

**PALM BAY REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 26, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the Palm Bay Community Center, Meeting Room B, 1502 Port Malabar Blvd, Palm Bay, FL.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ted Whitlock
Everett Morris
Barry Morin
Rick Scott
Clifford Barber, Jr.
Janet Laimont
Goldwyn Daniels
Dudley Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Sandy

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen Palus, South Area Parks Manger
Jeff Whitehead, Maintenance Superintendent
Bill Porzio, Construction Coordinator
Rick Schuh, Park Supervisor I
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC:

See attached list.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Whitlock called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Introductions were conducted of the committee members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Morris made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes and Mr. Barber seconded the motion.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

STAFF REPORTS:

Ms. Palus stated that election of officers will need to be done at the next meeting. She also stated that the South Area Advisory Board will need to appoint a representative to serve on the committee as liaison between the two.

Mr. Schuh informed the committee of a break in of the concession building that occurred; gave a brief status of the maintenance that has been done in the park; and mentioned that staff is preparing for the upcoming Caribbean Festival.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project Review:

Mr. Porzio provided a status of the construction project. Some highlights of the construction status were that the bids are in; the community center and cricket building are in the final design process and will be bid out together; the community center will be hardened to withstand 175 mile per hour winds. Ms. Daniels asked if the community center would be used as a shelter that would include pets. Ms. Palus mentioned that the need of the shelter would be determined between the Parks and Recreation staff and Emergency Management. Ms. Daniels asked the possibility of having a concert type of activity in the park. Ms. Palus explained that there is not an outdoor stage area in the plan; however there is a large pavilion in the master plan so the potential for that type of activity is there and would need to be approved and permitted through the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Porzio stated that the contractor will begin work on September 7, 2004 with the completion is scheduled for 480 days from this date, which would be January 2006. Mr. Savage asked about additional signage especially between the bridge and the park entrance. Ms. Palus stated that staff could get with the City of Palm Bay about allowing additional signage on Malabar. Mr. Whitlock asked what funding was being utilized to harden the community centers since all the community centers through the Referendum are to be the same design and the hardening was not originally allocated. Ms. Palus replied that the funding is coming from the Referendum dollars; however Mr. Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director, has been working with Emergency Management to determine if grant money is available to assist in the funding. There were further questions of the project funding. Ms. Palus informed the committee that the park project is over budget; however funding is being allocated from reserves and referendum interest earnings and the project is moving forward as planned. Ms. Palus assured the committee that Mr. Nelson has agreed to do everything that the committee submitted for the master plan. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Savage stated he was concerned about the facility use at the park once the project is complete. Ms. Palus explained that we have recreational partner agreements allowing use of the facility through the Parks and Recreation Department; however the facility is accessible by the general public and any rentals related to the facility are handled through the Parks and Recreation Department and governed by the Rules and Facility Use Policy adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Whitlock mentioned that signs are needed reflecting the park rules. Mr. Whitehead replied that park rule signs are currently being made for all the parks and all rules and county ordinances are enforceable.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Webster announced that she provided a dog park article to the committee members in their meeting packages as requested by Mr. Whitlock.

Ms. Palus mentioned that a ground breaking of the park will be scheduled as soon as we know the contractor is ready to go and staff anticipates this sometime around the middle of September.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to discuss at this time. Mr. Morris made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Barber seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.
MINUTES APPROVED 2/24/05