

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
South Brevard Senior Center
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2002

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department South Brevard Senior Center Referendum Committee was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at 618 East Melbourne Avenue Melbourne, FL 32901

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Massey
Ed Ohns
Mac Perrin
Alice Goode
Mary Ann Kise
Jeff Dawson

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF ATTENDING

Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Paula Preston, Housing & Human Services, Commission on Aging
Teresa Camarata, Facilities Management
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

See attached list.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Kise called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Introductions: Ms. Palus welcomed all in attendance for the Referendum Meeting. She introduced herself as the South Area Operations Manager and introductions continued with all present.

Ms. Palus provided a committee overview and went through the Referendum process and the packets that the committee members received which included committee Guidelines, Project overview and a Committee Member List.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Palus asked the committee to appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee. Ms. Goode recommended Ed Ohns as Chairman. Mr. Massey nominated Alice Goode as Vice Chairman. Mr. Ohns and Ms. Goode accepted. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PROJECT REVIEW

Ms. Palus reviewed with the committee the project elements and added that Facilities Management will be re-doing the ac system and the roof as well; however those funds are separate from the referendum funds.

Ms. Palus then went on to discuss the goals, positive impacts and challenges of the Referendum Project. Mr. Aylward asked how the costs of the project list were generated. Ms. Palus informed him that the South Area Advisory Board had several meetings discussing the elements for the project and then standard numbers were projected depending on the elements proposed. Members of the public had concerns with restroom access through the Senior Center. Mr. Massey mentioned that through an agreement with the

County, a Board Member must be on the premises to allow any access to the Center. Discussion ensued regarding ideas and concerns throughout the facility as a whole including the AC, storage facilities for games, etc., to accommodate all the activities held at the Center and access to the restrooms without the presence of a Board Member.

The following is a list of the goals, positive impacts and challenges that were discussed:

Goals:

- Ample room for duplicate bridge (about 60-120 people)
- Sound proofing
- ADA accessible restrooms inside and outside– Teresa spoke regarding that about 20% of funds for the restrooms have to be spent to address ADA.
- Redesign building access
- Parking lot design and re-design
- Storage building for shuffleboard (16x36)
- Ample storage for activities
- Community Kitchen
- Spruce up interior and exterior
- Welcoming
- Walkway
- Security Cameras
- Sound system

Challenges:

- Compromises
- Old building
- Limited Budget
- Construction scheduling
- Multiple activities-limited space
- Space Utilization

Impact to Community:

- Attract younger and additional members
- Variety of Seniors within the bylaws
- Increased revenue
- Connect with community
- Share ideas
- Expanded programs and activities
- Quality of life
- Health Benefits

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC INPUT

Public input occurred during the meeting. A member of the public stated that she wanted everyone to remember that the original goal of the Senior Center was to help older people enjoy their time here. It is for everyone who visits this site and asked that they all remember why this club was made.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss at this time. Mr. Dawson made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Mr. Massey seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.