



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

REGULAR MEETING October 23, 2008

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee, was conducted on Thursday, October 23, 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
Dave McGovern, Designee for Steve Riser
Dudley Anderson
Keiron Jackman
Clifford Barber, Jr.
Keith Farquharson
Barry Morin

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Gaines

STAFF PRESENT

Greg Minor, South Area Parks Operations Manager
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 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Cook called the roll with seven members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the August 28, 2008, meeting. Upon review the following correction was requested, to move Mr. Morin's name to Members Present before the minutes are published. Mr. Farquharson made a **MOTION** to

approve the minutes with the stated correction, Mr. Morin **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Schuh read his events and accomplishments report for September and October 2008. Mr. Whitlock asked about drainage at the athletic fields. Mr. Minor stated that two fields had a French drain system installed, but overall, the soil in that area was difficult to keep dry. It was noted that Mr. Genchi had to move soccer tournaments to other fields due to the water levels, the counts were 115 teams, 1,700 kids. Mr. Minor stated that Troy Cox was currently scheduling a lot of new sport leagues at the park and that the Palm Community Center was about 2 weeks from substantial completion. Mr. Minor stated that at the October 14, 2008 Board Meeting, the agenda items for the naming of the cricket pavilion, the naming of the interior roads, and the naming of the community center were approved.

Mr. Minor would like to have a joint ribbon cutting/grand opening of the community center and dedication of the cricket building. Mr. Whitlock asked when Mr. Minor was thinking of doing the ceremonies. Mr. Minor responded that they would probably be in December, but that date was dependent upon the substantial completion of the facilities, and that no date could be firmly set at this time.

Mr. Minor responded on the ownership of the bridge which had been vandalized, and reported that it did in fact belong to Brevard County. Damage estimate was three to four hundred dollars of damage to the bridge. Discussion ensued concerning the damages to the bridge, and preventative measures that could be used to prevent further damages to the bridge.

Mr. Minor stated that he had attended a capital budget meeting to purchase equipment for the facility and that the items would be ordered within the next couple of weeks and that he would keep the committee posted with any updates. **ACTION ITEM** - Mr. Farquharson asked Mr. Minor to provide the capacity of the building to the committee. Mr. Whitlock asked what field the Bayside Bears were using, Mr. Schuh responded that they were currently using one of the soccer fields for practices.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Minor stated that a new fee schedule was instituted on October 1st and that some of the fees were adjusted and that they were still very competitive. Mr. Morin asked about softball leagues and who was allowed to play on the fields. Mr. Minor responded that anyone could use the fields and that the cost for rental depended on whether the league organizers were recreation partners or non-profit organizations. **ACTION ITEM** - Mr. Whitlock asked for a copy of the fee schedule. Mr. Farquharson asked would there be a tennis court at the park.

Mr. Minor responded it was not currently planned, and no funds were indicated for such. Mr. Farquharson asked how a tennis court could be put on the agenda and made a priority. Mr. Minor responded that it would be up to the committee to recommend the tennis courts. Mr. Minor stated that skate parks were the big issue now. Mr. Whitlock said if the skate park issue was presented to the members they would review it. Mr. Minor stated that Mr. Cox is preparing to renew recreation partner agreements in December, and that they will be brought to the SAAB for approval. Mr. Minor stated that the recreation partners may need to start paying more in fees. Mr. Minor stated that county staff will start working on the FY 09-10 budget in the next few weeks.

PUBLIC INPUT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

The committee noted that the next scheduled meeting would be on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the Palm Bay Community Center due to the Thanksgiving Holidays with all members in agreement. Seeing no further business, Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Mr. Farquharson **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Mr. Whitlock adjourned the meeting of the Palm Bay Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee at 7:27 p.m.