



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION

Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee

REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 2006

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee, was conducted on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 7:30 a.m. at the BRPH Building, 3275 Suntree Boulevard, Melbourne, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Jagrowski
Harry Rhame
Mary Anne Beasley
Robert Ball
Mike Malone
Duwayne Lundgren
Judi John
Nancy Sewell
Charles Manning
Audrey Nassen
Warren Price
Scott Hubel

MEMBERS ABSENT

R.L. Jones
Herb Richter
Rob Brisson

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Ross, Senior Construction Coordinator, Parks and Recreation
Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
David Moore, South Area Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Roger Manuel, Park Supervisor II, Viera-Mainland
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

Thomas Szuba

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jagrowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and then adjourned the meeting at 7:31 a.m. to allow the Suntree-Viera Parks Foundation to meet. The Suntree-Viera Parks Committee meeting reconvened at 7:56 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 January 11, 2006, meeting. After review, Mr. Rhame made a MOTION to approve the minutes, and Ms. Sewell seconded. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

STAFF REPORTS

Jeff Whitehead introduced Tom Szuba, president of Space Coast United Soccer Club and noted that the soccer fields at Viera Regional Park would serve as his organization's home base. Mr. Szuba indicated that his club had about 1,100 children.

Mr. Ross reported that the Rotary Pavilion was complete and that it would be pressure washed and seal coated the following week. The park should have water by the end of the week, but the electrical work was not completed. Mr. Whitehead asked whether electric should go into the Rotary centerpiece area, and Mr. Rhame responded that he would like to see that if possible. Mr. Ross noted that County staff would run conduit to the pavilion and then finish the wiring.

Mr. Ross stated that the contractor had corrected the fencing and that the hardscaping for the baseball and softball fields was complete. The softball area had most of the HVAC, electrical and plumbing completed, while the baseball area was running a bit behind softball.

The fields were shaping up nicely. Mr. Ross indicated that, during the following week, the sod would be installed around the soccer building and most of the trees would be planted. The tennis courts were completed except for the striping and color coating. Mr. Ross reported on a problem in which some trees had been planted on a gas line, but Florida Gas was going to pay for the relocation of the trees.

Notice to proceed with the community center had been issued to Canaveral Construction. It would more than likely be an 18- to 24-month project. The structure would be hardened to 170 miles per hour and contain a generator.

Mr. Jagrowski asked if there were any additional information on the extra seven acres for football, and Mr. Ross responded that money was available only for design and permitting. Mr. Lundgren indicated that it needs to go before the Board of County Commissioners but that it is on track. Mr. Lundgren also noted that about \$650,000 was going to be necessary just to get the fields going.

Mr. Ross stated that the grass on the baseball fields was being held up because of the relocation of the fencing but that it should be sodded by the end of the month.

Mr. Whitehead indicated that a formal quote was going to be necessary for the soccer goals and that it might be May before the fields are actually ready for the league. Mr. Szuba stated that was fine with his organization and noted that they really wanted the grass to be able to take hold. Mr. Szuba commended Parks and Recreation and stated that Viera Regional Park will be a showcase. Mr. Whitehead then commended Mr. Szuba and his organization.

Mr. Ross indicated that the deck had been completed at Suntree-Rotary and that the pavilion was scheduled to be completed the following week. Mr. Whitehead noted that staff was contemplating constructing the boardwalk out of concrete, as wooden boards sometimes lead to maintenance problems.

At the previous meeting, Mr. Ross reported that Pineda Landing would be repaired at no cost; however, this was not going to be the case because there was more damage than was originally thought. The project had been turned over to FEMA, and Mr. Moore was seeking quotes.

With regard to the community center at Pineda Landing, Mr. Ross noted that PAVCO had put up a sign. The project would cost \$789,000 to complete, and a notice to proceed was to be issued in the next two weeks. The project should last 120 days. Landscaping was not included. Mr. Rhame asked if the community center was going to be built on top of what was already there, and Mr. Ross responded that the contractor should be able to use what is there. Ms. Sewell inquired as to whether there will be a seawall constructed to protect the building, and Mr. Ross replied that St. John's River Water Management did not allow for much but noted that there was some rock already there that could perhaps be added to.

Mr. Price indicated that he would appreciate if staff could provide the opening date at the next meeting. Mr. Whitehead stated that the opening could perhaps be at some time around the Memorial Day holiday.

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 Mr. Price seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Jagrowski adjourned the meeting of the Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee at 8:34 a.m. and informed the Committee that the next meeting would take place on May 10, 2006.