

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Micco Park Referendum Committee
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Micco Park Referendum Committee was held on Thursday, October 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the South Mainland Community Center, 3700 Allen Avenue, Micco, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Arens
Ken Tworoger
Diane McCauly
Robin Tibbits

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Slick
Bill McCready
Albert Malerk

STAFF ATTENDING

Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Dan Click, Construction Manager
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

Joan Lewis
David Perry, Ivey, Harris & Walls
Scott Toschlog, Ivey, Harris & Walls
Paul Tucker, Engineering to the Max (E.T.M.)
Stephen Medeiros, E.T.M.
Max Bosso, E.T.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Tworoger, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. due to the absence of Mr. Arens, Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Tworoger asked for a change of the minutes. He asked the paragraph that states the goals and objectives read as follows after the sentence of "she asked the committee to discuss the goals/objectives, challenges, and positive impact of this project: Various Committee members expressed their goals and objectives as noted below. None were submitted to the Committee for vote or approval. Ms. McCauly made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes with the change as presented. Ms. Tibbits seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Arens arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Ms. Palus provided the Committee with a video involving various splash park elements. The Committee viewed the video.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project Review:

Ms. Palus introduced Ivey, Harris & Walls (IHW) as the A&E firm for this project. David Perry, IHW, introduced the group from Engineering to the Max (ETM) which will be working with IHW on the project. Mr. Perry informed the Committee that the firm was there to listen and allow the Committee to present their ideas.

Mr. Tworoger asked if the park should be considered passive or active. Mr. Perry explained that the park could be either or both. Discussion ensued. Mr. Arens asked if any monies were allocated for tennis courts through the budget prior to the passing of the Referendum? Ms. Palus stated that no budgetary funds were allocated at this time.

Discussion ensued and included: maintenance issues regarding a splash park, an inviting entrance for park, what to do with the existing pond, and available funds. Mr. Perry asked that the Committee put together a wish list of elements they would like to see designed into the park, whether funds are available for all the elements or not, so that the A&E firm can put together some conceptual ideas to bring back to the Committee at the next meeting. The A&E firm provided maps of the existing park and elements. Mr. Perry provided a brief overview of the current layout of the site and made suggestions to the committee. Discussion included fence around the park, entrance was re-addressed, importance of play structures and elements, shaded areas,

walking path, mural, different types of lighting that are available; stage portable/or not for events, electrical availability, irrigation, some type of water fountain, open field space for various activities, picnic tables/pavilions, parking issues and concerns.

The Committee agreed on the following items: pond needs to be filled; walking path is being used; cardio station is not being used; landscape/trees important; the restrooms need to be replaced; need to keep basketball at the park; horseshoe pits are being used, entrance needs to be inviting" Mr. Tworoger stated that it was his understanding that the lighting issue had been resolved to the effect that lights would not be installed at Micco Park and the park would continue to close at Sundown." Ms. Palus then made a statement that lighting is still an issue because a few members favor the lights and the light issue would need to be addressed.

Mr. Perry informed the Committee that the A&E firm would provide a conceptual idea for the committee to review and discuss at the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Public input occurred during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to discuss. Mr. Tworoger made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Arens seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting is schedule for Thursday, November 15, 2001.