

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Flutie Athletic Complex Referendum Committee
Regular Meeting
October 22, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Flutie Athletic Complex Referendum Committee was held on Monday, October 22, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hoover Middle School, 2000 Hawk Haven Avenue, Indialantic, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty McDowell
Jimm Rosasco
Ron Williams
Steve Wilster
Donnie Price
Lazro Gonzalez
Brian Hurley
Dan Gordon

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeanne Allen
Gerald Heyes

STAFF ATTENDING

Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary
Greg Minor, Parks and Recreation Construction
Dick Soucy, Park Supervisor I

PUBLIC

Tom Yonge, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Mr. and Mrs. Harris

Meeting began at 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Palus asked members to confirm their attendance prior to each meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ms. Palus asked the members to select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. A Committee member asked the role of this Committee. Ms. Palus explained that this Committee is a recommending committee. The Committees recommendation will go to the South Area Advisory Board who will then upon their acceptance of the recommendation, send the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Mr. Wilster nominated Mr. Rosasco as the Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Rosasco accepted. Mr. Rosasco nominated Mr. Price as the Vice-Chairman and he accepted. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Williams made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of 9/24/01 as presented. Mr. McDowell seconded the minutes. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Soucy suggested about moving the senior field home plate thus allowing the change of field usage and allowing more field space. It was stated that moving home plate would then cause relocation of everything including the lights and that there are not enough funds budgeted through the Referendum for this suggestion. He stated that everything at the park is doing very well and he can not wait to see a new maintenance building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project Review:

The Committee discussed:

- ❖ The size of the existing soccer fields.
- ❖ Re-organizing the fields to allow more field space and utilization.
- ❖ Obtaining about 20 ft. of scrub jay area thus giving a small corner of the western baseball field for the scrub jay habitat.
- ❖ Making the softball field a multi-use field.
- ❖ Discussed the location of the restroom/concession. The Committee discussed having two separate concession areas in order to accommodate both soccer and baseball. Ms Palus mentioned that the A&E firm working on the standardized restroom/concession facility is looking at other alternatives to the two-story facility currently identified.

Mr. Yonge, Kimley-Horn & Associates, asked the soccer and the baseball representatives what they need at the facility:

- ❖ The Soccer responded with the need of : (2) 45x75 fields; (2) 80x130 fields; (1) 60x90 field; with field four needing to be lighted. The group needs one large field and three small fields.
- ❖ The Baseball responded with the need of: (3) main fields; turn the softball to a multi-use field; (1) warm- up area & t-ball field. The group would like to have four permanent fields.

Discussion ensued regarding the restroom/concession area and parking constraints. They discussed the possibility of having two concession areas with the restroom located in the middle. Mr. Minor re-iterated that the A&E firm working on the standardization will have to discuss this. The Committee spoke regarding the existing parking conditions. Mr. Yonge spoke regarding the requirements for the utilization of the park.

Ms. Palus asked the Committee to discuss the playground. Mr. Gonzalez provided a binder full of playground ideas and possibilities to share with the Committee. Ms. Harris spoke regarding the need for a playground and the importance of the location. She mentioned that use has diminished due to the current location of the existing playground. Ms. Harris asked who on the Committee was representing the playground and Ms. Palus informed her that it was Mr. Gonzalez and Ms. Allen. Ms. Allen has not been able to attend a couple of meetings and Ms. Harris is interested in serving in her place should Ms. Allen not be able to attend. Ms. Palus informed the Committee that she would bring the playground proposals to the next meeting for discussion and review.

Mr. Yonge stated that he will bring back a conceptual idea to the next meeting with the information that was discussed. He asked the downtimes for the soccer and baseball groups. Soccer has downtime from 2 weeks before and 1 week after Christmas and in the month of August. Baseball has downtime from November to January.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Public input occurred during the meeting and there were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Williams made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Hurley seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. **The next meeting is November 26, 2001.**

