



# SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION

*Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee*

## REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2006

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee, was conducted on Wednesday, July 12, 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  
Warren Price  
Nancy Sewell  
Duwayne Lundgren

### MEMBERS ABSENT

R.L. Jones  
Herb Richter  
Rob Brisson  
Charles Manning  
Audrey Nassen  
Judi John  
Mike Malone  
Scott Hubel

### STAFF PRESENT

Bill Ross, Senior Construction Coordinator, Parks and Recreation  
George Clark, Construction Coordinator, Parks and Recreation  
David Moore, South Area Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

### PUBLIC

Dan Quattrocchi  
Joe Quattrocchi  
Harry Chapman

### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jagrowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and then adjourned the meeting to allow the Suntree-Viera Parks Foundation to meet. The Suntree-Viera Parks Committee meeting reconvened at 7:48 a.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the May 10, 2006, meeting. After review, Ms. Sewell made a MOTION to approve the minutes, and Mr. Ball seconded.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

### STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Ross introduced George Clark, Construction Coordinator for Parks and Recreation, who would be serving as the new Project Manager for the Pineda Landing project.

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Mr. Ross noted that the Rotary Pavilion was still not seal coated and indicated that someone else would be attained to get it done and that there would be no charge.

The Florida Gas issue was now with the attorneys, and the contractor had directed that the trees be relocated, but that has not transpired yet.

With regard to the Community Center, the trusses had been set on the lower roof and it should soon be dried in; construction is coming along very well.

Glatting Jackson has provided a proposal for the football area, but it needs to be revised, as there are items included in the proposal that are not necessary for football.

There are still no transformers available.

Mr. Ross announced that the Grand Opening for Viera Regional Park was slated for August 5, 2006. Some landscaping and irrigation work still needs to be completed. The park sign was in the process of being completed and would be up in time for the opening. Power and water should also be available at the Rotary Pavilion by then.

The maintenance building was completed, and Mr. Moore indicated that staff has pretty much moved in but there are no locks yet, as staff is in a battle with Best Lock. Because there are no locks, the soccer league cannot move in, but they are looking forward to being able to move in by July 17.

Clay has been ordered and should be delivered on Monday. The recent rain has been helpful, and the fields are looking good. Much landscaping has been completed, but a lot of sod still has to be placed. The irrigation contractor has been non-responsive for the most part, and staff may look into to attaining another irrigation contractor.

Staff reminded Committee members that the park was still considered to be a construction area, and members of the public were not yet allowed to be on the premises.

Mr. Lundgren asked whether there would be baseball played on the park's opening day of August 5, and staff responded that there would be tournaments transpiring at that time but that it was staff's intention to have at least some children out on the fields.

Mr. Moore reported that the playground had arrived and should be installed by the end of July. The area where the playground is being located, however, is underwater at the moment. There are drains in the vicinity, but they are not opened up yet.

Mr. Lundgren asked about the possibility of a future dog park, and Mr. Ross indicated that he could see what it cost to install the dog park at Wickham Park. Mr. Lundgren noted that, if it was funding that would preclude such a venture, alternative methods of funding could be sought.

Mr. Clark reported that the Pineda Landing project was approximately 45 percent complete. The air conditioning and duct work would be installed soon, and in about four weeks, the lift station would be started. All in all, things were going well. October 31, 2006, is the date for final completion.

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Mr. Lundgren inquired into the status of the Veterans' Memorial that was to be constructed at Wickham Park, and Mr. Ross responded that it is hoped that the Memorial can be incorporated with the construction of the Senior Center and Community Center. Staff has directed the architect and engineering firm of PBS & J to proceed with a design for the Memorial.

Mr. Ross reminded members that "Patina Green" had been decided on by the Committee as the roof color for the Community Center at Viera Regional and passed around a color chart.

Mr. Lundgren asked where a skateboard park could be placed within the park, and staff responded that the issue would have to be looked into if there were interest in installing such an amenity.

Mr. Ross noted that the School Board is interested in bringing a sidewalk from Six-Mile Creek to the park site and would like Parks and Recreation to connect it.

Mr. Lundgren stated that the County was receiving various tracts of land in the Viera area.

Ms. Nicholas provided a status report on the Grand Opening. Mr. Jagrowski asked if the dedication of the Rotary Pavilion should be a part of the event, but there was consensus among the members that the Pavilion should be dedicated at a later time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Dan Quattrocchi indicated that he would like to see a skateboard park brought to Viera Regional Park. He and his brother, Joe Quattrocchi, would be opening up a skate shop in the near future. Mr. Quattrocchi stated that there is definitely a market for such an amenity at Viera Regional and noted that many young adults travel from Viera to Merritt Island to be able to take part in the activity. Additionally, studies of demographics are suggesting that skateboarding is increasing in popularity, while tennis and basketball are declining. Furthermore, the way that skateboard parks are designed today (without huge ramps and bowls), they can easily be used for other purposes and by a variety of patrons. Mr. Jagrowski thanked Mr Quattrocchi for his input, and staff indicated that they would take the suggestion of adding a skateboard park under advisement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Mr. Jagrowski called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sewell made a MOTION to adjourn, and Mr. Ball seconded. Mr. Jagrowski adjourned the meeting of the Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee at 8:26 a.m.

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Mr. Price asked whether a January ribbon-cutting ceremony would be too soon for the Rotary Pavilion, and Mr. Rhame indicated that perhaps the middle of the year would be better. Ms. Sewell suggested that, when the construction on the Pavilion starts, the Committee and staff should arrange for a "publicity day", and Mr. Jagrowski indicated that could be done. Mr. Rhame asked if Parks and Recreation staff would assist in putting together invitations, and Mr. Whitehead responded affirmatively. There was discussion of possibly having an event prior to Christmas or sometime in January.¶  
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Mr. Whitehead informed the Committee that the staff positions for Viera Regional Park would begin being advertised the following week.¶  
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Mr. Hubel inquired as to whether a sign could be posted at the site perhaps containing an artist's rendition of the park, and Ms. Sewell further noted that the only sign presently on site was one advertising future soccer fields. Mr. Hubel asked if the Tourist Development Council was assisting in any way, and Ms. Sewell replied that she would check into that.¶

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