

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2002

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, 3780 Hwy A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Arthur
Vince Loglisci
Jeff Berger
Susan Simoes
Thomas Moore
Patti Smithson
Ceil Wilson
Kathi Arms
Brian Hurley
Janet Adam
Susan Margaritondo
Marty Almberg
Keith Howard

MEMBERS ABSENT

Don DeLucas
Louise McDaniel
Mike Slayton
Paul Tritaik

STAFF ATTENDING

Jack Masson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Greg Minor, Construction Coordinator
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

*The public attendance list is attached

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Berger, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NON-INTERACTIVE PUBLIC INPUT:

Members of the public had a three-minute time frame to address the committee. The following items were presented:

- Paul Schroeder- commented that the Community Center seems to be holding up the committee. Unincorporated areas have Community Centers and Municipal Buildings; therefore, the proposed Community Center could serve two functions since it is not in an unincorporated area. Asked money be set aside for horseshoes, botchy ball.
- Ken Paterson-proposed that the site plan include a bike path in addition to a large pavilion for picnics-encourages community coming together-wants picnic tables, shade trees, requesting information from Director of Parks for the time frame of approving a site plan so public knows the impact to the community.
- Jim Madden- thanked committee for volunteering. Lives in Floridana, everyone fought Publix going in-now happy with it. Change is never accepted but a lot of times it is good. This project is being done for everyone, not just children-think about the next generation, not just current residents. Asked the committee to come to a decision and move forward. Issue seems to be the Community Center; it would serve everyone, including young and old.
- Jim Rosasco- read a letter that was provided to the committee (attached).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Simoes, "I make a **MOTION** to approve the minutes."

Ms. Arms, "second, with discussion."

Mr. Berger, "I have comments regarding the minutes." Mr. Howard, "I also have comments regarding the minutes."

Mr. Howard, "Underneath old business, project review, in the second line, it says, "all the elements as proposed in the Referendum and the wish list of the committee," and it definitely did not include all the elements. That is number one. Number two, in paragraph number two, Janet Adams asked the committee to look at the folder that was given. What was left out was my point that the information that was provided was 1) incorrect and 2) incomplete and that did not get entered into the minutes. Three, the comment made by me regarding the 8,500 people in the south beaches came after the statement that Mr. Nelson made saying that he received a report which was actually a memo dated the same day of the meeting from Planning and Zoning regarding the size. I came back after that saying that the number was ridiculous and that I talked to realtors and builders in the area who said we were 80% built out and if you take the census number of 6,533 and apply approximately 80% that comes out to about 8,500. And the last part that Mr. Nelson replied that the Community Center and gym in the Micco area serves a residential neighborhood of about 5,000 is incorrect. I requested a census of the Micco area and the population was 9,498."

Ms. Arms, "Keith (Howard) what elements do you think were not included in the conceptual idea." Mr. Howard, "I can't answer that off the top of my head. I remember a dog park from the first meeting and shuffleboard. I would like to make another comment that Mr. Nelson stated that this park was meant for up to 25,000 people within a 5 mile radius of the park. This is important because we are not within a five mile radius of the park."

Various members of the committee commented that they did not remember that statement being made. Ms. Palus, "staff will check information and that particular information was based on the information in the comp plan, which we provided to the committee with their package today and the "all elements" was based on what the committee had narrowed the elements down to at a prior meeting."

Mr. Berger, "I have comments about the minutes as well." Ms. Simoes, "Corrections only." Mr. Berger, "Corrections. The minutes say that I asked the county to provide the resignation letter of Mr. Jim Davis. I never asked for a letter of resignation from Mr. Davis; the comment I made was I asked Mr. Almborg to introduce himself. Somebody else asked for a copy of the letter, not me. Under old business the minutes show that quote, Mr. Yonge informed the committee that he provided a conceptual plan based on the direction of the committee. I would like direction of the committee to be struck. The missing elements that Keith was referring to were the dog park, shuffleboard, and botchy ball. They were not only mentioned in the minutes of September but they were also reiterated in the minutes of November. So these slipped through the cracks. Under public input I was quoted as saying Mr. Moore asked how long Mr. Berger wanted to wait before voting. In fact, I was referring to the minutes from November 20, and if you run the tape you will see that I was referring to the minutes." Ms. Webster, "The reason that statement was put in there is that Mr. Moore did re-iterate that at that time." Mr. Berger, "You will find the quote in the minutes of November 20. One final point or question is under public input there is a comment, harassed by a certain group. Members of the committee asked him to explain where in the minutes to find the statement." Ms. Simoes, "It is in the last paragraph." Mr. Berger, "Under Ms. Adams thinks the committee is allowing themselves to be harassed by one particular group, of all the comments that are made"...Ms. Simoes, "No comments only corrections to the minutes." Mr. Berger, "Why was this one put in the minutes?" Ms. Adams, "Probably because it was stated numerous times throughout the meeting by the public at the last meeting." Ms. Simoes, "It says various members of the public because it was stated more than once." Ms. Palus, "Let me remind you all that the minutes are not verbatim minutes. The minutes are to reflect information and action." Mr. Berger, "I find it ironic that certain things get put in the minutes"...Ms. Simoes, "Corrections only, not comments." Mr. Berger, "I call for approval of the minutes as corrected. All in favor raise their hands." Ms. Palus, "Please raise your hands so that I can count them for the record." **MOTION PASSES 9-4.**

