



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION Rodes Park Referendum Committee

Regular Meeting
March 26, 2007

A Regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Rodes Park Referendum Committee, was conducted on Monday March 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the South Area Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1515 Sarno Road, Building B 2nd Floor, Melbourne, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dyke
Ted Whitlock
Bart DeNitto
Debra Thompson, Chairwoman
Mallena Urban
Steve McKibben
Keith Barton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe LaPointe
Jan Lieson, ex-officio
Carol Burns
Al Genchi

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Fred Poppe, Recreation Superintendent
Gustavo Vergara, South Area Construction Coordinator
Bernice Smith, South Area Office Assistant
Don Lusk, Interim Parks & Recreation Director
Hayden Olson, RSM McGLADREY

PUBLIC

Mark Mannarino

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:11p.m. Mr. Whitehead 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 February 26, 2007, meeting. After review, Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to approve the February 26, 2007, minutes, and Mr. Dyke seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Jeff Whitehead

Mr. Whitehead began the staff reports by introducing his staff. He then introduced Mr. Don Lusk, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, who introduced Hayden Olson from the auditing firm RSM McGLADREY.

Don Lusk

Mr. Lusk gave a brief overview of the audit report. He stated that the Board of County Commissioners had asked for the audit, and that it was broken up into two sections; the first talks about everything that led up to the referendum, and the implementation of it. He stated that the Pre-referendum part was geared more for the Board of County Commissioners, and the post referendum items is what he would be concentrating on. He discussed issues like communication, budgeting and construction budget allocation plan. He shared with the Committee a new budget allocation plan which showed the estimated budget for Rodes Park, and stated that if any more money needed to be spent out of that budget, he would have to go to the Board of County Commissioners in order to get that approved. He also spoke about the section on Referendum Committees and their involvement, and for how long the Referendum Committees should be involved. He discussed the recommendation of having an outside review board or agency look over the final numbers in order to assess how much it will really cost to finish a project. Mr. Lusk also explained that the interest earned on the moneys for Rodes Park would go into a general fund that would be used for all projects.

Hayden Olson

Hayden introduced himself and explained the history of the audit report and how it came to be. He explained that the County Board of Commissioners asked his firm to go back and put a history of how it all started, what went wrong, and what could be done to make sure that no mistakes happen in the future. Mr. Olson explained all the different avenues they used to acquire all of the information, and the process they used to disseminate the information. He discussed what Mr. Lusk had gone over, and went over a few items like the change in construction costs over the years, the two hurricanes that devastated the area, and how these variables played an important part in the difference between what was allocated for some projects and what was actually spent.

Ms. Thompson asked the question regarding what is included in the budget, and discussion ensued on the differences between the conceptual plan and what was actually included. Mr. Whitehead explained that the project would include everything that was originally outlined in the Referendum Projects pamphlet, plus an additional two athletic fields.

Mr. Dyke asked about road ways improvements and a traffic light for entering the park. Mr Whitehead replied that the traffic study was completed, and that as of this point, there was no need to budget for a traffic light at this time, but the issue is being researched.

Mr. Whitehead concluded staff reports by announcing that he would be conducting interviews for a new Administrative Secretary the following week, and invited all committee members present to attend the grand opening of POW / MIA Park formerly known as Pineda Landing on April 18th at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Debra Thompson thanked Brevard County Parks & Recreation with their help with the Wild Game Party held at Rodes Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Whitehead stated that in order to ensure a meeting site, and facilitate attendance for members and staff, meetings should be moved back to Wednesdays. Mr. DeNitto made a **MOTION** to move meeting to the fourth Wednesday of each month, Mr. McKibben **SECONDED** it, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Mark Mannarino asked about finding out about where and when meetings will be held, and Mr. Vergara replied that the meetings were posted at www.Brevardcounty.us around two weeks before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Ms. Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dyke made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Barton seconded. Ms. Thompson adjourned the meeting of the Rodes Park Referendum Committee at 8:40 p.m. and noted that the next meeting date was scheduled for April 25, 2007.