

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Flutie Athletic Complex Referendum Committee
Regular Meeting
April 22, 2002

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Flutie Athletic Complex Referendum Committee was held on Monday, April 22, 2002, at 6:30. at the Hoover Middle School, 2000 Hawk Haven Avenue, Indialantic, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Donnie Price

STAFF ATTENDING

Jack Masson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary
Greg Minor, Parks and Recreation Construction

PUBLIC

Mrs. Gonzalez
Tamela & Jonathan Whitlow

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Rosasco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2/25/02):

Mr. Rosasco mentioned that his name is listed as Ms. Rosasco under project review. Mr. Gordon made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr. Lazaro seconded the motion.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

STAFF REPORTS:

Ms. Palus informed the committee that she provided the information Ms. Harris asked for at the last meeting in regards to the "Friends Of" group. She also mentioned that staff has made contact with Bliss Products who is now representing Little Tykes and she will provide more detail under Project Review. There were no other staff reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project Review:

Ms. Palus presented the plan stating that it is a little different from the last one. Staff met with the firm to discuss technical issues regarding the plan. After reviewing the project it was determined that the tennis courts could not be placed in the existing t-ball area due to closeness of the homes.

She stated that they were able to move the t-ball area next to the Barmash field as was desired by the committee. They were able to place the tennis courts over near the old playground area and can meet the lighting requirements in that area. Discussion ensued regarding the restroom concession for soccer and baseball as well as the location of the soccer fields. It was questioned if funds were available for the tennis courts. Ms. Palus stated that she would address that question later in the discussion. Mr. Masson informed the committee that Mr. Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director had a safety concern with placing the t-ball in the proposed area. Mr. Cornett stated that the tennis courts should be located north-south and therefore needed to be rotated about 45 degrees. Discussion ensued as to whether there was enough room to turn the courts.

Ms. Palus stated that t-ball would be fenced. Staff has talked to the firm about realigning the fencing so that it is standard all the way down. Mr. Wilster asked about storm water retention. Mr. Minor replied that there is currently a swale there now and he does not believe the site would create more than it is now. He stated that staff will work with Surface Water on whatever is needed.

Ms. Harris arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Masson asked if there were any other site ideas or issues that needed to be addressed. Mr. Gordon asked if the existing concession area could be used as a practice area. Ms. Palus stated that staff would have to look at it and see if it would work. Ms. Harris questioned if the new proposed area for the playground would be sufficient enough to include the playground elements with swings. Ms. Palus stated that there is still some green space in that area and should be able to accommodate swings. Ms. Harris then informed the committee that she did a survey with children and parents from Gemini Elementary and the biggest thing that was requested is a shaded area. She asked if maybe some picnic tables with shade could be placed in the playground area. Mr. Gordon recommended that the residents come together to create some type of committee to raise funds for the additional elements. Ms. Harris stated that she thought putting in a few picnic tables would not be a big expense and could be addressed within the project.

Mr. Lindenberg noted that he is concerned that he will lose soccer space if the tennis courts are rotated. Mr. Masson did not think that the tennis courts would be able to be completely rotated. Mr. Wilster asked about the cost of the tennis courts. He asked if existing lights could be used. Ms. Palus stated that the tennis court lights are new so there might be a possibility of re-using them. Ms. Palus stated that soccer would get one lighted field. Discussion ensued regarding lighting the fields and if the existing lights could be used.

Ms. Harris stated that she feels the playground area is going to be squeezed in the proposed location. She asked how much space was being lost by moving the playground. Ms. Palus stated that the playground area was not losing any space and the playground elements can be designed in many different ways to accommodate the space.

Mr. Wilster commented that this plan is the best plan thus far. Mr. Lazaro made a **MOTION** to approve the plan and Mr. Wilster seconded. Ms. Harris asked the possibility of a skateboard park. The committee commented that there was no room for one. **The Motion PASSES 9-1.**

Mr. Minor provided the plans for the one-story and two-story concession buildings. He stated that they are very preliminary at this time but it gives the committee an idea. He then discussed the plans stating that they were able to put an interior lift in the two-story building rather than an elevator which still meets ADA and saves in costs by about \$20,000 to \$30,000. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the one-story versus the two-story and the location of the buildings.

Playground:

Mr. Minor provided the playground designs. Ms. Palus stated that she made contact with Jenny from Bliss Products representing Little Tykes. Ms. Palus commented that staff has some concerns with using Little Tykes compared to working with the other companies selected. Mr. Wilster

asked if staff would name off the other companies selected in some of the other projects. Grant-Gametime; Police Foundation Park-Park Structures; Long Point Park-Park Structures; Fox Lake Park-Miracle; Stewart Park-Miracle; Statham Park-Miracle. Mr. Masson stated that they all have pretty much the same thing. Discussion ensued regarding the surfacing. The committee commented that they would look to go out and look at the other playgrounds. Ms. Palus stated that the committee needs to narrow down the elements that way staff can bring the ideas back to the companies for more plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Palus asked the committee to start thinking about a priority list of the elements they would like to see completed in the plan. The committee agreed that they would like to see costs before prioritizing.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wilster made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Heyes seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. **The next meeting is Tuesday, May 28, 2002.**