

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Broken Glass Referendum Committee  
Regular Meeting  
October 24, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Broken Glass Referendum Committee was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. at the Grant Community Center, 4580 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Grant, FL.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve Caporusso  
Dewy Leidal  
Jane Cooper  
Theo Adkins  
Robin Tibbits  
Adam Hill

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Barbara Ray  
Barbara Meyer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager  
Greg Minor, Construction Coordinator  
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Dave Perry, Ivey, Harris & Walls  
Max Bosso, Engineering to the Max (ETM)  
Stephen Medeiros, ETM  
Robert and Virginia Pigg

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Due to the absence of Barbara Ray, Chairman, Ms. Cooper, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Adkins made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from 9/26/01 as presented and Mr. Leidal seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Ms. Palus introduced Dave Perry and Max Bosso as the A&E firms working on this project. She noted that the A&E firm would discuss the project and the existing elements and future potential for this park.

Mr. Perry provided maps of the existing park conditions. His discussion included:

- ❖ Existing ponds; Active construction on adjacent property; The need of some type of security gate to limit public access to construction area; Noted that there are currently three structures on site; Any development to site needs to be sensitive to underground utilities; Behind the permanent structures is a depressed wetland area that is muck; Dump truck traffic heavy in and out of stock pile area; Retention ponds need to be restricted-due to slopes but ponds seems to be very clean; adjacent site consists of various stock piles and large debris of asphalt, culverts, etc. ; Phase I of this project does not include impacting any of the ponds, which would need re-shaping of bank slope and some type of fencing.

This element is not budgeted for at this time; There are Brazilian peppers and invasives throughout the park; Mr. Perry recommended a multi-use area to allow many different activities including baseball, soccer, frisbee, etc.

Committee members asked if the small pond located at the front of the property could be added to Phase I project. Mr. Masson explained that area belongs to Road & Bridge. He stated that he would need to discuss this with Henry Minneboo, Director of Road & Bridge.

Mr. Perry asked the Committee to prioritize the elements they would like to see in the park and discussion occurred on the following items:

- ❖ Mr. Perry suggested removing existing structures
- ❖ Old Drain field area needs to be taken out.
- ❖ Artesian well needs to be capped.
- ❖ Want a playground designed for a passive park.
- ❖ Operating hours-dawn to dusk
- ❖ Discussion of acreage-there is about 6 usable acres for project.
- ❖ Desire for picnic tables, pavilions, and grills.
- ❖ Open play area to balance utilization for all user groups.
- ❖ Active use of park will slow vandalism down.
- ❖ Benches, restroom, and permeable parking.
- ❖ Discussion of how to close park.
- ❖ Discussion of developing a Friends of Committee to raise more funds for project.
- ❖ Discussion of lighting-if park closes at dark then should only have security lighting.
- ❖ Mr. Perry recommended not to include more than about 25 parking spaces if the goal of the park is to be passive.
- ❖ Discussion of horse trail, walking trails, etc.
- ❖ Discussed downsizing the restroom for a small passive park. Ms. Palus will look into other options.
- ❖ Discussion of retaining the front pond from Road & Bridge( R&B). Pond would need to be re-graded. Funds not available for this element.
- ❖ Discussion of R&B helping to pay for fencing to limit public access to construction area of property. Mr. Masson will address R&B on both subjects and see if R&B would be interested in helping with re-grading the pond.

The Committee asked Mr. Perry to bring in examples he has done for other park projects.

Ms. Palus asked the Committee to discuss a name for the park. A suggestion was made to name the park Valkaria Community Park. Mr. Caporusso made a **MOTION** to name the park Valkaria Community Park. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Public Input occurred during the meeting as represented above.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was no further business to discuss. Mr. Adkins made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2001.**