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Simoes, "Jeff (Berger) will you acknowledge me?" Mr. Berger, "Yes." Ms. Simoes, "As the chairman of the committee you cannot reflect your personal opinions on the committee and if you can't refrain from doing so then I ask you to step down and let the vice-chairman take over. There are guidelines to follow and I have provided a copy of them to you and the committee." Mr. Berger, "I guess the chairman is not entitled to have an opinion." Mr. Howard, "Sue (Simoes) I ask that you stop talking throughout the meeting." Ms. Margaritondo, "I would like to make a MOTION to approve the 18,000 square foot Community Center." Mr. Moore, "I second that." Discussion ensued. Mr. Hurley, "Jeff (Berger) I ask that you put a time frame on the discussion." Mr. Berger, "I am rejecting the motion." Members of the committee commented that he couldn't reject it. Ms. Palus, "Mr. Berger you cannot reject a motion." Mr. Berger, "We are still in staff reports and the time to do this is in old business." Ms. Margaritondo, "I rescind my motion but I want a chance to address it under old business."

Mr. Berger, "Are there any staff reports." Ms. Palus, "We have provided you all with a copy of the programming ideas as asked by the committee at the last meeting. It is not comprehensive-just ideas. Do you have any questions regarding the information?" No questions were asked. Some comments were made (couldn't understand exactly what was said, people talking over each other). Mr. Hurley, "Did I hear what I thought I just heard?" Mr. Howard, "Shut up, you guys are such idiots." Mr. Berger, "Let's just continue on with staff reports."

Ms. Palus "We also provided you with a copy of Mr. Davis' resignation letter and I apologize for not having it sooner. The next item is the build-out of the south beaches. I provided a copy of a memo re-iterating the same information that Mr. Nelson provided at the previous meeting. The new memo stated that the build-out amount of 12,200 excluded the EELS property and purchase of the groves." Mr. Howard, "I requested the same information from Planning and Zoning after the last meeting and I have not received anything at this time. This 12,200 number is obviously inaccurate and if you take the amount of 12,779 in 1994, it does not include, although they say it includes all the land that has been acquired, it is obvious that if you take just the land acquired by the park which was going to be about 300 homes and apply 2.35 people per home that would reduce the number by 700 for just the park land, so I would like a further breakdown of this information as it cannot possibly be accurate." Mr. Moore, "Do you have any factual proof to support what you are saying though?" Many comments started (couldn't understand what was being said, many talking at once). Mr. Berger, "I want everyone to quite interrupting and raise their hands if they want to speak. I don't want to have cross talk or members interrupting others." Mr. Howard, "Let me address Tom's issue, I am taking Chucks memo"... Mr. Moore, "Yah, but your making comments that things are inaccurate with out any documentation to back it up." Mr. Howard, "OK, the 12,779 is a figure from 1994, ok, can we all agree on that?" Mr. Hurley, "Keith, can you repeat the question?" Mr. Berger, "Brian (Hurley) raise your hand." Mr. Howard, "Can we all agree on that?" Some members answered yes. Mr. Howard, "Can we all agree that 300 homes were going to be put in where the park is now going to be?" Ms. Arms, "That was based on 1994 and we are now in 2002. I am guessing that the number had shot up within that time and now it is going down because we are buying up land." Mr. Howard, "NO." Ms. Arms, "So you think 1994 was the last accurate count?" Mr. Berger banging the gavel... Mr. Howard, "The purpose of the comp plan is to show you what the area would be at build out, ok, at build-out. At that time, 1994 the build-out was 12,779." Ms. Arms, "Right." Mr. Howard, "And now"... Ms. Arms, "And now we are talking many years later. I am saying between 1994 and 2002 this number of 12,779 might be altered, it might be larger, it might be smaller. I don't know and I don't have that information nor do I think you have it at this time and I am not saying that it isn't information that we don't need but"...Mr. Howard, "And I am saying"...Mr. Berger (banging the gavel) said, "You know I am really not very comfortable acting as sergeant in arms but what is it about raising your hand and being recognized that you don't understand?" Audience laughing... Ms. Arms, "But we are having a discussion, we are interacting with discussion and I don't think we should raise our hands for that." Mr. Berger, "At all the meetings members have been interrupting each other and I have been criticized for not keeping order of the committee,

so we are going to conduct this meeting in an orderly fashion. Every meeting that I have resided, I have started the meeting by saying, please raise your hand and be recognized and this is meeting number five.” Ms. Arms, “So every time I make a comment back to someone I need to raise my hand?” Mr. Berger, “Yes that is right.” Mr. Hurley, “Ladies and gentlemen, the protocol is when the chairman gives the floor to someone, that person makes their point and is completed then someone else is recognized; they make theirs and so on. During whoever is discussing, the other members of the board keep quiet, ok, everybody.” Ms. Adams, “I understand Keith’s (Howard) concern of the estimated build-out number, but I do not see the relevance to our committee with regards to a hundred or two difference. That is not the purpose of the committee. This committee’s purpose is to organize and plan with feedback from the public and advise the County Parks Department as to what the community wants, not how many people live here. It is irrelevant. It is my understanding that this proposal was voted on and won by majority vote in November 2000. We are now into February 2002. The purpose of this committee is to decide what should go into this park. We are a public committee trying to make a consensus of what the community needs and wants as far as what goes into the park, not how are we going to build the building, but possibly what the building should look like. This is going on month after month and every meeting we have public input and we know what people want.” Patti Smithson, “What he is trying to do is equate the population to the size of the park, to the size of the building.” Mr. Berger, “Just one question, are we going to go on and on about this build-out figure?” Mr. Hurley, “Is it the purpose of staff to provide information to this board?” Ms. Palus, “Yes.” Mr. Hurley, “What I think you need to do is continue to run over these numbers and have something that shows support of how this information came to be.” Ms. Palus, “That is what we intended to do and is why the other memo was done and provided to the committee.” Ms. Smithson, “I haven’t seen any studies that have been done in regards to this park (environmental, etc). Have any of you other members seen any?” Ms. Simoes, “Being that this is staff reports, we can go on and on and not get anywhere. These are reports that were done and accumulated as requested by staff. That is all staff can do is provide the information that they are given. Mel Scott is head of Planning and Zoning and the committee is arguing about what Mel Scott has to say. If later on Keith (Howard) wants to go back to Mel Scott to assess the population down here, when we build out or not with the comprehensive plan, then that is what needs to be done. But we are on staff reports and this is all staff can do is provide us with the information they receive and I think we need to go on.”

