



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Micco Park Referendum Committee

REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2006

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Micco Park Referendum Committee, was held on Thursday, January 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the South Mainland Community Center, Micco, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Arens, Chairman
Duane Ball (for Albert Malerk)
Diane McCauley
Corky Priep

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Tworoger
Bill McCready
VACANT (Replacing Robin Tibbitts)

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Jerry Gust, South Area Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Denny Bert, Supervisor, South Mainland Area - Micco Park
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

Dick Gee
George Atheriault
Joan Lewis

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Arens called the meeting to order at 7:21 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Nicholas read the minutes from the October 20, 2005, meeting. Ms. McCauley made a MOTION to approve the minutes as amended, and Mr. Ball seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Gust, Mr. Bert, and Mr. Whitehead indicated that there was no new information with regard to staff reports.

OLD BUSINESS

For the purpose of project review, Mr. Whitehead and Ms. Nicholas provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. The presentation placed emphasis on the Committee's tree-planting workday, which was held on December 12, 2005; the newly installed playground; and

the irrigation system. It was noted that the tree-planting workday was a huge success, and participants included 12 citizen volunteers and 22 staff from Parks and Recreation. More than 140 trees were planted in less than five hours.

Ms. McCauley inquired into the revised completion date, and Mr. Whitehead replied that it was still slated for March 4, 2006. Mr. Arens noted that the well would be the key to finishing the project. Mr. Whitehead noted that he would discuss the status with Mr. Porzio, who was unable to attend the meeting, and follow-up with the Committee.

Mr. Arens informed the Committee that Ms. Robin Tibbitts had resigned from her position on the Micco Park Referendum Committee as well as the South Area Advisory Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Whitehead informed the Committee that there may be a potential obstacle that would force a delay of the March 4 completion date. Because of an 18-inch to 19-inch elevation change, the contractor was requiring 50 loads of dirt in order to make a zero-balance site. It was noted that some dirt could be obtained from Wickham Park, but that would more than likely not be enough, and there was no additional money in the budget for purchasing dirt. Mr. Bert noted that the pad for the restroom building had to be three feet higher than was originally anticipated because of a code change. The pavilions, however, only needed to be six to eight inches higher.

Mr. Arens noted that the drainage was adequate, and Mr. Whitehead indicated that water was found at 5 feet, 5 inches.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Gee stated that the park was progressing nicely and that he might like to see a bocci ball court for seniors. Mr. Arens concurred, and Mr. Whitehead noted that it would be a sound amenity to incorporate. Mr. Gee noted that the courts are not that expensive, and Mr. Arens stated that the idea of a bocci ball court had been discussed at previous meetings with no dissension. Ms. McCauley noted that neither horseshoe pits nor bocci ball courts were included in the referendum, and Mr. Whitehead responded that referendum funds would not be used for the construction of such amenities; rather, dollars from the South Area Parks operating budget could be utilized in the future. Ms. McCauley stated that she was comfortable with incorporating the projects, as long as referendum dollars were not being utilized for construction.

Mr. Whitehead stated that, depending on the water system, a fountain may have to be installed in order to keep the water from stagnating. Mr. Priepp inquired as to whether it was a deep well, and Mr. Whitehead responded affirmatively.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Arens called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ball made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Ms. McCauley seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting concluded at 8:08 p.m., and Mr. Arens noted that the next meeting of the Micco Park Referendum Committee would be held on March 16, 2006.