



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION

Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee

REGULAR MEETING

November 9, 2005

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee, was conducted on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at 7:30 a.m. at the BRPH Building, 3275 Suntree Boulevard, Melbourne, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Jagrowski, Chairman
Harry Rhame, Member
Scott Hubel, Member
Robert Ball, Member
Audrey Nassen, Member
Mike Malone, Member
Chuck Manning, Member
Warren Price, Member
Nancy Sewell, Member
Mary Anne Beasley, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Leslie, Member
R.L. Jones, Member
Herb Richter, Member
Rob Brisson, Member Ex-Officio
Judi John, Member
Duwayne Lundgren, Member Ex-Officio

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Ross, Senior Construction Coordinator, Parks and Recreation
Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Tim Howze, Park Supervisor I, North Mainland
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

None.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jagrowski called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. and then adjourned the meeting to allow the Suntree-Viera Parks Foundation to meet. The Suntree-Viera Parks Committee meeting continued at 7:51 a.m. Ms. Nicholas called the roll, and Mr. Jagrowski noted that a quorum was present and that the meeting would be conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the September 14, 2005, meeting. After review, Ms. Beasley made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written, and Mr. Malone seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Rhame requested that, for future meetings, the minutes be provided in advance, and staff agreed.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Ross indicated that things were progressing nicely at Viera Regional Park and informed the Committee that work would begin in December on both buildings, irrigation and lighting. There was an issue with the stationery dock, but the contractor was willing to come and remedy the situation. It was mentioned that all contractors were still having difficulty attaining masons, carpenters and plumbers and that was having an impact on costs.

Mr. Hubel inquired into the status of the swell, and Mr. Ross responded that Pavco Construction was going to work on that.

With regard to the dock at Rotary Park, Mr. Whitehead indicated that Mr. Minor, Construction Manager, was assembling bid specifications. The damage was originally estimated to be somewhere in the mid-\$30,000 range and was now approximated to be in the mid-\$50s. FEMA had been slow to respond, and there had been no pricing on the pier at all, but it was not expected to be even close to \$25,000. Mr. Whitehead noted that recent repairs at Fisherman's Landing averaged out to \$504 per linear foot and that, for repairs to a 150-foot dock, the cost could end up being roughly \$75,000.

Mr. Jagrowski noted that the playground looks great. Mr. Rhame inquired as to the time frame for purchasing picnic tables, park benches, grills, and other items of that nature, and Mr. Whitehead responded that many of those items had already been purchased.

Mr. Ross informed the Committee that the bid for the community center at Viera Regional Park had just been opened the previous day and that only one bid was received in the amount of \$4,393,000.

Mr. Ross noted that the paving was close to being completed and that work was being done on the entryway and major lot that morning, and the site contractor was expected to be out by the end of November. Mr. Ross further mentioned that special Bermuda grass was purchased in Georgia but that it was sitting there because the contractor would not deliver it unless he was reimbursed for fuel.

There was a delay with the irrigation contractor because, after the hurricane, he had been required to perform other jobs. There had also been a minor problem with the design team, and, after a meeting, it was determined they would need to redo the fences on the senior league fields.

It was noted that the soccer field should be playable very shortly after the new year and that efforts were being made to get the grass in place because the soccer leagues had been informed that it would be done in the fall. Staff is also seeking a temporary power solution to be utilized if an electrical contractor cannot be attained.

Mr. Malone inquired as to the contractor's completion date, and Mr. Ross responded that it was originally slated for January 18, 2006, but was now extending into March due to heavier than normal rain that was experienced. Thirty-five days of work were lost because of the rain. It was noted, however, that the park seems to drain well.

Mr. Whitehead commended Bill Ross for his persistence with the contractor. Mr. Rhame indicated that the cooperation he had experienced with Mr. Ross and his staff on the Rotary Pavilion was outstanding.

Mr. Price asked whether a January ribbon-cutting ceremony would be too soon for the Rotary Pavilion, and Mr. Rhame indicated that perhaps the middle of the year would be better. Ms. Sewell suggested that, when the construction on the Pavilion starts, the Committee and staff should arrange for a "publicity day", and Mr. Jagrowski indicated that could be done. Mr. Rhame asked if Parks and Recreation staff would assist in putting together invitations, and Mr. Whitehead responded affirmatively. There was discussion of possibly having an event prior to Christmas or sometime in January.

Mr. Whitehead informed the Committee that the staff positions for Viera Regional Park would begin being advertised the following week.

Mr. Hubel inquired as to whether a sign could be posted at the site perhaps containing an artist's rendition of the park, and Ms. Sewell further noted that the only sign presently on site was one advertising future soccer fields. Mr. Hubel asked if the Tourist Development Council was assisting in any way, and Ms. Sewell replied that she would check into that.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Jagrowski called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malone made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Ms. Beasley seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Mr. Jagrowski adjourned the meeting of the Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee at 8:26 a.m. and informed the Committee that the next meeting would take place on January 11, 2006.