



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

REGULAR MEETING July 24, 2008

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ted Whitlock, Chairman
Barry Morin
Joe Fazecas, Designee for Steve Riser
James Gaines
Dudley Anderson
Keiron Jackson
Clifford Barber, Jr.
Keith Farquharson

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Greg Minor, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Jerry Gust, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Rick Schuh, Park Supervisor, Palm Bay Regional Park
Gustavo Vergara, South Area Special Projects Coordinator
Mechelle Cook, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

NONE

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whitlock called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mrs. Cook called the roll, and Mr. Whitlock noted that a quorum was present and that the meeting would be conducted. New staff members were introduced by Mr. Gust.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the June 26, 2008, meeting. After review, Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, Mr. Gaines **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Schuh stated that ball games were discontinued due to rain. The park had received damage from lightning in the amount of \$3,300.00. The park would hold an event (Poo Party) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the dog park that weekend sponsored by the City of Palm Bay and the Indian River Lagoon. The event was informational in nature, with guest speakers from the Indian River Lagoon on the environmental hazards of dog waste, dog product vendors, dogs available for adoption, and the Indian River Kennel Club with information on dog training and available classes.

Mr. Schuh stated the soccer lights had been delivered, the multi purpose building was complete and up and running, the Soccer Championship had been cancelled due to rain, and was slated to be held in Sanford.

Mr. Gaines asked why soccer was cancelled for girls and Mr. Gust responded that it was due to the size of the fields. Bayside High School had approached Parks and Rec to use facilities for cross country, the need was due to fire damages. Mr. Whitlock asked were ball fields designed for adults (size) and Mr. Gust answered yes.

Mr. Cox will begin employment with Parks and Recreation on Monday. We have experienced unbelievable growth in Palm Bay Park. There were no further questions for staff.

OLD BUSINESS

The naming of interior roads, Creighton Weldon Circle, and Grassville Drive were approved in June by the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee. The road names were sent to 911 for approval and 911 had responded by denying the names due to similar names in the area already. Mr. Gust distributed a letter from 911 and asked the committee to submit new names for approval. Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to name the circle, St. Johns Blvd., Mr. Schuh submitted Regional Park Circle, and Regional Park Trail for the off road for dog park name, and said the names were easy and generic. Mr. Jackson had a suggestion to make the park world class, and offered Championship Circle for the road. Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to name the roads Championship Circle and Regional Park Trail, Mr. Jackson **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gust said the new community center was slated to open in January 2009, there were delays due to rain, and the committee needed to consider the naming of the community center. Mr. Gust made a recommendation of Ted Whitlock Community Center, Mr. Gaines made a **MOTION** to accept, Mr. Barber **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The name will now be presented to the South Area Advisory Board for approval.

Mr. Gust had a proposal from the Caribbean Club to name the cricket pavilion after Judge Ali B. Mahjeed; the South Area Advisory Board approved the naming of the cricket building conditional upon approval by the Palm Bay Advisory Board. Mr. Gust read the policy on naming of facilities and stated we can name after living persons, and requested a motion for the naming, Mr. Gaines asked for background on Mr. Mahjeed. Mr. Gust read a letter from the Caribbean Club recommending Judge Ali B. Mahjeed. Mr. Anderson spoke for Mr. Mahjeed and offered 100% approval. Mr. Farquharson attested to Mr. Mahjeed's character, and supports the naming. Mr. Farquharson mad a **MOTION** to accept the naming, Mr. Gaines **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC INPUT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Whitlock stated that the next meeting date would be August 28, 2008 at the Palm Bay Community Center. Seeing no further business, Mr. Whitlock called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gaines made a **MOTION** to adjourn, Mr. Barber **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Whitlock adjourned the meeting of the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee at 7:42 p.m.