

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Flutie Athletic Complex Referendum Committee
Regular Meeting
November 26, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Flutie Athletic Complex Referendum Committee was held on Monday, November 26, 2001, at 6:30. at the Hoover Middle School, 2000 Hawk Haven Avenue, Indialantic, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Rosasco
Ron Williams
Steve Wilster
Donnie Price
Lazaro Gonzalez
Jeannette Harris

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Hurley
Gerald Heyes
Dan Gordon
Marty McDowell
Patrick Ryan

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. Harris

Meeting began at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Rosasco made a correction to the minutes. There was an extra (m) in Jim's name from the last meeting. He also noted that he believed Mr. Wilster nominated Mr. Price as the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Williams questioned the number of baseball fields requested by him at the last meeting. He stated that little league wants 3 main fields, 4 permanent. Ms. Palus mentioned that the notes and records from the last meeting would be checked to verify the information. Mr. Price made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes with the corrections as noted above. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Ms. Palus stated that she brought in the playground information for the committee to review. She then announced that Mr. Yonge had some conceptual ideas for the committee to review and discuss. Mr. Yonge provided two conceptual ideas. The committee reviewed the plans and discussion ensued regarding the conservation area issue. The committee needs to decide if they want to address the environmentalists regarding the conservation areas or narrow the fields. Mr. Yonge spoke regarding the conceptual ideas he presented. He mentioned that the soccer fields were sized according to the Florida Youth Soccer Association requirements, which encroaches the conservation area about 10 feet on each side. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the playground. Discussion ensued regarding the utilization of soccer, baseball and softball.

A concern was raised about taking out the tennis courts. Ms. Harris stated that the courts are used on a daily basis. Mr. Price asked about 15-20 women and how often they played tennis. Their reply was they did not use the courts for tournaments due to the wind, use only to practice. It was suggested to put up a sign at the tennis courts mentioning the status of the tennis courts and anyone interested in speaking in regards to this issue is encouraged to attend the next meeting. The committee agreed that it was a good idea. Ms. Palus stated that Mr. Ryan was selected for the Committee to represent the tennis group. He attended the first meeting and said that there was not enough funds allocated for the renovation of the tennis courts and told

the committee to do away with them. Ms. Palus mentioned that the courts would need to be ADA accessible as well as the rest of the park. Although the funds to renovate the courts may not be available at this time, the committee can plan it for future development.

Discussion ensued regarding the location of all the elements and how to best fit everything into the park including moving the proposed t-ball to the baseball practice area; having t-ball in the right top corner of the senior field for mornings and baseball can utilize field in afternoons; locating the future tennis courts where the maintenance facility is; locating the new soccer field where the existing tennis courts are; and new tennis courts in old t-ball area; etc. The conservation area issue was addressed again. Mr. Rosasco and Mr. Wilster agreed that they would like to see a one-story concession building rather than a two-story. Mr. Wilster mentioned that he would like to see a pavilion added to it. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Palus provided the playground information for the committee, asked them to review it and select a plan of their choice. Mr. Wilster made a **MOTION** to select Landscape Structures, REP Services, playground design with Miracle and Gametime as the alternate selections. Mr. Price seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Discussion ensued regarding playground surfacing.

Ms. Palus mentioned that neither Mr. Ryan nor Mr. Gordon have been attending any of the meetings and would need replacements for these positions on the committee.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Harris made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. **The next meeting is January 28, 2002.**