

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2002

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. at the Melbourne Beach Library, 324 Ocean Ave Melbourne Beach, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Arthur
Kathi Arms
Janet Adams
Susan Margaritondo
Marty Almberg
Sue Simoes, Vice Chairman
Mike Slayton, Chairman
Kathy McInerney
John Eder
Brian Hurley
Thomas Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Tritaik
Don DeLucas
Harry Hicks
Vince Loglisci
Ceil Wilson

STAFF ATTENDING

Jack Masson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Greg Minor, Construction Coordinator
Jeff Whitehead, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

Alan Kirkland, Kimley-Horne
*The public attendance list is attached.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Slayton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NON-INTERACTIVE PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Slayton asked for the speaker cards.

- Ken Patterson – spoke regarding shade and park benches; noticed the shade was addressed but does not see anything about park benches; he believes they are needed. He feels there is a need for small covered picnic areas and complimented the A&E firm for the master plan.
- Paula Patterson – spoke regarding her support for the dog park area and would like her tax dollars spent for that.
- Ken Patterson – does not feel the large pavilion needs to look the way it is proposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Slayton asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no changes. Mr. Eder made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. McInerney seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports to present at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Review –

Mr. Minor provided the most recent revised plan to the committee members. He stated that site approval will need to be obtained prior to moving forward among the other departments involved. He also mentioned that staff should receive 90% plans for the community center next week and the geo tech work has been ordered. Mr. Slayton asked about benches throughout the park. Mr. Minor replied that there will be benches throughout the park. They do not show up on the plan, but the standard is one (1) picnic table or bench per 100 sq feet.

Ms. McInerny asked if the costs went up. Mr. Minor stated no, the bottom line number did not change; however, there was some fluctuation in the line items.

Ms. Adams asked about the pond. Mr. Minor replied that the geo tech in regards to soil retention is still being defined.

Ms. Arms expressed her concern about being over budget. Mr. Masson stated that at this time there is a 15% contingency allocated and it will not be that much. As the design becomes closer to final plan, the numbers will be defined and the contingency will be reduced. Staff believes they can do this plan within the money allocated for the project. If for some reason it cannot be done, then the committee will be brought together to prioritize the items.

Ms. Simoes asked about the playground elements. Mr. Masson stated that staff could present the playground renderings for the committee to review. Discussion ensued regarding playground elements.

Ms. Simoes had several questions including: 1). Will the road to Mullet Creek be done simultaneously with the other road going in? 2). Will fencing be put up before construction on the back end of Carmen street? 3) What is the size of the dog park? Mr. Masson and Mr. Minor replied to these questions: The road work would be done simultaneously; once the clearing is in for the road, we should be able to put the fence up; the acreage that has been discussed for the dog park is about 3 acres. The time frame for the project was asked. Mr. Masson replied that once all permits are acquired, the entire project is about a 300 day project for final completion.

McInerny stated that the paving costs have changed tremendously. Mr. Minor stated that the costs provided will be more defined as the plans get closer to final design. Ms. McInerny was concerned that the cost estimates do not show funds being shifted from shrubs to trees or the addition of \$50,000 to landscaping. Ms. Simoes reiterated this as well. Mr. Minor replied that staff would confirm that the A&E firm has allocated the funds as voted on at the last meeting. The A&E firm discussed the additional funding that needed to be added for the deceleration lane and discussion ensued.

Mr. Slayton stated that he wants a meeting upon final plan design and would like the plan to show the space for the pool. The committee spoke regarding the size of the pavilion. They discussed having two smaller pavilions rather than the 40x60. Ms. McInerny made a **MOTION** to have two 20x30 pavilions. She then revised the motion to say two 20x40 pavilions. Ms. Margaritondo seconded. Ms. Simoes amended the motion to have two 20x40 pavilions located in the area of the multipurpose field. Ms. Margaritondo seconded. Ms. Slayton reminded the committee that the plan is already two hundred thousand over budget. Discussion ensued. Mr. Slayton called the vote on the amended motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Mr. Slayton called the vote on the original motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

Discussion ensued regarding the community center design. Ms. Adams stated that she thinks the Parks & Recreation staff has done a great job in regards to the project.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

INTERACTIVE PUBLIC INPUT

- Jim Rosasco – spoke regarding the travel skate park – Mr. Masson explained the Skate Park and numbers. Mr. Rosasco then spoke regarding the reluctance of the committee for a dog park considering the size of the facility.

The committee responded stating that the dog park group approached the committee after the other groups had already done so. However, they would like to provide for the dog park if it is possible within the budget limitations at this time.

- Paul Shroeder – suggestions attached to the minutes. He recommended that one of the pavilions be located closer to the outdoor activity area. Discussion ensued. He also provided his recommendation of the types of shade trees he believes should be utilized throughout the park.

Ms. Simoes made a **MOTION** to locate one of the two smaller pavilions between the playground and the outdoor activity area. Mr. Arthur seconded. Discussion ensued. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- Caroline Lewis – thanked committee for finding space for the dog park.
- Hillary - she asked all those in favor of the dog park to stand. She then explained what BARC represents and mentioned that the only dog park is in Satellite Beach which includes a fee. BARC agrees to pay for some of the amenities, but is limited.

Ms. Simoes spoke regarding 501 (C) agencies. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss. Mr. Almberg made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and Ms. McInerny seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting is January 21, 2003.