



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION

Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee

REGULAR MEETING September 14, 2005

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee, was conducted on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at 7:30 a.m. at the BRPH Building, 3275 Suntree Boulevard, Melbourne, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Jagrowski, Chairman
Harry Rhame, Member
Scott Hubel, Member
Robert Ball, Member
Audrey Nassen, Member
Mike Malone, Member
Judi John, Member
Nancy Sewell, Member
Mary Anne Beasley, Member
Duwayne Lundgren, Member Ex-Officio

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Leslie, Member
R.L. Jones, Member
Charles Manning, Member
Warren Price, Member
Herb Richter, Member
Rob Brisson, Member Ex-Officio

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Bill Ross, Senior Construction Coordinator, Parks and Recreation
Tim Howze, Park Supervisor I, North Mainland
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

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Peter Castello, Suntree Rotary

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jagrowski called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. and introduced Mr. Peter Castello. Mr. Jagrowski then adjourned the meeting to allow the Suntree-Viera Parks Foundation to meet. The Suntree-Viera Parks Committee meeting continued at 7:55 a.m. Ms. Nicholas called the roll, and Mr. Jagrowski noted 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 July 13, 2005, meeting. After review, there was a question concerning lighting that was to be provided by Mercedes for the 15 acres that was originally requested for the football fields. At the time of the July 13 meeting, Mercedes informed the pertinent parties that it would be providing the lighting but that was no longer confirmed. Mr. Rhame inquired as to whether that portion of the discussion should remain in the July 13 minutes. There was concurrence of the members that, at the time of the July 13 meeting, it was Mercedes' intention to provide the lighting; therefore, it should remain a part of the transcript. Mr. Malone made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written, and Ms. Sewell seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Ross reported to the Committee that most of the posts and backstops had been set and that the majority of site work was completed. Mr. Ross indicated that the community center would be going out to bid the following week on September 15. Sod was being placed on the banks, and the irrigation pumps were 99% complete. F P& L had energized the transformers. Grass for the soccer fields was set to be delivered on October 3, and the landscape contractor was going to be placing the sod and treating fields with Roundup. Mr. Ross further noted that most of the work on the sidewalks was complete. Because of inclement weather, it was mentioned that the January/February time frame may have to be extended into March, but that soccer was still on schedule for the fall of 2005.

Mr. Castello mentioned deterioration of roads by The Avenue because of drainage problems, and Mr. Malone replied that because of the use of pavers, it was a completely different scenario and did not present a major concern.

Mr. Jagrowski mentioned the cost to cover the pavilion and requested the names of local companies and contact persons from Committee members. Mr. Malone suggested a detailed flyer that could be given to the companies, and Mr. Jagrowski noted that a flyer had already been created with information on the overall park, as well as a breakdown of the pavilion. Mr. Jagrowski noted that now would be an ideal time to start meeting with the companies, seeing as there was now something to show them and the park was well underway. Ms. Sewell noted that it should not be difficult to obtain a list of builders and contractors that are active in the community. Mr. Ross noted that the pavilion had been staked out and that color pictures were available. Ms. Sewell suggested that interested contractors could be taken on a tour in order to provide them with an actual illustration so that they could feel as if they were buying into something.

Mr. Rhame commended Ms. Sewell for her efforts in establishing the contacts and setting up the working relationship with Rinker. Mr. Rhame noted that the Foundation would pay for the concrete but not involved in the day-to-day construction.

Mr. Whitehead noted that at Rotary Park, the replacement of the sidewalk, pavilion and fishing pier were being bid as one package. Mr. Rhame mentioned that in Cocoa Beach, there was a similar scenario utilizing one purchase order, which saved a good deal of time and money.

Mr. Jagrowski requested a rundown of what was going on with Rotary, and Mr. Whitehead responded that there was minimal damage to the pavilions, and staff took care of most of the work. The entire boardwalk was wiped out, which jeopardized the integrity of the whole structure. Mr. Rhame inquired as to whether the plywood would be replaced, and Mr. Whitehead responded that concrete may be used and that it was really a maintenance issue, stating that plywood was a temporary solution. Mr. Whitehead also noted that the swing sets would have to be rotated so that the swings would swing north/south.

Mr. Jagrowski inquired as to whether the effects of Hurricane Rita in the Gulf would have an impact on prices, and Mr. Whitehead responded that it was almost certain and the consequences may be long-lasting. Mr. Whitehead continued that it would not only affect availability of materials but also delivery of materials because of a shortage of fuel. Mr. Ross further noted that the impact would be felt all over Brevard County, as labor was becoming more scarce, and contractors were already having a difficult time finding subcontractors. Mr. Whitehead added that all reputable contractors are extremely busy.

Mr. Hubel remarked on the condition of the non-motorized boat launching areas at Pineda, and Mr. Whitehead remarked that the crews of Mr. Howze had been tied up with recent softball tournaments and

should be able to get around to these areas in the near future. Mr. Malone concurred with the thoughts expressed by Mr. Hubel.

Mr. Ball mentioned that Kiwanis would be willing to cooperate with the landscaping at the park.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Jagrowski called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malone made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Ms. Beasley seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Jagrowski adjourned the meeting of the Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee at 8:23 a.m.