



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION

Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee

REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2006

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee, was conducted on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at 7:30 a.m. at the BRPH Building, 3275 Suntree Boulevard, Melbourne, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Jagrowski
Harry Rhame
Mary Anne Beasley
Robert Ball
Mike Malone
Nancy Sewell
Scott Hubel

MEMBERS ABSENT

R.L. Jones
Herb Richter
Rob Brisson
Charles Manning
Audrey Nassen
Warren Price
Duwayne Lundgren
Judi John

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Ross, Senior Construction Coordinator, Parks and Recreation
Jeff Whitehead, South Area Parks Operations Manager
David Moore, South Area Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Roger Manuel, Park Supervisor II, Viera-Mainland
Lisa Nicholas, South Area Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC

None.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jagrowski called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. and then adjourned the meeting to allow the Suntree-Viera Parks Foundation to meet. The Suntree-Viera Parks Committee meeting reconvened at 7:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the January 11, 2006, meeting. After review, Mr. Malone made a MOTION to approve the minutes, and Ms. Sewell seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Ross reported that the Rotary Pavilion was complete and that seal coating was being scheduled. The baseball and softball fields were being sodded, and a soft grand opening was slated for June 3, 2006. Mr. Ross explained that soft opening basically consisted of no activity, except for a ribbon cutting.

A letter had been received from Florida Gas concerning the gas line. The company was in the process of surveying to determine the line's location, which was necessary to have before any planting could begin.

The construction of the Community Center was coming along nicely. In the next couple weeks, the roof line should be visible.

A meeting with the individuals representing football interests was held, and the architect and engineer would be presenting more conceptual ideas. The design phase could then commence for football, but at this point, there is only enough money for the design phase.

It was reported that FPL has no transformers available in the entire state. The demand for transformers has increased dramatically, and staff has been fighting to obtain any available transformers. The transformers will power the Community Center, but also the irrigation system and pretty much everything else. Because of this, landscaping cannot be done. There has been no indication from FPL as to how long it may be before transformers become available.

Mr. Jagrowski asked when baseball and soccer would be starting, and Mr. Whitehead replied that soccer should be able to start in August, while Fall Ball would be the first activity for baseball. The recreation partners have been very understanding; they just want everything to be right. Staff has been manually watering some of the sod that has already been put down.

Mr. Whitehead noted that the football league has been allowed to practice in the field behind the maintenance area at the Viera Complex.

Mr. Whitehead reported that there may be a company that is interested in potentially bringing a skateboard park to Viera Regional Park. Ms. Sewell added that a skateboard park would be a popular addition and that such parks are attractive to young individuals. Mr. Whitehead indicated that, because it is designed with the look of a promenade, it could have multiple uses.

Mr. Ross stated that finishing up is the hardest part, and that is where staff is right now.

There was a question as to whether the playground would be ADA accessible, and Mr. Moore responded affirmatively and that it should be delivered in approximately two to three months.

Mr. Ross noted that rain was needed badly and that, without rain, there would be many bare areas for a while. Further, staff will have to do pepper eradication in the hammock.

With regard to Pineda Landing, Mr. Ross stated that the contractor was mobilized and working on tie beams for the restroom building. The contractor would be doing both buildings and lift stations and requested six months for completion. There would be no landscaping, but there would be security lighting, and staff would finish the irrigation. The contract with PAVCO was a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) type. There was a decent contingency, and once the contractor was closer to completion, staff would see if some money could be gotten back.

Mr. Hubel asked if there would be a spray-down area for boats, and Mr. Ross responded that, generally, that does not work because the hoses often get stolen. Mr. Hubel then inquired as to whether there could be a quarter-operated machine, and Mr. Whitehead replied that staff could look into it.

Mr. Jagrowski inquired as to whether Rotary Park at Suntree was completed and back to normal, and staff indicated that it was.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mr. Jagrowski called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sewell made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Ms. Bowman seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Mr. Jagrowski adjourned the meeting of the Suntree-Viera Parks Committee / POW-MIA Referendum Committee at 8:28 a.m. and informed the Committee that the next meeting would take place on July 12, 2006.