



## **SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION**

### *South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee*

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 12, 2006

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee, was held on June 12, 2006, at the Melbourne Beach Public Library, Melbourne Beach, Florida.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Janet Adam  
Roger McKay (for Dean Given)  
Susan Margaritondo  
Thomas Moore  
Susan Simoes  
Paul Tritaik  
Ceil Wilson  
Kathi Arms  
Jim Rosasco  
Kathy McInerney  
Celena Bardos

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Robert Arthur  
Marty Almberg  
Don DeLucas  
Mike Slayton  
Donald McDonald  
Harry Hicks

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager  
David Moore, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Frank Lanza, Parks Supervisor I, South Beaches Area  
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

#### **PUBLIC**

Norma Metrolis

#### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Simoes called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ms. Nicholas called the roll, and Ms. Simoes noted that a quorum was present and that the meeting would be conducted.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 10, 2006, regular meeting and the May 8, 2006, special meeting were accepted.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Whitehead reported that, at its meeting on May 22, 2006, the South Area Advisory Board (SAAB) had approved the Committee's request to downsize the Committee by three members and designate Paul Tritaik as a member ex-officio. Reducing the number of members by three and having one member serve ex-officio brings the number of members necessary for a quorum down to seven. Mr. Whitehead also noted that Mr. Rosasco had been designated to replace Brian Hurley as the South Area Advisory Board representative on the Committee.

Mr. Whitehead indicated that ground had recently been broken and that progress was being made. Mr. Whitehead circulated pictures to the Committee illustrating the advancements that were taking place in the area.

Mr. Whitehead reported that Commissioner Helen Voltz had requested an audit of all the Parks and Recreation referendum projects. A question arose as to whether such a process could impede progress of the park, and Mr. Whitehead replied that it could, especially if the bond issue is not upheld by the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court even decides to look at the issue, it could be months before it does so, but it is possible that the issue may not be taken up by the Court at all. Mr. Whitehead indicated that he would provide copies of the audit to all Committee members when it became available.

Ms. Adam asked if any portion of the park would be prioritized, and Mr. Whitehead responded that it would not but site work would continue. Currently, the price for the Community Center is at \$4 million, and it would probably be one of the last amenities on the list, but staff could get through the site clearing at a minimum. Also, the caretaker's house was still slated to be demolished.

Ms. McInerney noted that, at the meeting on April 10, 2006, Parks and Recreation Finance Manager Larry Wojciechowski had stated that \$4.3 million additional dollars would be needed just to finish the project. Mr. Whitehead indicated that staff would go as far as possible with the dollars that are available.

Mr. Whitehead assured the Committee that the Community Center would not be started unless there was enough funding to complete it but that the concrete would be poured for the basketball court and so forth.

Mr. Tritaik provided a report on Turtle Season.

Ms. McInerney suggested that perhaps the Committee should not meet in July, and Ms. Adam added that maybe meetings should be postponed until the money issue is resolved. Mr. Tom Moore suggested that the Committee should perhaps meet after the South Area Advisory Board had its meeting. There was consensus that the Committee would meet, tentatively, on August 14, 2006, unless there was no reason to convene at that time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Ms. Simoes adjourned the meeting of the South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee at 7:25 p.m. and stated that the next meeting would be held, tentatively, on August 14, 2006, 6:30 p.m., at the Melbourne Beach Public Library.