Mr. Berger, “Thank you. I would just like to make a comment before we move on. I notice in this stack of papers is some correspondence which I wrote dated January 30, 2002, it is a three page spreadsheet attached to the cover letter. I also want to bring to your attention there is a letter here from Mark Shantzis, date January 16, 2002.” Ms. Simoes, “Is this old business?” Mr. Berger, “I beg your pardon.” Ms. Simoes, “Are we in old business now?” Mr. Berger, “Well I think that this is”...Ms. Simoes and Mr. Hurley “Is this staff reports?” Mr. Berger, “Raise your hand please.” Ms. Simoes, “Jeff (Berger) are you acknowledging me?” Mr. Berger, “You are one of the worst offenders.” Some members stated that the comment was not appropriate at all. Ms. Simoes, “I will not accept any of these kind of comments that are being made in here like this... This is the agenda. It says staff reports and all I asked you was if this is a staff report or is this old business and I didn’t know what we had moved on to.” Mr. Berger, “I feel that it is relevant to the discussion that is taking place having to do with staff reports.” Mr. Hurley, “I understand how you feel, but we need to be factual not emotional.” Mr. Berger, “Indeed.” Mr. Hurley, “Thank you.”

Mr. Berger, “I call your attention to the letter dated January 16, 2002 (attached) from Mark Shantzis. It was addressed to me and forwarded to Nancy Higgs. In response to Marks’ letter, my correspondence of January 30, 2002 is here. It is a two page letter and a three page spreadsheet. The letter asks for feasibility studies, data studies, A&E plans for the proposed Community Center and recreational activities, which Karen (Palus) has provided. The spreadsheet is divided into two parts; demographic data and project data. Demographic tries to capture by population segment school age, adult, senior citizens. For each of the projects that was in the previous drawing there is a list of questions regarding costs, size, projected usage, days/hours of operation, rental policies and so on. It compares our community with other communities and there is a blank column for the county to select a Community Center of their choice. The reason why I mentioned it in this context is... I want to go back to the minutes of January 15, 2002 which says, “Committee asked for a price range of the project. Mr. Slayton noted that the committee could not prioritize without knowing the costs of the elements. Discussion ensued and a few members felt that costs were needed before voting on the plan. Discussion ensued regarding waiting for costs figures. Request for feasibility study, set deadline to bring all costs to the next meeting and the committee move forward.” These comments are sprinkled throughout last month’s meeting minutes and they were not requested by just one person. They were requested by several people. In response to those comments and Mr. Shantzis’ letter that is why I did this spreadsheet. The way this is laid out, it is laid out in a simple form. It will capture the data needed for decision making. What I would like to know now is can Karen (Palus) pull all this information together?” Ms. Palus, “What we wanted to do is bring this information and request to the committee; the committee needs to make that recommendation and let me know the direction they would like to go.” Mr. Hurley, “You as the chairman of this board issued this to the Parks and Recreation Department, in other words you sent this as the chairman of the committee.” Mr. Berger, “Yes.” Mr. Hurley, “Is that proper protocol, can he do that?” Ms. Palus, “He can make a request and that is what he has done and I have provided it to the committee for the committee to decide if that is the direction they would like staff to take.” Mr. Hurley, “Why did you select Canova, Rodes and Micco...is that South Mainland?” Mr. Berger, “Yes, South Mainland-Micco. I am quoting from the South Beach Referendum Committee Guidelines, page 2, The Committee Executive Secretary shall keep minutes of all Committee meetings; conduct such correspondence as the Chairman may direct; shall forward copies of all minutes to the County Commissioners; the South Area Advisory Board; and shall perform such other duties as determined by the Chairman. I believe I was well within my rights to submit this spreadsheet in this form and ask that it be completed by the county according to the guidelines. I do not believe that this request requires a committee vote.” Mr. Arthur, “I disagree. One individual on this committee cannot direct the rest of the committee. This requires a vote by the committee if we want to proceed in this direction.” Mr. Berger, “That is not what the guidelines say. I can make this request.” Ms. Palus, “You can make the request which is what you have done and I have provided the information to the committee overall because you sent it to us as the chairman of this group.” Mr. Berger, “And also I want to respond to the comment that was made that I am guiding the committee. What I am trying to do is gather information that people on this committee have been clamoring for a long time. So I am trying to be responsive to both committee members and to many people in the community who have asked for the same information. I am not guiding anything. I am just simply trying to organize it. As a matter of fact, read my cover letter, it is very specific, it says capture data on behalf of the committee and the community; organize data to aid decision-making by the committee; objectify data for the purpose of injecting rationality into the process and making sound management decisions with a factual basis. Now if it needs a vote by the committee would somebody like to make the motion? I think this is essential information. Frankly I believe we should have gotten this back in September. I do not know why we are waiting for it now.” Mr. Hurley, “January 30 is when this was sent.” Ms. Palus, “Yes.” Mr. Hurley, “What is a reasonable time to provide this information?” Ms. Palus, “It is a matter of doing the research and filling in the blanks. A lot of the information is not applicable because a lot of these facilities do not have these kinds of amenities in them and a lot of the information has

already been provided to the committee such as square footage, etc. and some of you visited the other facilities. As far as feasibility studies, there hasn't been any kind of research conducted of those facilities at this time and it is something we would have to research and contract out to make that happen."

