

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Viera Regional Park

Regular Meeting

March 26, 2002

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Viera Regional Park Referendum Committee was held on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. at 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Supervisor of Elections Mtg. Room, Viera, FL.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Engler  
Mary Ann Beasley  
Jerry Jagrowski

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rusty Buchanan  
Harry Rhame  
Warren Price  
Giles Malone  
Sharon Young

**STAFF ATTENDING**

Chuck Nelson, Parks & Recreation Director  
Bill Ross, Construction Coordinator  
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager  
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

**PUBLIC**

Bruce Hall, Glattig Jackson, A&E Firm

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Palus asked Mr. Jagrowski to serve as chairman for the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Engler made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes and Ms. Beasley seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Palus mentioned that there are still some vacancies on the committee. Staff will re-advertise to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Ross introduced himself as the construction coordinator for this project. Mr. Engler asked if staff is still considering phasing the projects so that not all projects are out at one time. Mr. Ross replied yes; all the projects are moving along on their own.

Mr. Nelson stated that 5 more acres have been added to the site so that we could also have a dog friendly area as to not inhibit the space allocated for the referendum projects. The property line has been identified and we are still waiting on the transfer of the title and who will be putting in the road. The Viera Land Company is giving some land to the School Board for the development of a School. Utilities are available but would need to be extended. The two notches on the property plan are billboards leased to the Viera Company; county does not want them on the park site. Mr. Nelson informed the committee that we were able to acquire 112 acres of usable land.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Project Review:**

Mr. Hall stated that his role here tonight is to listen and see what the committee wants for this project. He discussed the drainage for the site stating that because of the high water table, 15% of the site would need to be storm water. He recommends a retention pond rather than having a ditch through the middle of the park. Mr. Nelson does not want to give up acreage that isn't a big improvement for the park and stated that staff would work with Department of Transportation regarding the ponds.

Mr. Hall provided cut outs of the elements for the committee. Mr. Jagrowski asked about adding bocci ball. Mr. Nelson asked if there was a group for bocci ball. No one was sure. Mr. Nelson stated that it will not be designed in at this point but will keep it in mind.

Mr. Jagrowski asked when the committee can see a concept. Mr. Nelson replied that we plan to expedite the process. Mr. Engler asked how much parking is required. Mr. Hall replied that every 80 park spaces equates to one acre. Mr. Nelson

stated that staff would like to see the asphalt minimized. Mr. Hall stated that staff and the committee could expect a conceptual plan in about 6 weeks. The committee agreed that they would be ready to meet when a plan was ready.

.Mr. Jagrowski recommended that the design include one large area for soccer and let the clubs design out the fields as they need them. He also recommended making one field tournament size with seating. Discussion ensued regarding parking, drainage, buffers, irrigation, lighting and the location of the lake.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no further business to discuss. Mr. Engler made a **MOTION** to adjourn and Ms. Beasley seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.