

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Flutie Athletic Complex Referendum Committee  
Regular Meeting  
January 28, 2002

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Flutie Athletic Complex Referendum Committee was held on Monday, January 28, 2002, at 6:30. at the Hoover Middle School, 2000 Hawk Haven Avenue, Indialantic, FL.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jim Rosasco  
Ron Williams  
Steve Wilster  
Lazaro Gonzalez  
Jeannette Harris  
Kent Lindenberg  
Brian Hurley  
Gerald Heyes  
Dan Gordon

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Donnie Price

**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**

Mr. Harris  
Richard Beaudoin

Mr. Rosasco, Chairman, asked for introductions.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Rosasco called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11/26/01):**

Mr. Williams made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hurley seconded the motion.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Ms. Palus informed the committee that Mr. Marty McDowell resigned from the Committee and Mr. Kent Lindenberg, Melbourne Beach Soccer Club, is replacing Mr. McDowell. Ms. Palus mentioned that she provided calendars for all the committee members in appreciation of their efforts and time. Ms. Palus informed the committee that the Parks and Recreation Department would be contacting the Town of Melbourne Beach to see if there is any property that would be more conducive for relocating the tennis courts. Mr. John Cornett, public member, commented that he is a tennis player and the town's tennis courts are usually always full and suggested that there is definitely a need for more courts. Mr. Heyes opinion is that there isn't any property in the Town of Melbourne Beach available. Ms. Palus mentioned that there is a possibility that the proposed South Beach Community Park could potentially have room for tennis courts and if so, would be for future development.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Project Review:**

Ms. Palus provided the committee with a copy of the revised master plan since the last meeting. The changes made were relocating the t-ball field, relocating the tennis courts, and doing two one-story restroom/concessions (one for Little League and one for Soccer, which also puts restrooms by the playground). Ms. Palus discussed the minimal impact of the scrub area for the proposed soccer fields. It was suggested to find out if the property between the Fire Station and the 7-Eleven on A1A is available.

Ms. Palus stated that she would check into the request. Discussion ensued regarding the size and location of the maintenance facility. The proposed facility is not a two or four bay facility. The committee was adamant that the maintenance equipment needs to be covered. Discussion ensued regarding lighting for the large soccer field. Ms. Palus mentioned that the plan is to light the large soccer field. Suggestion of utilizing the existing tennis court lights for the soccer field and Ms. Palus mentioned that new lights would be required in order to meet the current standards. Mr. Harris suggested that the Soccer Organization help with the cost of lighting the fields as Little League has done. Discussion ensued. Mr. Heyes asked that should funds be left over from the South Beach Community Park project, could the funds be used for Flutie. Ms. Palus mentioned that the funds would be put back into the budget to accommodate the other projects as needed. Mr. Rosasco stated that he believed the tennis courts were not going away until new ones were built. Ms. Palus re-iterated that there are no funds for the tennis courts and could be many years down the road before anything is available. Mr. Heyes suggested that a survey be done of the elements that are utilized the most and make the decision based on the need (either additional soccer fields or leave existing tennis court). Mr. Minor informed the committee that the average cost for a tennis court at this time is about \$48,000.

The committee had a lengthy discussion of the location of the t-ball field. Many suggestions were discussed including moving the t-ball to the Barmash field, senior field, or leaving it where it currently exists. Mr. Gordon commented that he would like the t-ball field closer to the other fields and players. Mr. Williams excused himself from the meeting. Mr. Gordon noted that having the t-ball on the other side of the Barmash field would be ideal. Ms. Palus and Mr. Minor stated that the field would not fit in that area. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rosasco asked if all the funds allocated for the playground had to be used for the playground and Ms. Palus stated yes. She mentioned that the committee had to decide what to keep and eliminate. Mr. Rosasco asked that all the committee members share their opinions of the plan with the members. Mr. Wilster excused himself from the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Harris made a **MOTION** to approve the plan as presented with the t-ball located on the senior field and the tennis courts located where the existing t-ball field is. Mr. Heyes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSES 6-1.**

Ms. Palus stated that she would bring this information back to the A&E firm to have the plan reflect the changes. When completed she will provide a copy to the Soccer and Baseball Leagues to share with their organizations.

**Playground:**

Ms. Palus explained that she received two plans for the playground. The Game Time plan included all poured in place surfacing and the Miracle plan included 2/3 poured in place and the rest wood fiber mulch. Mr. Minor explained the cost difference between the surfacing. Mr. Soucy asked if there were any capacity requirements regarding the playground. Mr. Minor responded no, but it must meet ADA standards. Discussion ensued regarding the surfacing. Ms. Harris mentioned that she liked Little Tykes' elements the best. Ms. Palus asked Ms. Harris to send her a list of elements she would like to see at the playground. Mr. Lazaro asked for a copy to be sent to him as well. Mr. Rosasco asked that a decision on the playground elements be moved to the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Palus asked the committee if they would like Mr. Cornett to replace Patrick Ryan on the Committee to represent tennis. The Committee agreed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Lazaro made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Hurley seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. **The next meeting is February 25, 2002.**