



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

**REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee, was conducted on Thursday, April 26th, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at Palm Bay Regional Park, 1951 NW Malabar Road, Palm Bay, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Keiron Jackman
Joe Fazecas, Designee for Steve Riser
James Gaines
Clifford Barber, Jr.
Barry Morin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bruce Wecshler
Ted Whitlock
Dudley Anderson
Jerry Sandy

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Rick Schuh, Park Supervisor, Palm Bay Regional Park
Gustavo Vergara, South Area Special Projects Coordinator
Bernice Smith, South Area Office Assistant

PUBLIC

No public present

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morin called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Vergara called the roll, and Mr. Morin noted at 6:21 p.m. 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 March 22nd, 2007, meeting. After review, Mr. Gaines made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, and Mr. Fazecas seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

A tour of the park ensued, where the committee saw all of the Athletic fields, the Dog Parks, the future site of the Community Center and Cricket Building, the Group Camping Area, the Soccer Fields, and the Maintenance Building. Mr. Schuh provided the committee members with a typed out maintenance report, and Mr. Vergara provided a typed out construction report. Mr. Whitehead informed everyone that the construction contract with BRPH had been terminated and BCP&R was in the process of acquiring quotes for finishing the baseball and softball fields. He also invited the Committee members to attend the grand opening of the Dog Park on May 1st at 8:00 a.m. and of Viera Regional Community Center on May 19th at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gaines inquired about the hole in the wall of the subdivision at the entrance to the park, and Mr. Whitehead responded that the owners of the subdivision had agreed to fill it. Mr. Barber inquired about building a county police substation at the park, and Mr. Whitehead responded that Palm Bay Regional Park was under the jurisdiction of the City of Palm Bay, not the County, and discussion ensued about the benefits of a police substation at the park and different ways to fund it. Mr. Jackman brought up the issue with the School Board using the park for their athletic events and Brevard County citizens being double taxed through impact fees. Much discussion ensued about Pros and Cons of the school being right next to the park, and Mr. Whitehead affirmed the committee that it was in everybody's best interest to work together in partnership with the schools for the benefit of the community. He cited examples where the partnership had worked for years; places like Hoover Middle School, Gemini Elementary and Viera High School. He followed by stating that the biggest factor in the success of this partnership is the principal running the school at the time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Morin called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gaines made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Jackman seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Morin adjourned the meeting of the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee at 7:39 p.m.