

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Pineda Causeway Boat Ramp  
Regular Meeting  
September 4, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Pineda Causeway Boat Ramp Referendum Committee was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. at 51 S. Nieman Avenue, Melbourne, FL.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ayn Samuelson  
Mark Leslie  
Al Vazquez  
Herb Richter

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gary Hanlin  
Mary Ann Kise

**STAFF ATTENDING**

Chuck Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director  
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager  
Jeff Whitehead, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

**PUBLIC**

None

The meeting began promptly at 6:03 p.m.

**Committee Overview:**

Ms. Palus introduced herself and asked all members to write down the following information to share with the group: Name, Occupation, Special Interest, Reason for Volunteering for the Committee, 1 goal/expectation for this project, positive impact this project will have on community, and challenges that may be associated with this project. Members introduced themselves and went over the items as listed above.

**Goals/Objectives:**

- A win for boaters and environment
- Relieve over-crowding
- Make accessible
- Keep communication open
- Listen to concerns
- Complete project ASAP

**Challenges:**

- Pockets of local opposition
- Permitting issues
- Noise
- Traffic Flow
- Political delays
- Manatee issues
- Environment

**Positive Impact of Project:**

- Fishing
- Enhance boating
- Well designed and located
- Land locked residents
- Safer boating

This committee will meet the first Monday of every month at the Pineda Landing (POW MIA) meeting room at 6:00 p.m.. Ms. Palus went over the packets provided to the members which included: welcome letter/time frame, committee members list, committee guidelines, proposed project review and a place for members to keep their minutes and notes. She mentioned that the committee would take action at the meetings regardless if quorum is present. She informed the committee that meeting dates, project information, minutes as approved, etc are available on the web page at [www.brevardparks.com](http://www.brevardparks.com)

Mr. Nelson explained that all members of the committee are required to vote. A conflict of interest applies only if financial gain is involved.

**Election of Officers:**

Mark Leslie was nominated as the chairman. Mr. Vazquez made a **MOTION** to select Mr. Leslie as Chairman and Ms. Samuelson seconded. Mr. Leslie accepted. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The committee decided to wait until the next meeting to select a vice-chairman.

Mr. Nelson went over the elements as listed in the proposed referendum project review. Ms. Palus distributed a map of the property owned by the County. Discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is schedule for Monday, October 1, 2001.