



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

**REGULAR MEETING
January 24, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee, was conducted on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Palm Bay Community Center, 1502 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, in Palm Bay.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barry Morin
Joe Fazecas, Designee for Steve Riser
Ted Whitlock
Dudley Anderson
Keiron Jackman

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Gaines
Clifford Barber, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Jerry Gust, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Rick Schuh, Park Supervisor, Palm Bay Regional Park
Patrick Clarke, Park Supervisor, Palm Bay Regional Park
Gustavo Vergara, South Area Special Projects Coordinator

PUBLIC

NONE

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whitlock called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Vergara called the roll, and Mr. Whitlock noted at 7:17 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 October 25, 2007, meeting. After review, Mr. Fazecas made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, and Mr. Morin **SECONDED. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Schuh introduced Mr. Patrick Clarke as a new addition to the supervisory staff at the park. He then read over his "Accomplishments and Events" report (attached), and stated that a coed softball league was starting in February, and that a baseball field would be ready for play around the same time. He stated that staff installed a new park sign at the entrance of the park, and Mr. Whitehead added that the sign was made from recycled, post consumer plastic. Mr. Schuh stated that he met with a Frisbee Golf person who wanted to start a Frisbee Golf course at the park. Mr. Fazecas asked how much space a disc golf course needed, and Mr. Whitehead responded that the length was flexible. Mr. Whitlock asked where the disc golf course was going to be located, and Mr. Schuh responded that it would be by the camping area. Mr. Gust added that the course would only be 9 holes, and that there was no guarantee that it would stay there. Mr. Whitehead stated that there was going to be no cost to the county, and that the disc golf group would maintain any area associated with the course. Mr. Whitlock asked if the person interested in starting the disc golf knew about the advisory board, and Mr. Whitehead stated that he didn't, but that he would have him make a presentation by the next meeting. Mr. Whitlock asked if the disc golf course was busy at Wickham Park, and Mr. Gust responded that the course was very busy during the weekends and in the evenings during daylight savings time. Mr. Whitehead stated that the Football group that made a presentation before the advisory board at the October meeting was approved to enter into the league, and that they had met all requirements needed to run a football league at the park. Mr. Whitehead stated that Mr. Butler was no longer with the league, and that Ms. Teresa Stillman took over Mr. Butler's spot. Mr. Whitehead added that he would contact Ms. Stillman so she would attend a meeting.

Mr. Gust stated that the groundbreaking for the Cricket Building was a great success, and stated that additional field lights would be added to two soccer fields. Mr. Whitlock asked if the money spent on the lights came from referendum moneys, and Mr. Gust replied that the lights were paid out of balance forward money from the operations budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jackman asked about a request made by Mr. Gaines to name a pavilion at the park after a young man who was a casualty of the Iraq war, and Mr. Whitehead responded that there was a protocol for naming buildings at the parks, and that someone would have to make a presentation before the advisory board in order to start that process. Mr. Whitlock asked for an updated financial report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Whitehead stated that he has had meetings with Commissioner Colon, and that she expressed some concern over Brevard County not getting any recognition for events being held at the park, and that she wanted to see how the advisory board felt about changing the name of the park in order to make Brevard County Parks & Recreation more recognizable. Discussion ensued regarding different names. Mr. Whitehead stated that the advisory board could think about that issue and that it could be addressed at a different meeting. Mr. Whitehead then brought up the next agenda item which was the naming of the interior roads at the park. Discussion ensued regarding different names and which roads should be named. After Discussion, the advisory board agreed that they didn't want to change the name of the park, and Mr. Whitehead stated that he felt that the problem wasn't the name of the park, but the department needed to do a better job of branding and making sure that Brevard County received proper recognition. After further discussion on naming the internal roads at the park, Mr. Fazecas made a **MOTION** to run a contest to name the interior roads inside the park, Discussion ensued, and Mr. Jackman amended the motion that the contest name the main entrance road and interior loop road as one name, and the committee has the option of naming the road that goes to the youth camp area. After further discussion, Mr. Jackman **SECONDED** the amended motion, and the motion was **APPROVED** 4-1. Mr. Fazecas asked if there was any way to contact waste management about putting recycling containers at Palm Bay Regional Park. Discussion ensued regarding different ways to handle recycling at the park, and Mr. Gust stated that he would look into recycling at the park. Mr. Whitlock complimented staff on the groundbreaking ceremony for the Cricket building.

PUBLIC INPUT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Whitlock stated that the next meeting date would be February 28, at the Palm Bay Community Center. Seeing no further business, Mr. Whitlock called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fazecas made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Jackman seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Whitlock adjourned the meeting of the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee at 7:52 p.m.