

**PALM BAY REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 25, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, October 25, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the Palm Bay Community Center, Meeting Room A, 1502 Port Malabar Blvd, Palm Bay, FL.

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Dee Scavelli  
Dudley Anderson  
Ted Whitlock  
Jim Hinchman  
Ryan Schlosser, City of Palm Bay  
Zestor Taylor, PAL

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Janet Laimont  
Eduardo Torres  
Juan Marrero

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Manger  
Greg Minor, Construction Coordinator  
Rick Schuh, Park Supervisor I  
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

**PUBLIC:**

Bill Dillard, Indian River Dog Training

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Whitlock called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Hinchman made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from 9/27/01 and Mr. Taylor seconded.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Mr. Schuh has put in an emergency gate at the east side of soccer area. Mr. Hinchman thanked Mr. Schuh and staff for their work and informed him that he sent a letter of thanks to the Department. Mr. Schuh and his team at Palm Bay Regional Park received the Park of the Quarter trophy for this past quarter. Mr. Schuh mentioned that his team assisted PAL and poured a slab to install the grills. He mentioned that the electrician would address the two lights that are out at the field.  
Ms. Palus congratulated Mr. Whitlock on his retirement

Ms. Scavelli arrived at 6:46 p.m.

Ms. Palus spoke regarding her conversation with Harold Platt, Trail Riders. The Trail Riders are not interested in area at this time. Ms. Palus asked Mr. Platt to go back to the group and put in writing the declination of the area. Mr. Platt mentioned that he was interested in the area solely, but Ms. Palus stated that he would have to be a non-profit organization in order to do that. The Committee asked that Ms. Palus send a letter in writing to the Trail Riders asking their interest in the facility. If a response has not been made by the next meeting, then the Committee will move forward to other elements for discussion. Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to send a letter to the Trail Riders and the Committee will make a final decision at the next meeting based on the response. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

BMX-Ms. Palus spoke with both the NBL and ABA programs regarding a BMX track. Ms. Palus mentioned that she is meeting with a parent who is involved with the NBL program on November 1, 2001

to discuss options and grant program. She will bring the information back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Borrow pit-There is no additional information regarding the borrow pit at this time. Ms. Palus will check into it.

Project Review:

Ms. Palus asked the Committee to prioritize the elements they would like to see at the park. The results are noted below:

- ❖ Complete the road
- ❖ Drainage
- ❖ ADA accessibility
- ❖ Utilities
- ❖ Emergency Access
- ❖ Caretaker
- ❖ Pavilions
- ❖ Maintenance Bay
- ❖ Picnic areas
- ❖ Pedway/exercise trail
- ❖ Community Center/Gymnasium
- ❖ Multi-use field
- ❖ Soccer expansion-Mr. Hinchman noted that the Soccer Club could potentially help fund area.
- ❖ Shade trees
- ❖ Amphitheater

Ms. Palus informed the Committee that Brevard County obtained a \$10,000 tree grant for Palm Bay Regional Park.

- ❖ The Committee agrees with picnic areas, pavilions, and maintenance building as proposed in Referendum.
- ❖ Discussed designing the pedway/exercise trails into design for future development.
- ❖ Agreed on the 2 baseball fields, 4 softball fields, lighting and restroom/concession.
- ❖ Agreed on cricket area as proposed.
- ❖ Agreed on camping area as proposed.
- ❖ Agreed on two playgrounds needed.
- ❖ Discussion of amphitheater options included green area versus a stage to allow multi-use of area.

Mr. Whitlock asked staff to go back through the minutes and pull any groups that have come to the board and bring to the next meeting. Discussion of designing a splash area. Ms. Palus will bring splash area information to the next meeting for Committee to discuss.

Mr. Taylor made a **MOTION** to approve all the elements as discussed and listed. Ms. Scavelli seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Dillard informed the Committee that the Space Coast Runners would have a 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Marathon on November 25, 2001.

The Committee decided to schedule the next meeting for January 24, 2001 due to the Holidays. Ms. Palus noted that the A&E firm should be available for the next meeting.

Ms. Scavelli made a **MOTION** to allow the Indian River Dog Training Club to build their facility should the Trail Riders decline. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Hinchman stated that he would like to see

the plans for the building prior to approving IRDTC to build. Ms. Palus noted that she would have the A&E firm leave the space open for discussion at the next meeting. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Ms. Palus asked Mr. Dillard if his group would be willing to work with another group in sharing the utilization of the dog area and maybe have a dog park. Mr. Dillard agreed he would be interested and would like to enter into an agreement with the County to utilize the area four to five times a year.

Ms. Palus will e-mail the committee members the results of the Trail Riders when received and will meet with IRDTC and BARC to discuss elements needed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Public input occurred during the meeting as represented above.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was no further business to discuss. Ms. Scavelli made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Hinchman seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. **The next meeting is January 24, 2001.**