



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Suntree-Viera Parks Committee/POW MIA Referendum Committee
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2005

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Suntree-Viera Parks Committee was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at 7:30 a.m. at the site of the new Viera Regional Park, Viera, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Jagrowski, Chairman
Harry Rhame, Vice Chairman
Bob Ball, Member
Mary Anne Beasley, Member
Mark Leslie, Member
Duwayne Lundgren, Member Ex-Officio
Mike Malone, Member
Warren Price, Member
Nancy Sewell, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rob Brisson, Member Ex-Officio
Scott Hubel, Member
Judi John, Member
R.L. Jones, Member
Chuck Manning, Member
Audrey Nassen, Member
Herb Richter, Member
Vacant, Member (replacing John Lewis)

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Masson, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation
Bill Ross, Senior Construction Coordinator
Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Jerry Gust, South Area Maintenance Superintendent
Lisa Nicholas, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

None

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jagrowski called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Mr. Whitehead introduced Jerry Gust, Maintenance Superintendent, and Lisa Nicholas, Administrative Secretary, to the committee and informed members that Ms. Nicholas had been chosen to replace Ms. Tina Webster.

Mr. Jagrowski then adjourned the meeting to allow the Suntree-Viera Parks Foundation to meet. The Suntree-Viera Parks Committee meeting continued at 7:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Malone made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, and Bob Ball seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

See Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Masson informed the committee that a tour of the site of Viera Community Park was planned. Mr. Masson referenced the subject of football fields and noted that there was not a football league in existence at the time of design and that the park had been created for those users already in the area. Currently, football games are being played at Holy Trinity but help is being sought to find space for two lighted football fields and concessions. Mr. Masson emphasized that the soccer fields cannot be taken away for such a purpose, and there was concurrence on that point among committee members. Mr. Lundgren noted that Commissioner Carlson is attempting to get some additional acreage to tack on to the existing park. Mr. Jagrowski questioned as to whether there would be difficulties with the lighting and water, and it was noted that, when the additional acreage did come about, zoning would have to be obtained for that. Mr. Lundgren stated that Mercedes has agreed to install lighting. Members and staff concurred that they would do whatever it takes to make the park successful.

Discussion regarding the landscape buffer in the northern most portion of the park ensued. The landscaping is a requirement of the overall project but will be re-evaluated based on the acquisition of the 15 acres for the proposed football fields.

Mr. Masson informed members that everything was pretty well established up to the softball fields. A knoll will be built up where the three original pavilions were supposed to be installed, as it appears that there could be a potential problem with drainage.

ADJOURNMENT

In order for the committee to be able to tour the site, Mr. Malone made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Ball seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m. with the understanding that the committee would reconvene for questions after the tour.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jagrowski reconvened the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Q & A

Ms. Beasley inquired as to whether the concessions will be run by the County. Mr. Masson responded that the concessions will be run by the leagues, with joint use by the high school. When the high school is utilizing the fields, rights will be given to it to run the concessions, as it is an effective means of raising funds.

Mr. Masson noted that a project manager is blessed when good soil is available and informed the committee that there is no imported soil on the site, which is cost-effective. It was also noted that the ability to convert Six Mile Creek from the east side of I-95 to St. John's was also an integral step.

Mr. Ross commended the engineers for their efforts and extended thanks to Mr. Lundgren and Commissioner Carlson. Although Commissioner Carlson could not attend the July 13 meeting, arrangements were being made for her to potentially visit the site next week.

Mr. Masson noted that the timing is on schedule and that the soccer portion of the site, with the exception of the Community Center, is anticipated to open in the fall of 2005. With regard to the baseball and Little League fields, it was noted that they should be ready in the first quarter of 2006.

Mr. Rhame inquired as to whether the pavilion would be constructed by 2006, and Mr. Masson responded that it was the intention to have it ready by then. Mr. Ross noted that the contractor had experienced some difficulty and that the time frame now appeared to be February/March of 2006.

Mr. Masson commented on the new high school and football field and relayed that both will be ready in August of 2006. Plans for a new middle school to be constructed immediately north of the high school are underway, and the facility is expected to open in 2007. Traffic concerns were expressed, and Mr. Lundgren assured committee members that Commissioner Carlson was working diligently to address the situation.

Mr. Rhame inquired as to the status of Pineda Landing. Mr. Masson replied that a meeting had been held with the surety company, Dan Click, the building contractors and pertinent attorneys. Additional information was required from the surety company, which was gathered and a new meeting date established. It was noted that the process is tedious and that three developed areas are affected, with Pineda being the furthest behind. Although staff is working diligently, it is currently in the hands of attorneys.

With regard to Rotary Park, there is an outstanding FEMA Project Worksheet on the pier. The contractor is re-evaluating and potentially cutting purchase orders with the hopes of having the pier repaired this fiscal year. The Brevard Board of County Commissioners advanced \$5.7 million that will be repaid when reimbursement comes in from FEMA.

Mr. Rhame personally thanked staff members for all of their efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Malone made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Ms. Sewell seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.