Mr. Berger, "I do want to make a comment. This is the Referendum Brochure (holding up the green Referendum Brochure). South Beach Community Park (Mr. Berger named off all the elements listed in the brochure). As a result of the last meeting in January, we have things that are not on this referendum. Why? Racquetball, swimming pool, skate park, tennis. We don't have cost figures for these. And also I understand the land acquisition came in under budget." Mr. Moore, "It has been explained that the reason those elements do not have cost figures is that they would be coming in under another phase not the first phase. We do however have cost figures on the referendum elements that were provided to members at the first meeting where costs were spelled out very clearly as to what is available." Ms. Palus, "The key part of what the committee is doing is to master plan the park. The committee will then go through and prioritize the elements because there is not enough money to do all the elements that are in there. The goal is to master plan the site and then prioritize by phases for future development as the money is available. Once a master plan is approved by the committee, the A&E firm will then provide the costs elements and the committee will then need to prioritize the elements based on that information." Mr. Berger, "It was never my understanding that the last drawing was broken down in to phase, I, II and III." Ms. Palus, "That is correct, the master plan wouldn't be. Once the master plan is complete, then the A&E firm will come back with the costs for the committee to prioritize and phase the elements." Mr. Berger, "I do not remember discussing that at all." Ms. Palus, "You wouldn't because at the last meeting there was hardly any discussion about the plan." Ms. Simoes, "If my understanding is correct and I think that is where Kathi (Arms) was trying to go, is that a lot of people... when they saw that overall plan thought everything was going to be built rather than just an idea of all the elements that everybody commented about wanting in the park. It was not that all of those things were going to be done it was just the wish list and the A&E firm was showing the committee how it would even be possible to include all the elements and it had nothing to do with what was going to happen at this present time or later. Those were all the ideas that we had put on a piece of paper and the A&E firm was trying to show some type of plan."

Ms. Smithson, "Sue (Simoes) that is what I thought everyone thought at the last meeting. I believe when we saw the plan with the skate park and everything that the audience really thought that is what was going to be done. Because if you say lets vote on the plan right now, you are really voting on the plan to do the first phase. Is there a typical plan? I am asking if there is a plan?" Ms. Palus, "This plan is a master plan of the park as a whole. This may or may not be how this committee wants this park to look when it is completed even years from now. We don't know what the committee wants because you haven't talked about it. You have talked about the building and the wish list, but you really haven't talked about the plan, what you do or don't like; or about adding the dog park and shuffleboard that did not get put in. A good example is South Mainland. We built phase one which was the Community Center, we are now building phase two which is the gymnasium, and the third phase is possibly athletic fields and playground."

Mr. Berger, "It is my understanding that going back to the November minutes when Brian (Hurley) proposed that the drawing be done for discussion purposes, I had asked if this is binding and everybody agreed that this was just a drawing and that it was non-binding. In the course of commissioning that drawing, there was no discussion at the November or January meeting that we were going to do phase I or II, that this was a master plan, all it was, was a drawing put on the table, non-binding, to get discussion moving forward. That is it. Meanwhile it is being interpreted as phase I and phase II as it was never even proposed as such." Ms. Palus, "Let me address that because I think you answered your own question initially. We don't have a plan yet. You all have not talked about it or decided this is what we want to see, we don't like this or we do like that or maybe there is something else you want to add or some other design than what the A&E firm has provided It is this committee's responsibility to take the plan and chew it up if you don't like it or tell the firm that this is great or add this here and that there. This is not a binding plan and there is an opportunity to improve the plan with whatever you all come up with as a committee." Mr. Moore, "I believe it was made very clear at the meeting before last that the wish list was going to come in phases." Mr. Berger, "I propose that we are still in staff reports." Ms. Palus, "Yes... you have actually moved into the project." Mr. Berger, "I propose we move into old business, project review because we still have to discuss new business and I want to make sure that there is still time for public input. As a matter of fact, I want to allow at least 15 minutes for public input even if we don't finish these other items. Let's see... at about 15 minutes to 9:00 p.m., I want to stop wherever we are at and go to public input." Ms. Simoes, "The last meeting was almost all public input, we didn't even have time to talk about or review the project. All we did was public input. I am not saying we cannot do public input, all I am saying is that you cannot cut us off anymore. We did not finish the agenda last time. The board did not have any kind of discussion whatsoever regarding this project. We need to finish our agenda and then go to public input." Mr. Berger, "Well we may run out of time." Ms. Simoes, "I don't have a problem with time." Mr. Berger, "Sue (Simoes) our agenda is their agenda, would you like to explain to them why they are not going to be heard tonight?" Ms. Simoes, "No, I did not say that. Excuse me, Mr. President, I did not say that! I said that I have no problem with the time, my concern is you are saying that even if we don't get out of old business, you are putting a time frame on us and letting the public input move forward even if we are not done. I did not say to eliminate public input. And I can't imagine that you do not hear me." Mr. Moore, "Are we in old business? I would like to make a motion." Members asking "are we in old business?" Mr. Berger, "I hope so." Mr. Hurley, "Wait a minute... are we in old business or not?" Mr. Berger, "That is my understanding." Mr. Hurley, "We are in old business!"

