

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
South Mainland Community Center Committee
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department South Mainland Community Center Committee was held on Wednesday December 12, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at the South Mainland Community Center, 3700 Allen Avenue, Micco, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Flo Canham
Eugene Gwinn
Jeanne Osborne
Ken Black
Scott McCullers
Phyllis McCullers

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bruce McMann

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Pat Brink, Recreation Aide
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT

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Call to Order:

Ms. Osborne called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Black made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes from 2/17/01 as presented and Ms. Osborne seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Ms. Osborne led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Osborne introduced Ms. Tibby Parker as Executive Director of Barefoot Bay.

Ms. Brink provided an overview of the programs and events at the South Mainland Community Center. She also mentioned that the Community Center received a new van. Ms. Brink mentioned that staff is getting ready for Holiday Camp. A performance of the Nutcracker will be held at the Community Center on December 17, 2001. Senior Lunch program is going very well attracting about 30-40 people at this time of the year. She distributed and briefly discussed a wish list as requested by the Committee at the previous meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ms. Palus introduced Robin Tibbits as the South Area Advisory Board Representative who was appointed by the South Area Advisory Board to serve on the South Mainland Community Center Committee. Ms. Palus introduced Mr. Greg Minor, Parks and Recreation Construction, who is working with the A&E firm and construction group on the South Mainland Community Center Referendum Project. Ms. Palus distributed a welcome letter and guidelines as presented to all the Referendum Committees and briefly went

over the project. She reviewed the environmental assessment and discussed the scrub jay issues with the committee. Additional discussion ensued regarding permitting issues. Mitigation could be an option; the County would have to purchase 10 acres off site for 5 acres of usage. The area could be used for passive recreation but not active recreation. Example of passive recreation is an exercise trail and walking trail. The committee questioned the number of evident scrub jays. Ms. Palus informed the committee that the A&E Firm would be at the next meeting.

Ms. Osborne noted that a covered walkway from the Community Center to the Gym was desirable. She asked if money from the project could be used to accomplish this. The answer was yes, if that is what the committee votes to vote to approve. Ms. McCullers made a **MOTION** to set aside money as needed for purposes of a covered walkway from the Community Center to the Gym from either the balance of the Gym project and/or the Referendum project. Mr. Gwinn seconded the motion. Mr. Minor mentioned that engineered drawings and permitting would need to be applied and could take a few weeks. Ms. Palus mentioned that the Walkway might not be done prior to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Gym and the Committee agreed that was acceptable. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Mr. Black suggested a second opinion of the scrub jay results.

Ms. Palus presented the Committee with information on the type of playground desired. It was noted that the playground would need to be ADA accessible and Mr. Minor explained the ways that could be accomplished. Discussion ensued. Ms. Palus informed the committee that the children at the Rodes Park Summer Program selected the playground for Police Foundation Park and asked the Committee if they would like the children from South Mainland Holiday Camp to pick the playground. The Committee agreed. Ms. McCullers made a **MOTION** to begin the playground and add it with the Gymnasium Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Mr. Black seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Ms. McCullers asked the cost of including the poured in place rubber surfacing for the entire playground. Ms. Palus stated that she would get a price quote.

Public Input:

None

Adjournment:

There was no further business to discuss. Ms. Palus thanked the Committee. Mr. McMann made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Ms. McCullers seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

The next meeting is January 23, 2002, 2:00 p.m.