



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Micco Park Referendum Committee

REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2006

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Micco Park Referendum Committee, was held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the South Mainland Community Center, Micco, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Arens
Ken Tworoger
Diane McCauley
Corky Priep
Bill McCready

MEMBERS ABSENT

Albert Malerk
VACANT (Replacing Robin Tibbitts)

STAFF PRESENT

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

PUBLIC

Dick Gee
Joan Lewis

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Arens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Because no flag was present, the Pledge of Allegiance was dispensed with. Mr. Arens expressed to staff that he would like to have a flag present for future meetings. 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 January 19, 2006, meeting. Mr. Priep made a MOTION to approve the minutes, and Ms. McCauley seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gust reported that the perimeter fencing had been installed by American Fence. Some fencing around the interior still needed to be completed, but that was not going to transpire until the other construction was completed.

Initial landscaping had been completed around the south, north and west areas as a cooperative effort between Parks and Recreation staff and the community.

A new irrigation system had been installed by Parks and Recreation staff. Mr. Tworoger inquired as to whether the pump would be noisy, and Mr. Gust responded that the pump would be enclosed in a pump house and that it would be a deep well. It would provide water for fire suppression and would also supply the restrooms. The water will also be potable. The current well will have to be filled with concrete. Mr. Gust indicated that the system would be a 4-inch size and would probably be artesian. Mr. Gust assured the Committee that staff would check the noise factor at the time of installation and will take steps to suppress the noise if it is loud.

A new playground had been purchased and a certified contractor installed it.

The contractor (MGM) was working on the new restroom building, and it was reported that embedded piping and conduit with the concrete slab had been put in place. Components for the pavilion had been purchased and delivered to the site. MGM is working on placing pavilion columns for the 40-foot by 60-foot pavilion in the concrete and had installed all underground conduit and piping.

Another contractor, Accurate, had begun the installation of the tennis and basketball courts. Another contractor, Superior Concrete, had installed the concrete walkway around the perimeter of the park. Additional concrete walkways will be installed in the area around the restroom and pavilions when MGM and Accurate are finished.

Staff will complete planting, landscaping, grading, contouring, and sprigging of turf.

Mr. Tworoger inquired how things were going with regard to the budget, and Mr. Gust responded that, because much work had been done internally, some money was able to be saved.

Mr. McCready asked for a date, and Mr. Gust was reluctant to provide a firm commitment, although he did say that staff was hopeful for the end of summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCready asked if the tennis court could be dedicated to Mrs. Higgins, the first president of the Micco Homeowners' Association, and Mr. Gust indicated that staff could check into that.

There was a question as to whether the parking lot was going to be lighted, and staff responded affirmatively and also noted that the tennis court would be lighted, and the lights would go off by 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Prip asked if there would be benches, and staff responded that benches would be placed in the vicinity of the tennis and basketball courts and also at various places around the pedway. The pavilions would contain picnic tables and grills.

PUBLIC INPUT

A question arose with regard to a potential location for bocce ball, and Mr. Gust responded that staff would attempt to accommodate bocce ball but had not determined a specific location. Mr. McCready stated that a bocce ball court requires a substantial amount of length but is not very wide. Mr. Tworoger indicated that the Committee had gone through a lot to obtain a plan and urged staff to stick with that plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Arens called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tworoger made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Priep seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Mr. Arens adjourned the meeting of the Micco Park Referendum Committee at 7:40 p.m. and noted that the next meeting of the Micco Park Referendum Committee would be held on May 18, 2006.