OLD BUSINESS

Project Review:

Mr. Moore, " I pursued this position on this committee because of my experience with Brevard Parks & Recreation since I was 15 years old. I moved to Titusville at that age from Slidell, La. The previous 5 years in Slidell I became a regular at the Summer Recreation Programs in that town. I was a shy kid, didn't talk much, the summer programs there gave me opportunities to develop confidence and skills that stayed with me the rest of my life. Those summer programs taught me to develop relationships with adults and children my age. That skill...Relationships...folks, it's the most valuable skills I learned...I used it and depended on it through high school and everyone that has ever taken a college course or spent anytime in the Armed Forces knows. Being able to develop and nurture relationships is the answer to success. Well when I moved to Titusville, I knew no one. I had no friends...I had left them in Slidell when my dad was transferred to the Cape on the Saturn Program. We moved into a house just west of what is now Andrew Jackson Middle School that July of 1971. It didn't take me long to find my way to the Gymnasium at AJJH because of the other skills that I had developed in recreation

programs in Slidell. And guess what kind of program they had that summer? A summer recreation program! I developed friendships and relationships with teachers, parents and kids in that program in 1971 that I still have today. The kids I met at that summer program are now Air Force Academy grads, U of F graduate and HBO sports announcer Chris Collingsworth, a Duke graduate, a UCF grad, a U of M grad. They are people that developed that "most valuable skill" in these programs....They learned to develop Relationships.... And many are success stories....Nicole Anagostis, one of the many people who has given us input on this park, is a Floridana Beach resident and Mother of two (2). She spoke at an earlier meeting to us; some of you may remember her. She grew up in Hiialeah, Florida. She told us of her experiences in Recreation Programs in that area. She spoke to us about her involvement and the opportunities that these programs gave to her. She talked to us about the well known facts that, if we provide opportunities to kids to develop skills and relationships, we create better people! BTW Nicole Anagostis, graduate FSU. Athletic Director, Varsity Volleyball Coach, Physical Education instructor West shore Sr. High School, Brevard County FL. These are not the only success stories. Many, many people have the same stories, because they received the same opportunities...the kids, families, and seniors of South Melbourne Beach deserve the same chance. I would also like to remind all committee members that at the September meeting, Julie Scott...Floridana Beach resident, made a suggestion that the committee should start by using what the voters approved in November 2000, which was the proposed Referendum project. The South Beach Community Park was listed with the elements and the voters approved it. She asked the committee to use the approved project as the starting point and to not forget what the voters had already approved. We have received numerous public input at each of our meetings. Not everyone is going to be happy with what the committee decides and the committee will not get a true reflection of how the residents feel until the committee starts to make some decisions. We have heard many residents ask the committee to do what was approved in the November Referendum. Each and every one of you has an opportunity and an obligation to this committee. You are going to have an opportunity to make history in the south beach area of Brevard County. You're going to have the opportunity to give the children, families, the seniors a facility that they will thank you for many years to come."

Mr. Berger, "Your three minutes are up." Members stated that the three minutes time frame did not apply to the members of the committee, only the public. Ms. Palus, Jeff (Berger) that does not apply to the committee members."

