



## **SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee**

Regular Meeting  
January 16, 2007

A Regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee, was conducted on Tuesday January 16, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the Melbourne Beach Public Library, 324 Ocean Avenue, Melbourne Beach, Florida.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Janet Adam  
Susan Margaritondo  
Susan Simoes  
Ceil Wilson  
Kathi Arms  
Jim Rosasco  
Kathy McInerney  
Celena Bardos  
Marty Almberg  
Dean Given

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Thomas Moore  
Paul Tritaik – ex-officio  
Robert Arthur

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager  
Dave Moore, Maintenance Superintendent  
Bill Ross, Construction Manager  
Alicia Webb, South Area Administrative Secretary

### **PUBLIC**

Bernice Smith  
Dave Pasley  
Tim Addison  
Jill Addison  
Paul Shroeder

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Simoes called the meeting to order at 6:38p.m. Ms. Webb 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 June 12, 2006, regular meeting were accepted.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Bill Ross**

Mr. Ross noted that there wasn't a lot that was being done with the park. The contractor that was being used has been terminated due to issues with the site work and scheduling. The project is going back to be re-bid, which should take approximately 3-4 months. Currently, the site has been surveyed around Mullet Creek Road. Mr. Ross stated that construction would take approximately 18-20 months.

### **Jeff Whitehead**

Mr. Whitehead took the time to introduce his new Administrative Secretary, and explained to the Committee that communication would be improved and that more information would be provided to the Committees and its members. Mr. Whitehead noted that the bond referendum was passed as of November 7, 2006. The issue would go before the Board of County Commissioners on January 23, 2007 and the monies should be allocated to the parks as of February 1, 2007.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Rosasco had some questions regarding the Community Center and its size. Mr. Rosasco felt that 18,000 square feet of Community Center may be too much for the residents of Melbourne Beach/Sebastian area. Ms. Simoes explained that she had been to the Community Center in Merritt Island and felt that a large Community Center was necessary for the residents of the area. Mr. Whitehead noted that the design of the center is set to hold a large volume of occupants since the area will grow tremendously within the next few years. The size of the center is fit for this projected amount of growth. Mr. Whitehead stated the usage for the Community Center is almost unlimited. Sporting events, special events, meetings, and classes could be conducted in the center.

Ms. Simoes expressed concern for the residents living off of Carmen Street and the residents in Candlewood Pines. The residents of Candlewood Pines had rotting fruit trees near the structure. Mr. Ross noted that a large grapefruit crop is in that area and that he would seek more information on that matter. Mr. Whitehead asked Ms. Simoes if landscaping would help their issue. Ms. Simoes explained that a promise was made to those residents for a 6 foot fence when roadwork was done so the public could not go through their yard to get to the Park. Mr. Whitehead stated that would be an addition to the referendum and would research that issue further.

Ms. Simoes inquired about the playground equipment for the park and if it was included in the budget. Mr. Whitehead stated that it was not part of the bid, but was part of the budget. As the facility is being built, the playground equipment would also be erected.

Ms. Simoes also inquired about the tennis courts, and how they got incorporated into the plan. Mr. Ross noted that the tennis courts were not an original part of the referendum and explained that he would discuss it further with Mr. Minor. Ms. Simoes asked if the monies could be used for some other recreational purpose. Mr. Whitehead exclaimed that since the tennis courts were not part of the referendum, there is no reason why the monies could not be put toward another recreational purpose. Mr. Ross again stated that further discussion with Mr. Minor would have to occur in order to have appropriate information and that this information would be provided to the Committee in the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Pasley inquired about the Community Center and wanted to know if there was a kitchen, basketball court and locker room in the facility. Mr. Whitehead stated that there was. Mr. Pasley then noted that they needed a bigger building and that things needed to be in more detail. There was an issue with the tennis courts, Mr. Pasley would like to have more clarity of the site plan in future meetings.

Mr. Schroeder noted that he would like to see shuffleboard courts become a part of the Brevard parks website. Mr. Schroeder asked if it was in the site plan for the South Beach Community Park. Mr. Almberg noted that the shuffleboard court could be installed in the future. Ms. Addison inquired about the changes of the site plan to incorporate tennis courts. Ms. Simoes noted that further information would be provided at the next meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Ms. Simoes adjourned the meeting of the South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee at 8:31 p.m. and stated that the next meeting would be held, tentatively, on Monday February 13, 2007, 6:30 p.m., at the Melbourne Beach Public Library.