

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Cochran Property  
Regular Meeting  
September 10, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Cochran Property Referendum Committee was held on Monday, September 10, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at Pelican Beach Clubhouse, 1495 Hwy A1A, Satellite Beach, FL.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dick Cannata  
Al Vazquez  
Alex Altman  
Lt. Gen. Forrest McCartney  
Lou Giacona  
Brice Crossley  
John Corelli

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF ATTENDING**

Jack Masson, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director  
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager  
Jeff Whitehead, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

**PUBLIC**

Dave Woodward, Kimley Horn and Associates, A&E Firm  
Dennis Beek, Space Coast Competition Paddlers  
Ruth McCartney

The meeting began promptly at 7:08 p.m.

**Committee Overview:**

Introductions of committee members. This committee will meet the second Monday of every month at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Palus went over the packets provided to the members which included: welcome letter/time frame, committee members list, committee guidelines, proposed project review and a place for members to keep their minutes and notes. She mentioned that the committee would take action at the meetings regardless if quorum is present.

**Election of Officers:**

Mr. Cannata was nominated as chairman and Mr. Vazquez as vice-chairman. Mr. Corelli made a **MOTION** to accept the nomination as presented. Mr. Crossley seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Mr. Masson went over the passing of the referendum projects and the elements as listed in the proposed referendum project review. Members took a 3-minute recess to look over designs provided. Discussion ensued including public access, parking, lights, rules of park, hours of operation, security, etc.

Ms. Palus asked the committee to discuss the goals/objectives, challenges, and positive impact of this project. The results are noted below:

**Goals/Objectives:**

- Neighbor friendly
- Enhance property value
- Community resource
- Facilitate High School Rowing
- Timely and within budget
- Environmental friendly
- Continue positive relationship with Indian Harbour Beach
- Formalize existing use

**Challenges:**

- Proper use
- Parking issues
- Carrying capacity
- Lighting control
- Safety
- Security
- Permitting
- Low maintenance

**Positive Impact of Project:**

- Property Values
- Safe place for kids
- Wholesome family activity
- Use of resources
- Pepper Free 2003
- Community Involvement
- Economic Development

Ms. Palus informed the committee that meeting dates, project information, minutes as approved, etc are available on the web page at [www.brevardparks.com](http://www.brevardparks.com).

Mr. Woodward, Kimley Horn and Associates, asked the committee to provide him with a list of details in regards to elements of the building and park (i.e., sidewalks, water faucets, etc.). The committee mentioned that the group had already put together a list of the elements and would forward the list to Ms. Palus. Mr. Crossley asked that a copy of the site plan be provided to members at the next meeting. It was also asked that the agenda for the next meeting include "finalize details of building." Mr. Vazquez asked Mr. Woodward to put together a schedule of the A&E process for the group.

Ms. Palus provided November ballot information to the committee per the request of Mr. Jagrowski, chairman, Suntree-Viera Parks Committee. Mr. Corelli explained the information to the committee at their request.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Public input occurred during the meeting.

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**The next meeting is schedule for Monday, October 8, 2001.**