Mr. Moore, "It's your chance to do something great for all the people of this community. I urge you all to support the facility. It's a facility that will benefit everyone in the area. Let yourself feel good about it. The voters of this area have approved this issue since November 7, 2000. Signs, brochures and newspaper articles were distributed months before, and up through that election date. Most voters educated themselves. They investigated and they called the Brevard County Parks and Recreation to ask questions or receive information if they were interested. They knew what they were voting on. They approved this referendum as advertised in this brochure. They educated themselves. I personally, have been talking to people about this project since at least September of 2000. I've continued to speak to my peers, my neighbors, and my friends. I've received continued input and support during this past year as I am sure all of you have done. We have had public input at these meetings for the last 4 months. You know what you and your neighbors want because they have been telling us for months. It is the responsibility of the committee members to go out into their neighborhoods and get feedback to bring to the meetings and we have not been given the opportunity to even provide a report from our area. We heard from our gracious neighbor, Mr. Young, three times on this same subject. We as a committee know what he does or does not want and we have considered it. We all read his proposal, whether he thinks we did or not. But the truth of the matter is this. The Community Center as proposed by the November Referendum, offers something for everyone; seniors, families and children of our area. Reduce the size and we eliminate someone or some sector. We eliminate the dreams and opportunity of someone by downsizing. The expense is far greater to come back the second time and add an additional building when some of the residents realize it is needed. The Parks and Recreation has had this experience and has informed us of this situation. We, as a committee have also learned some things on our tour. We saw other Community Centers in the area... We know how they look; they are not overly intrusive structures and the contractor on-site at the South Mainland Community Center-Micco, told us the height does not have to be over 30 feet. There are houses in our area that are over 30' high. I urge you all to keep this Community Center as something for everyone in our area. Now is the time for the committee members to move on with this project. It's time to make some progress. At this time I would like to present a *motion* and my **MOTION** is to approve the Master Plan layout that the engineering firm has presented including the 18,000 square foot Community Center and empower this committee to still be able to re-arrange, include or exclude the smaller amenities, other than the Community Center, as this committee sees fit. And I am looking for a second." Ceil Wilson, Janet Adams, and Marty Almberg seconded unanimously. There was an applause from the audience. Mr. Berger, "When this motion was introduced early I asked that it be moved until we discussed new business and everyone agreed." Mr. Moore, "No we did not all agree. This is not new business Jeff (Berger), this is old business. We have been talking about this for four months and I say we move on to discussion." Mr. Hurley, "We have a motion on the floor, are we in discussion?" Members replied, yes. Mr. Hurley, "We have a motion in discussion, after discussion, the original person has to re-announce the motion per Roberts Rules of Order"... (couldn't understand exactly what was being said)...Mr. Moore, "That is not the same motion." Mr. Berger, "You're out of order" (while loudly banging his gavel). Members of the committee commented that Mr. Berger was out of order. Mr. Berger, "You are out of order too." Ms. Palus, "Jeff (Berger) you have to calm down." Mr. Berger, "What is it with this committee about raising your hand that you do not understand." Mr. Hurley, "Why don't you just take a deep breath, Jeff." Mr. Hurley, "The motion is on the floor, it is time for discussion ok, so let's proceed with that and after that you as the chairman can end the discussion and then the committee votes, and that is it." Ms. Arms, "Tom (Moore) Can you repeat the motion?" Mr. Moore, "My *motion* is to approve the Master Plan layout that the engineering firm has presented including the 18,000 square foot Community Center and empower this committee to still be able to re-arrange, include or exclude the smaller amenities, other than the Community Center, as this committee sees fit." Ms. Arms, "At this point do you think we should add the amenities that were not put on the master plan: shuffleboard, dog area, and botchy ball?" Ms. Palus, "You have to discuss the current motion." A member asked to be recognized to speak. Mr. Berger, "I will recognize you, just wait! I am going to re-iterate that many people from both the community and committee have wanted verifiable data for this park including operational issues such as lighting, hours of operations, things like that. What I feel by this motion is that you are pushing the issue and not even waiting for the facts. I have asked for the facts in writing and I have not even gotten an answer as to if this information is going to be supplied to the committee." Mr. Moore, "Let me re-iterate that my motion states to empower this committee to still be able to re-arrange, include or exclude the smaller amenities, other than the Community Center, as this committee sees fit." Mr. Hurley, "Is the county going to respond to that request?" Ms. Palus, "That is up to the committee to decide if that is the direction and information they feel is necessary." Mr. Hurley, "I think it might be beneficial to get this information." Mr. Berger, "I would like to know if we are going to see this information." Ms. Simoes, "Jeff (Berger) I am not trying to tell you your business, but is there any kind of time frame for this discussion? There is a motion on the floor and maybe you can call for the question and find out even by poll to see how everyone feels." Mr. Berger, "I thought we were discussing it." Ms. Simoes, "I know, I am just wondering, really what I am saying is I understand what

