



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

**REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee, was conducted on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Palm Bay Community Center, 1502 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, in Palm Bay.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clifford Barber, Jr.
Joe Fazecas, Designee for Steve Riser
Ted Whitlock
James Gaines
Keith Farquharson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dudley Anderson
Keiron Jackman
Barry Morin

STAFF PRESENT

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

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None

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whitlock called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 February 28, 2008, meeting. After review, Mr. Farquharson made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, and Mr. Barber **SECONDED. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Gust introduced all his staff and stated that due to budget cuts 25 vacant positions had been frozen in the south area. Mr. Gust stated that south area parks had been tasked with preparing three sets of budgets; a status quo budget, a 10% cut budget and a 20% budget. He stated that parks and recreation was also told to be ready for a 30 % budget. Mr. Gust followed by explaining some of the internal budget cuts that Parks and Recreation was considering and stated that Parks and Recreation was trying not to cut any services to the public or let go of any existing staff, but that the budget process was very difficult because there was no concise target that was being put forth by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Schuh read off his monthly maintenance and events report which included things like the installation of a one rail wood fence around the soccer area, delivery of light posts and lights for the soccer fields and a meeting between the Bayside Bears and the soccer group in order to coordinate the use of the soccer fields between the two groups. Mr. Schuh also stated that the state cup soccer tournament would be held at the park the following weekend, and again at the end of the month. Discussion ensued regarding the soccer tournaments and the youth football league. Mr. Gaines asked about a ditch by the tiny tots soccer field, and stated that he saw someone fall there, and Mr. Gust and Mr. Schuh responded that they would research the area and try to alleviate any problems.

Mr. Vergara stated that a ground breaking ceremony would be held for the new Rodes Park on Saturday, March 29 at 11:00 a.m. at the old Rodes Park. He added that a ground breaking ceremony for the Brevard County Senior Center at Melbourne would be held April 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wickham Park main pavilion. Mr. Vergara stated that block work at the community center at Palm Bay Regional Park was progressing and that the community center would be ready for roof trusses within two weeks. He added that the main work being performed on site for the next two months would be the finishing of the block work and getting a roof on the community center. Mr. Vergara added that the Cricket Building was about 75 % complete and that tiling was in progress. Mr. Vergara added that within 5 weeks the metal roof would be installed on the building. Mr. Farquharson asked if the pavilion at the Cricket Building had light underneath of it, and Mr. Schuh responded affirmatively. Mr. Farquharson also asked about a three phase, 220V plug on site and Mr. Schuh responded that there would be a 220, but that because of the water heater, there may not be enough power to power a loud sound system. Mr. Schuh added that there would be 110V service and that he would not know the capabilities of the electrical system until everything was running on site.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gust added that all community centers being built at the moment were being proposed on the budget as unfunded projects as far as the moneys required to run the

facilities, and stated that there was a lot of uncertainty as to whether or not once the facilities were built if the county would have the resources to run them. Mr. Gust added that the support of the community when the budget work shops came to play would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Farquharson asked about having an international Cricket event at the park, and Mr. Gust stated that any international event would be welcomed, and asked that Mr. Farquharson touch base with Parks & Recreation staff in order to help in any way possible. Discussion ensued regarding ways to get Mr. Farquharson aid for his program. Mr. Whitlock asked if any more names were received for the road naming contest, and Mr. Vergara stated that after sending press releases to the news papers, no more entries were received. Mr. Gaines made a recommendation that one of the two roads be named after a young man who was the first casualty from Palm Bay in the Iraq War. Mr. Gaines added that the person's name was too long, Pfc. Michael Russell Creighton Weldon. Mr. Gust asked Mr. Gaines for further clarification on the name he was proposing, and Mr. Gaines responded Creighton Weldon Circle, Way or any name needed as long as Mr. Weldon was honored. Mr. Schuh added Park Way or Circle, Mr. Whitlock proposed Sports Arena Blvd., Leisure Services Blvd., St. John's Blvd., Competition Alley, Recreation Avenue, Mr. Fazecas added Brevard Circle. Discussion ensued regarding the naming of the roads and Mr. Vergara read the name recommendations from the young man from an elementary school, which were Orion Road, Triton Blvd. Twinleaf Road, Grass Park Avenue, Leaf Green Road, Whirlpool Road, Leaf Park Road, Grassville Avenue, Live Green Blvd and Trinity Parkway. Mr. Whitlock asked the committee members to pick their top two names and that once everyone had their top names, he would compile and take a vote on them. After Discussion Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to name the interior loop road at Palm Bay Regional Park Creighton Weldon Circle, and the Dog Park Road Grassville Avenue, Mr. Gaines **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Whitlock stated that the next meeting date would be April 24, at the Palm Bay Community Center. Seeing no further business, Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Barber **SECONDED. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Whitlock adjourned the meeting of the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee at 8:10 p.m.