



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee

**REGULAR MEETING
March 23, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee, was conducted on Thursday, March 23, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Palm Bay Community Center, 1502 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, Palm Bay, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Keiron Jackman
Clifford Barber
James Gaines
Kate Hehn, Designee for Steve Riser
Barry Morin
Jerry Sandy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bruce Wecshler
Dudley Anderson
Ted Whitlock

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Jerry Gust, South Area Maintenance Superintendent
Greg Minor, Parks Construction
Rick Schuh, Park Supervisor, Palm Bay Regional Park
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

Lawrence McCalla
Don Sampson
Jason Josephs
Morsden Lewis
Washburn Brown
Wayne Savage

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morin called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Ms. Nicholas called the roll, and Mr. Morin noted that a quorum was present and that the meeting would be conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the January 26, 2006, meeting. After review, Mr. Jackman made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, and Mr. Gaines seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Rick Schuh

Mr. Schuh stated during recent walk-through inspections there were a few deficiencies that had been noted. The contractor agreed to repair anything that wasn't correct. Fencing for the dog park fence needed to go out to bid again. Mr. Schuh noted that the drainage on the soccer fields had been completed and that within 2-3 months the fields would be in pristine condition. The grass in the baseball/softball field has grown approximately 5% and the Palm Bay Youth Soccer season would begin in April. All other buildings should be completed within 2-3 weeks.

Jeff Whitehead

Mr. Whitehead communicated about the bond referendum and all the steps that needed to be taken in order to get approval from the Board of County Commissioners in the sum of \$36 million to complete outstanding projects. Unfortunately, the Clerk of Court did not want to sign for the bonds. The Board of County Commissioners and the Brevard County Clerk of Court will soon be in litigation for the amount entitled to Parks and Recreation.

OLD BUSINESS

Jerry Gust

Mr. Gust noted that the cricket building will be built in conjunction with the Community Center. Ground will be broken within a few months. Mr. Gust stated that a rock climbing wall will hopefully be added along with the playground equipment. It may be around the same area, but is completely separate, requiring appropriate signage and stickers on the equipment for the height and age requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Savage complimented the Parks and Recreation Department by being supportive of the committee. Mr. Savage also noted that signs needed to be posted near grassy areas that read "No Parking in Grass"

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Morin called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jackman made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Gaines seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Mr. Morin adjourned the meeting of the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee at 8:40 p.m.