



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Micco Park Referendum Committee

REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2005

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Micco Park Referendum Committee, was held on Thursday, October 20, 2005, 7:00 p.m., at the South Mainland Community Center, Micco, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Arens, Chairman
Ken Tworoger
Duane Ball (for Albert Malerk)
Diane McCauley
Bill McCready
Corky Priep

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robin Tibbitts

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Porzio, Construction Coordinator
Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Denny Bert, Supervisor, South Mainland – Micco Park
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

Al Thorn

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Arens called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Because no flag was present, the Pledge of Allegiance was dispensed with. Ms. Nicholas called the roll, and Mr. Arens noted that a quorum was present and the meeting would be conducted. Mr. Whitehead introduced Mr. Porzio, Mr. Bert and Ms. Nicholas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Nicholas read the minutes from the previous meeting, which was held on August 18, 2005. Mr. Tworoger made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written, and Ms. McCauley seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Tworoger requested that, in the future, minutes be e-mailed prior to the meeting, and staff agreed.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Whitehead informed the Committee that Mr. Chuck Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director, had been reassigned to the position of Special Assistant to the Assistant County Manager and further noted that Mr. Don Lusk, Assistant County Manager, would be serving as Interim Director of the Department until a new Director was appointed.

Mr. Whitehead noted that a meeting had been held with the carpenter and that the Micco Park sign was being scaled down to about two-thirds of the size that was originally proposed. There had been

concurrence among Committee members that the sign, as originally designed, was too large for the park. Mr. McCready inquired as to whether there would be a bulletin/information board, and Mr. Whitehead indicated that an informational board could certainly be implemented in whatever area was deemed most appropriate. Mr. McCready noted that, in its previous location, the information area was too far away to benefit park patrons.

Mr. Whitehead informed the Committee that there would be various workdays planned in the future for the purpose of planting trees and other vegetation so that such activities could be performed on an in-house basis. Exact dates were being finalized, and, in addition to Parks and Recreation staff, residents of the community would be notified and invited to attend. Mr. Thorn offered to spread the word to the residents of Little Hollywood when arrangements were finalized. Mr. Whitehead indicated that the first such workday would be to install plant material around the perimeter. Mr. Arens inquired as to whether volunteers would need to bring shovels and other tools, and Mr. Whitehead replied that the County would provide enough equipment for everyone and would also provide refreshments.

Mr. Porzio provided a landscape plan to Committee members for review and indicated that a building permit was forthcoming. The bid for the one tennis court and one basketball court came in at \$63,900 for each but did not include lighting of the basketball court. The cost for the pavilions came in higher than what was budgeted. A firm was to come and put in a new well, which was initially for the purpose of suppressing a potential fire. Mr. Arens indicated that there was a pond to the rear and left of the park that feeds the canal, and a suction line could be dropped. Mr. Porzio agreed that the utilization of the pond for such a purpose was an excellent idea.

Mr. Porzio informed the Committee that, in order to avoid confusion in the work area, the contractor would be working toward the inside, while staff worked out on the perimeter. After the contractor is gone in February or March, staff will be able to come in and finish in the corner, thereby precluding any mishaps within the working environment. Mr. Porzio also indicated that the entire area would be sprigged with Bermuda and over-seeded with Rye grass-seed. If the timing is not right and it ends up being too cold, then the sprigging would have to be done in April.

Mr. Arens inquired as to whether completion would be within the time frame, and Mr. Whitehead responded that it would and complemented Mr. Porzio and Mr. Greg Minor, Construction Manager, for their efforts with getting bids and so forth.

With regard to the flagpole, it was noted that it would be in the center circle and that perhaps the informational board could go in that area as well.

Mr. Thorn asked if anyone had seen the fence, and Mr. Arens responded that he had and that it was 5 feet high and made of black vinyl. Mr. Tworoger noted that the particular type of fence used tends to disappear and be unobtrusive.

Mr. Ball inquired into the life cycle of colored concrete, and Mr. Whitehead replied that matching up the color is the most challenging part of repairing colored concrete and further noted that it should more than likely be re-ortified once per year. Ms. McCauley expressed that none of the concrete should be colored, and Mr. Whitehead responded that it would be up to the discretion of the Committee as to whether the concrete would be colored at all. Mr. Tworoger mentioned that he thought there would be no colored sidewalks, and Mr. Whitehead indicated that only the stem would be colored, if anything. Mr. Arens noted that a popular color additive by H & C Concrete Stain is available.

Mr. Tworoger indicated that some time ago, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Masson had recommended that vegetation be used for a sound barrier along the soil berms rather than a screen. Mr. Porzio noted that the

Natural Resources Management Office had established guidelines on how much vegetation could be used for a border and further mentioned that using a screen in conjunction with plant material could pose a safety concern because of decreased visibility.

Mr. Arens inquired as to whether the Sheriff's Department would have access to the park when it was locked, and Mr. Whitehead replied that the Sheriff's Department would be provided with keys to both gates.

Mr. Arens asked how things were going with regard to the budget, and staff reported that nearly all projects are over budget. Mr. Whitehead mentioned that the Department was attempting to establish a concrete vendor, and Mr. Arens indicated that he knew of someone in Micco and that it also would be a good idea to have someone within the County involved in the project. Mr. McCready then mentioned that a well driller, who was not from the area, had made many mistakes and that perhaps staff could look into obtaining someone local for that as well. Mr. Porzio noted that, after last year's storms, staff had become very familiar with who does what type of work and that there were about four to five firms in the general area that performed that kind of work. Mr. Porzio continued that St. John's has a program designed to close up wells while new wells cost the County approximately \$15,000. Mr. McCready noted that two to three wells had been capped.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tworoger made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Ball seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting concluded at 8:04 p.m., and Mr. Arens noted that the next meeting of the Micco Park Referendum Committee would be held on January 19, 2006.