



## **SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION Rodes Park Referendum Committee**

Regular Meeting  
November 27, 2006

A Regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Rodes Park Referendum Committee, was conducted on Monday November 27, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of West Melbourne City Hall, 2285 Minton Road, West Melbourne.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ken Dyke  
Ted Whitlock  
Joe LaPointe  
Steve McKibben  
Debra Thompson  
Carol Burns  
Mallena Urban  
Al Genchi  
Keith Barton

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bart DeNitto  
Duke Salberg

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager  
Fred Poppe, Recreation Superintendent  
Bill Ross, Construction Manager  
Alicia Webb, South Area Administrative Secretary

### **PUBLIC**

Rob Medina  
Dwayne Thompson  
Rory Dittmer

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. Ms. Webb called the roll, and Ms. Thompson 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 June 26, 2006, meeting. After review, Ms. Burns made a **MOTION** to approve the June 26, 2006, minutes, and Mr. LaPointe seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Jeff Whitehead**

Mr. Whitehead began the staff reports by introducing Alicia Webb, Administrative Secretary, Fred Poppe, South Area Superintendent and Bill Ross, Construction Manager.

Mr. Whitehead noted that Mr. Jack Masson had retired and is now working with the Washington Nationals and that Mr. Greg Minor had moved to Central Area Parks and Recreation and is the new Operations Manager there.

Mr. Whitehead reported that gopher tortoises have invaded the park and that Mr. Ross would be checking with the Natural Resources Department to get that situation under control.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Whitehead stated that the November 7, 2006 election was a success and that the bond referendum had been passed. Mr. Whitehead explained to the committee that the funding would be project-specific and that the matter would have to go before the Board of County Commissioners before the funding would be available, hopefully by February. The board voiced their concerns of the matter of funding for Rodes Park since minimal has been done with the park, and according to their timeline of completion, they are still four years behind. Mr. Whitehead stated that there was still \$2 million in their account that would not be touched and that they would be getting a substantial amount to complete the first phase of the referendum projects.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Thompson noted that the Greater West Melbourne Athletic Association has worked with the Melbourne/Palm Bay Rotary club to raise money for the fields. The location is not currently available and the Rotary club doesn't want to be involved with the fundraising anymore. Mr. Whitehead offered to hold the fundraising event(s) at Wickham Park, free of charge, to help out the GWMAA group any way possible, but noted that scheduling was going to have to come in advance to make sure the proper areas were available for the event(s).

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Rob Medina, on behalf of Commissioner Colon, stated that the Commissioner recommended that this committee meet on a monthly basis so she can have monthly updates on the progress of this park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Ms. Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Whitlock made a MOTION to adjourn and Mr. Genchi seconded. Ms. Thompson adjourned the meeting of the Rodes Park Referendum Committee at 8:06p.m. and noted that the next meeting date was scheduled for January 29, 2007.