

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Micco Park Referendum Committee
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2002

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Micco Park Referendum Committee was held on Monday, December 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Mainland Community Center, 3700 Allen Avenue, Micco, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill McCready
Ed Arens
Diane McCauley
Albert Malerk
Robin Tibbitts
Ken Tworoger

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF ATTENDING

Chuck Nelson, Parks & Recreation Director
Jack Masson, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Greg Minor, Senior Construction Coordinator
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Denny Bert, Park Supervisor I
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

See Attached List

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ahrens called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tworoger made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes and Mr. Malerk seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

There are no staff reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Review:

Mr. Nelson introduced himself and proceeded to thank everyone for attending. He then informed the committee that staff provided a report of the existing conditions of the park. (attached)

Mr. Nelson discussed items that were mentioned at the last meeting which included placement of some of the elements.

- Parking: Mr. Nelson informed the committee that additional parking spaces were added increasing the number of spaces from 35 to 50 and the handicap spaces were moved closer to the facilities, creating a better traffic flow.
- The travel way has been redesigned to have a softer look by winding the 8 foot wide travel way instead of the straight forward look, but still allowing access by emergency vehicles.
- Berms: Mr. Nelson mentioned that the landscape design that was originally proposed by the A&E firm was very costly but didn't create the desired amount of buffer. Staff has proposed to utilize vegetation to buffer the park. Mr. Nelson mentioned that staff would bring the landscape plan back to the committee for review.

- Tree: There were concerns regarding the healthiness of the tree. Staff will have the tree inspected by an arborist to determine its health before the plan is finalized.
- Playground: The playground and the large pavilion have been switched thus eliminating the playground from being right next to the parking area and allowing easier access to the pavilion from the parking area.

Mr. Nelson stated that staff has brought these changes to the committee for their approval before moving forward.

Questions were asked regarding the parking surfaces. Mr. Nelson mentioned that the basic drive ways will be asphalt with the remaining of the parking being grass.

The existing playground was inspected and needs to be replaced.

Mr. Ahrens questioned areas for horseshoes and bocci. Mr. Nelson stated that he believed there was enough space in the plan to add horseshoes, but didn't believe this park was the best location for bocci considering the area and maintenance involved.

Mr. Nelson mentioned that fill was obtained from another project to fill the pond thus providing a cost savings for this project. Staff is also looking at the landscape plan and would like larger trees; the landscape plan will be brought back to the committee for review. If there are major funding issues, then the plan would be brought back to the committee to prioritize the elements within the project.

Mr. Tworoger made a **MOTION** that the committee approve the modifications to the plan with the following conditions: if it is determined that the oak tree is not going to be saved that the multipurpose field be positioned back a little more as before; the committee reviews the landscape plan; and that asphalt is minimized within the park and grass parking is utilized as much as possible. Ms. McCauley seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

Public input occurred during the meeting. Mr. Gee stated that he would like to see bocci in the park.

A suggestion was made to name the tennis courts after Ms. Higgins. Ms. Palus stated this could be discussed in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to discuss. Mr. Tworoger made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Malerk seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.