

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**South Brevard Senior Center**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 7, 2003**

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department South Brevard Senior Center Referendum Committee was held on Monday July 7, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at 618 East Melbourne Avenue Melbourne, FL 32901.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Massey  
Ed Ohns  
Jeff Dawson  
Peter Gaul  
Alice Goode  
Mac Perrin

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mary Ann Kise

**STAFF ATTENDING**

Jack Masson, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
Karen Palus, South Area Operations Manager  
Carlos Zarate, Construction Coordinator  
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

**PUBLIC**

See attached list.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ohns called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Ohns dispensed with the approval of minutes at this time. He then asked Mr. Triggs to speak referencing the proposed renovations to the senior center.

Mr. Triggs provided a brief overview of the referendum process in relation to the senior center. He then stated the figures for the proposed renovations to the senior center at this time and spoke regarding the suggestion that the Commissioners find funding for a new building in lieu of making the renovations to the existing building.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Project Review:**

Mr. Masson discussed the funding allocated through the Referendum for the Senior Center and the original proposed elements which included shuffleboard, parking improvements, 40x40 addition, restroom and site improvements with the allocated funding of \$491,640. After a few meetings, it was determined that there was a great need to renovate the building and parking rather than what was proposed. After several inspections of the existing building, it has been determined that complete renovations to the building may cost about 1.2 million dollars. Staff has stated that they can allow for a total expenditure of \$800,000 which includes the original \$491,640. The cost of a new

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building is about 1.5 million dollars, which is not available at this time. Discussion ensued regarding adding the senior center project to the 1% surtax ballot being proposed this year. Therefore, Mr. Masson has suggested that the committee have a plan B if the surtax is not approved and the additional funding is not available.

At the July 15, 2003 Commission Board Meeting, Jasper Triggs will make a presentation to the County Commissioners regarding this project.

Mayor, John Buckley spoke regarding the upcoming proposed surtax. He stated that 1/3 of the surtax would go to the School Board, 1/3 to Municipalities, and 1/3 to the County.

The estimated time frame for construction is one year for the actual start date.

There was discussion of the county trying to find an alternate location for current senior center activities during the construction time of this project. Ms. Palus stated that she has looked at the possibilities of utilizing other facilities and space is limited; however, staff will work with the municipalities for potential possibilities.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Public input occurred during the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Dawson made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Goode seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to discuss at this time. Mr. Dawson made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Ms. Goode seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.