you are saying and I understand the public input, but there is a motion on the floor. Are we going to discuss and discuss it to where it is going to go back to staff reports or are we going to be able to address the questions on the floor?" Mr. Moore, "I don't believe we can go back to staff reports, we have to address the motion on the floor and we should continue." Mr. Berger, "I would like to know when I am going to be supplied with this information." Ms. Palus, "As I reiterated earlier, it is up to the committee. We have a motion on the floor regarding the plan itself, not the proposal of the plan." Mr. Berger, "Wait, I re-iterate, as it is stated in the letter, this is information essential for decision making, why can't I get it." Ms. Palus, "I am not saying you can't get it, what I am saying is the motion is not related to"... (interrupted by Mr. Berger who said), "I am asking"... Ms. Palus, "Ok, fine Jeff (Berger), I will get the information and provide it back to you and the rest of the committee." Mr. Berger, "Ok." Ms. Palus, "We still have discussion regarding the motion on the floor." Ms. Smithson, "So we are suppose to make a decision right now on this proposal without this information?" Ms. Palus, "The motion is stated." Mr. Moore, "I will reference this for you, there is a page in your green folder called the proposed referendum projects. Now it clearly states the amount of money for the Community Center. In order to make some progress I think we should get something done now and get something moving here, other than that we aren't going to make any progress. Let's get through it, let's move forward and get to doing our business. The numbers have been provided to us since day one." Mr. Howard, "I don't know how anybody in their right mind can make a decision without the facts. There is nothing that you know today that is above and beyond what we knew in September. So we could have done this vote in September rather than spending six months sitting here. It gets back to the whole point that I brought up about trying to get good information so that we can make the right decision. I have never seen the spreadsheet that Jeff (Berger) provided prior to tonight. I think it would be very helpful, I think it should have included Viera because they are spending close to the same amount as we are. And if we got costs elements of the park we could then say these are the elements we want and start building the master plan around it. We could have voted in September." Various members stated, "Yah, and we should have." Ms. Palus, "Again let me re-iterate, I want everyone to understand this. You typically come up with a master plan first and then from that information is where the costs elements come from. The original elements have costs figures, which you have had since day one and were determined through Facilities Management and Parks and Recreation Construction to put together estimates that if we were to build these elements, this is what the estimated cost would be. That information is there. Those questions and a lot of the things that are in Mr. Berger's proposal is information you have already been provided. Some of you have toured those other facilities, you have the square footage of other facilities, and you have general information as to the cost of some of those items. You don't get into the costs elements until you have a plan, and I think that is what Mr. Moore is trying to show you is that he wants something for you all to work from. So there is a motion on the floor." Mr. Hurley, "Jeff (Berger) are you going to call the motion?" Mr. Berger, "I will call the motion when I am ready. The way Tom (Moore) brought up the motion, he framed it as a given that the referendum is some kind of bible and that this is to be interpreted like we were binded by this. Mr. Rosasco was up earlier and read his letter where it pointed put, he used the phrase, cast in stone, he said, "I am not of that opinion, and by the actions of the Parks Department and the South Area Advisory Board, sometimes they are not either." Mr. Rosasco sits on two other committees. He has seen the referendum plans change and further more, he points out in his letter that... some of the changes did not go in front of the Board of County Commissioners and did not need to. So I categorically reject that this is some kind of fundamentalist document that we have to follow. I will tell you what the voters voted for. They voted for a bond issue. It is on the back of this brochure (holding up the green referendum brochure). I voted in that election. I never even saw this thing and I would like to ask by a show of hands, how many people in the audience saw this thing?" Majority of audience raised their hands. Ms. Palus, "WOW!" Mr. Hurley, "Out of order. There is a motion on the floor." Ms. Palus, "Jeff (Berger) the discussion needs to be based on the motion only." Mr. Berger, "The motion is predicated on this." Mr. Moore, "My motion is not predicated on that. I did not mention that in my motion!" Mr. Berger, "Anyway... how many people did not see this? Did not see this?"... Ms. Palus counted the number of hands and informed the committee that there were six members of the audience who raised their hands. Mr. Berger, "The thing is, is that not everybody has seen this." (couldn't understand-too much noise from all over). Ms. Palus, "Jeff (Berger) you still need to stay with the discussion on the floor." Ms. Arms, "I understand... I don't think we are saying this is the bible. If you look at the master plan the soccer and baseball field listed in the referendum are not on the master plan. We as a group decided that it would be better to have a multi-use field, without the clay and lines, so we are not saying that this brochure is what we have to do. What we are saying is that there are elements up there that we have discussed and the community has said that they want." Mr. Berger, "That was going to be my next comment actually, that we have also deviated from the referendum. Alright, you want to call the vote?" Mr. Hurley, "Jeff (Berger) you have to call the question." Mr. Loglisci, "I would like to make a comment regarding the site elements. There appears to be a large number of parking here for this park. How is the size of the parking driven, by the size of community, park, what?" Ms. Palus, "The A&E firm based the parking lot on the project elements as proposed, understanding though that when you put in only portions of those elements, the parking will reflect the elements that are being built. The parking could be done in phases along with the project elements. So if you do phase I first, you will not initially do parking for the entire park plan. So you would only put in the parking to accommodate the projects being put in at that time." Mr. Loglisci, "Would it also be possible to have some of this parking as green space?" Ms. Palus, "Yes that is done in some of our other parks as well to accommodate overflow parking. There are options and that is something the committee will need to discuss." Mr. Berger, "I call for a show of hands of who is in favor of the motion." **MOTION PASSES 9-4.** Audience applauded.

Mr. Berger, "I would like to now move to Public Input." Some members asked if there were any new business. Mr. Berger, "I said when quarter to nine rolls around I was moving to public input." Members said, "No we want to move forward with the agenda." Mr. Moore, "We need to make sure there is no new business."

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Palus, "I encourage you all to please go back and share the information from tonight's meeting with your neighbors and get feedback on the elements. I heard a great idea earlier in the meeting, but you as a committee have not really had time to review the plan as a whole. As far as new business, staff does not have any other than what has been discussed earlier." Mr. Hurley, "I would like to make a **MOTION** to add round table to the meetings in order to allow all the members an opportunity to speak at future meetings about the project." Ms. Simoes, "Second." **MOTION PASSES 9-4.** Mr. Arthur, "Brian (Hurley) can you clarify what the motion means. Mr. Hurley, "It is to give all the members an opportunity to speak about the project at future meetings." Mr. Arthur, "So that is the time that we as a committee gets things out and can interact with each other?" Mr. Hurley, "Yes."

Mr. Berger, "I would like to ask if someone would make a motion to include bat houses in this park. A bat house is a structure that bats would habitate. Why do we want bats in the park? We want bats in the park because it has been pointed out that the park is a mosquito farm and bats eat

thousands of mosquitoes an hour and it would keep control of the mosquitoes without the use of pesticides in the park. Is anyone interested in making a motion?" Mr. Moore, "I have a statement. I think this is a viable possibility for someone to make this proposal. I don't know if it is a question for tonight, but I think it may be very possible in the future." Mr. Loglisci, "I make a **MOTION** to propose to have bat houses in the park to help control mosquitoes. We may want to discuss it with mosquito control." Mr. Howard, "Second." Mr. Moore, "Can we table this? I think this is something that could be a big possibility. We are limited on time, Jeff (Berger) wants to get to public input. I think we should talk to mosquito control about it. I support the idea off the top of my head." Ms. Simoes, "Tom (Moore) took the words out of my mouth." Ms. Palus, "I can work with mosquito control and maybe have them come to the next meeting to discuss this with you." Mr. Howard, "I don't see why we can't vote on this without all the information when we voted on the other motion without all the information." Mr. Berger, "I call for a show of hands of all those in favor of the motion." Ms. Palus counted: **MOTION FAILS at this time.(5 approve, 8 oppose).**

PUBLIC INPUT

- Harry Hicks – I have several things to say: most of you may not know who I am, I have lived here in this community for 25 years. When I leave Brevard County to go to work in Indian River County-I am a ranger with the Indian River Parks Department. I have been involved and overseen many projects and activities involving the Parks Department. I can tell you by past experience you will utilize every bit of the 18,000 square foot facility. In all the projects that I have been involved with, when you are done, it is never enough. You will always have somebody who is not happy with the change. With that said I think you will find that when you build this building and park, you will find more purpose and use that you ever thought would happen. If you build the Community Center, they will come. It will bring more groups/communities together and give them a place to meet. As far as costs, you will never have enough money to build anything. There is always something else, shouldn't be hung up on the costs. There are noseams(SP) in the south beaches and a need for a covered place to meet. You must use this money and build a park or the money will go away.

