

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Brevard Zoo

Regular Meeting

November 11, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Brevard Zoo Referendum Committee was held on Thursday, November 11, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. at 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Supervisor of Elections Mtg. Room, Viera, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bonnie Guilhaus
Jerry Jagrowski
Greg Denny
Margo McKnight
Barbara Meyer
Bill McCord

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF ATTENDING

Jack Masson, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director
Dan Click, Construction Manager
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Jeff Whitehead, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

Brad Smith, A& E Firm
Jeff Sweet

The meeting began promptly at 5:21p.m.

Ms. Palus asked for introductions. She informed the members that a Chairman and Vice-chairman needed to be selected. Mr. McCord was nominated for Chairman and he accepted. Ms. McKnight was nominated for Vice-chairman and she accepted. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Denny made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from 9/6/01 and Ms. Guilhaus seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PROJECT REVIEW:

Mr. Click informed the committee that Brad Smith, A&E Firm, has been evaluating the proposed area for the Brevard Zoo Linear Trail. Many meetings have taken place with adjacent landowners to discuss the project. The goal of the Parks and Recreation Department is to identify all the potential elements and have a "Signature Trail". Mr. Click introduced Mr. Brad Smith.

Brad Smith, A&E Firm:

Mr. Smith provided a map of the proposed area for the trail and discussed the existing land. He identified to the committee the three major areas of wetlands, the existing tree and animal life, lakes located in the area, existing neighbors and communities, etc. He proceeded with a slide show presentation, which included the existing condition of the area. The committee spoke regarding the location of the restrooms, trailhead, parking, accessibility, acreage, existing wildlife, increased traffic/impact to communities, trail logo and signs, etc. There was a question regarding a wildlife corridor. Ms. Meyer has not received confirmation of that at this time. There was a concern of existing communities having the potential to continue building. Mr. Click mentioned that he did not believe there was enough buildable property for that to happen. Discussion ensued regarding the impact to the existing wildlife and the possibilities of going under the Pineda Extension versus over it.

Mr. Click mentioned that the Brevard County Road & Bridge Department would be helping with the construction of the project. Timeline of completion was discussed. Mr. Click mentioned he would like to have it done in about a year, but past experiences have resulted in two to three years to complete a trail in relation to this.

Ms. Meyer discussed Health Benefits as a positive impact to help promote this project. The committee added Mr. Jeff Sweet as member to the committee. Ms. McKnight volunteered to host the next meeting at Brevard Zoo. Due to the Holidays the committee re-scheduled their next meeting to Thursday, January 10, 2002 at Brevard Zoo at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Public input occurred during the meeting. There was no further input given at this time.

MINUTES APPROVED 6/6/02

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2002.