rodes Park is having a meeting on Monday, January 29, 2007, at 7:00p.m.
- South Beach Community Park is having their contract with BRPH terminated, Brevard County will be going out there to determine what work has been completed and will be going back out for bid.
- South Brevard Senior Center is having a meeting on February 2, 2007 to receive a drawing and proposal from PBSJ. They are requesting a meeting to be held with the South Area Advisory Board and the Wickham Park Advisory Committee to hold a presentation and answer any questions that may arise.
- South County Boat Ramp just had a meeting on January 17, 2007. A presentation was given by Jeff Birmingham of the Firm Coastal Tech. Mr. Birmingham was able to present a timeline and is thirty percent done with the drawings for the ramp/park. Completion of the boat ramp/park is expected to be July, 2008.
- Micco Park is waiting on the water purification system and still has a little bit of landscaping that needs to be done. Mr. Whitehead is communicating with Mr. Lusk to have a soft opening of Micco Park on February 2, 2007.
- Wickham Park is having the equestrian issue go before the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. The restrooms should be open by the end of the week.
- Pineda Landing is still waiting on the septic permit from D.E.P. After the permitting process has been completed, there will be a grand opening.

Mr. Jagrowski voiced some concern about the opening of the Community Center at Viera Regional Park. Mr. Whitehead explained that the Community Center at Viera Regional should be completed around March 19, 2007. Brevard County Department of Housing and Human Services had requested the use of that community center for a Veterans Stand-Down on March 23-March 24. Mr. Whitehead noted that a ribbon cutting would take place.

Mr. Whitehead brought up an issue about Palm Bay Regional Park and the Brevard School Board. The Brevard School Board had desired to build a school near Palm Bay Regional. The entrance to the school would be going right through the park, per their request.

Mr. Whitehead also explained that the funds from the bond referendum will be going in front of the BOCC. Parks and Recreation should see the funds needed for the completion of the parks by February 1, 2007.

Mr. Whitehead noted that at the Wickham Park Advisory Board meeting on January 3, 2007, he had presented an idea to name pavilion #4 after Mr. Sam Fuller, Jr., a previous Brevard County employee who is now deceased. Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to name the pavilion after Sam Fuller, Jr., and Mr. Jagrowski seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Barry Portnowitz

Mr. Portnowitz noted that Florida Today will be printing our next half page newspaper ad January 28, 2007. The new Leisure Activity guide will be in the newspaper on March 16, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jamie Seymour gave a presentation and a petition to the South Area Advisory Board in hopes to rename the South County Boat Ramp to Christenson's Landing. Mr. Seymour stated that the Christenson family had been a big part of the Grant community for many years and that much public input has been given about naming the boat ramp after that family.

After a few questions from the Board, Mr. Rosasco made a **MOTION** to rename the boat ramp Christenson's Landing, and Mr. Jagrowski seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Whitlock wanted to make sure that the public had enough input in this matter and if the community was properly informed about the naming of this boat ramp. Mr. Seymour assured that the meeting date and times had been published in the newspaper, along with an article on the subject. Mr. Seymour also noted that the meeting date and times had been posted on a sign outside of the Grant Community Center for all to see. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Mr. R.L. Jones also gave a presentation to the South Area Advisory Board regarding the naming of a community center at POW-MIA Park. Mr. Jones is a member of the Kiwanis club and as a member he wanted to represent that group by naming the community center, Kiwanis Community Center at POW-MIA Park. The Suntree-Viera Parks Referendum had already approved the idea. Ms. Bowman felt that it wasn't the right time to make a motion. Ms. Bowman suggested to Mr. Jones to wait until the next South Area Advisory Board meeting and provide them with more information.

PUBLIC INPUT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Ms. Bowman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Whitlock made a MOTION to adjourn and Mr. Jagrowski seconded. Ms. Bowman adjourned the meeting of the South Area Advisory Board at 8:00p.m.