Ms. Simoes-the comment as to build it and they will come. I think this is related to the south beaches and this park represents usage by our communities. Mr. Moore-Indian River has nice parks.

- Peter Margaritondo - I want to commend the committee for making a vote and moving forward to make a decision. Not everyone will be happy with the decision. We aren't always happy with decisions the Presidents makes, but we have to stand behind him because he is our president. I have spent my entire life in the south beaches and I didn't like 29 years ago when you people started moving in. I hope this Community Center gets done before my children have children.

Mr. Berger – one of my concerns from the beginning with respect to this committee and the park is that , and I have experienced it in these meetings, people look past each other. There are people who are for the park and there are people who have true concerns about the park. And neither side has been willing to talk to the other, reach across the table, reach a compromise, and reach consensus. We have a motion that has been passed this evening and I hope that in future meeting this committee starts listening to each other. There are people concerned with noise, litter, impact to their houses; and there are people who want the facilities very badly. Now I have always felt that we could have both. We could have the facilities so that people of the community could be enfranchised by recreation but I have also felt that so consideration could be shown for those who have concerns. I haven't seen a whole lot of that and I would like to see that in the future.

...(The Lap Top stopped recording at this point and the Tape Recorder is not understandable, therefore the remaining information is prepared by hand written notes and will not be verbatim)...

- Mr. Rosasco – I also commend you for making a decision. In your future deliberations I also ask that you look at the operating expenses. Also, anyone who wants to rent the facilities can. The facility belongs to the county and is open to the public. You should really consider how this is going to be operated. I think you will be surprised. He stated that there is not enough money for operating expenses in the Referendum.

Mr. Masson-introduced himself as the Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation. He explained the recurring costs for the maintenance portion of the Referendum; 4 mil is for the projects, .2 mil is for operating. Jim thanked Mr. Masson for clarifying the information.

Ms. Palus noted that operating of the parks has been budgeted for through the Parks Department. She also stated that any rental of the facilities is done by the Parks Department and there are rules and procedures that have to be followed.

Bill Shariman – thanked committee for making a decision. He runs the senior citizen program in Indian River County. Thinks the Community Center will definitely be used by people of all ages. He has been in law enforcement for 25 years and is a 20 year resident of south beaches. The best decision for the youth in the area is a Community Center. He stated that he could tell from the meeting that there is a major division among the committee members and feels the committee is very objectionable.

- Laura Allen – Has lived in area for 27 years. The residents on Carmen are concerned about the road for the park being so close to the homes. She asked if the values of the homes would go down. She asked if the road could be moved further south with some type of boundary between Carmen and the road. Also concerned about lights being put in the park. Stated that there are Australian Pines but they are in poor condition.

Mr. Berger, "I am going to submit a report to the committee regarding Australian Pines either at the next meeting or the one right after." He asked the committee for sensitivity and to address the concerns of the residents on Carmen. Mr. Hurley asked what the buffer was. After a little discussion it was noted that the buffer was approximately 75 feet. Ms. Smithson stated that she was concerned for the residents on Carmen. She went down Carmen to take a look at it and was concerned. She commented that she was told at the last meeting that the buffer was the distance not necessarily the foliage. She is concerned about children cutting through the yards of homeowners on Carmen. Discussion ensued regarding this issue. Mr. Hurley stated that this issue should be addressed.

Mr. Margaritondo suggested putting in some type of bushes or trees to discourage the cut through rather than some type of fence or wall. Mr. Berger noted that the reason he voted no on the motion presented earlier was not because he was against the park. He was against the manner in which it came forward. He is aware of the concerns and feels people now will be held captive due to the vote.

Ms. Simoes said, "I do not feel we are holding anyone captive by our vote. I feel now that the committee is moving forward and these issues can now start being discussed and addressed." Mr. Moore, "It seems the committee does agree on one item, the care about the impact on the neighborhood." He asked Mr. Berger to do things to bring the committee together, not apart or alienate members because of opinions.

Mr. Howard made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Loglisci seconded. Mr. Moore said he thinks the remainder of the public should be able to speak. Mr. Berger asked for approval of the motion. **MOTION FAILS at this time (3 approve; 10 oppose).**

- Dan Miller – provided a sketch of items for the park (attached). They are just ideas. He explained his sketch.
- Ms. Palus stated that she would provide the committee with a copy of the sketch submitted by Mr. Miller at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moore made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Mr. Loglisci seconded. There was no further business to discuss. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Items distributed at the meeting were:

Resignation of Jim Davis

Bond Referendum Results for Melbourne Beach

Memo, Re: Build-out from Mel Scott

Memo, Re: Build-out from Tina Webster

E-mail from Mike Slayton

Programming Ideas from Karen Palus

Mark Shantzis' Letter

Jeff Berger Proposal