

**Wickham Park Advisory Committee
Wickham Park
2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, FL
August 4, 2004
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg England
John Corelli
Ken Baker
Bill Conner
Sally Richardson
Thomas Seaman
Cheryl Palmer
Carol Mulligan
Ralph Earrusso

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lauren Milne
RL Jones
Ollie Olsen
Eleanor Munton

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Lisa Grizzle, Park Supervisor III
Vickie Pack, Staff Assistant II

OTHERS PRESENT

Matthew Ratneser
Greg Welsh
Ivone Luchette
Spero Simanteris
O.J. McGill

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Corelli called the meeting to order at 6:48p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Baker made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from 4/7/04 as presented. Mr. Conner seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Election of New Chairman for Committee:

Mr. Conner made a **MOTION** to nominate Mr. Baker as acting chairman for the Wickham Park Advisory Committee. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Ms. Palmer made a **MOTION** to close nomination of the committee chairman **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Staff Reports:

Ms. Grizzle informed committee members of the ongoing and upcoming construction in the park for the month of August. Ms. Palus set a tentative date for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the playground and dog park for August 21, 2004. Mr. Seaman asked if a perimeter fence has been considered for around the playground. Ms. Palus explained that due to the small rental pavilions going into the area they may plant some hedges to serve as a buffer.

Public Input:

Ms. Palus informed committee members that she and Mr. Ratnesar met with Mr. Nelson to discuss keeping the Archery Area in Wickham Park. Ms. Palus stated there were

some concerns about the ponds being in the same general area which will be open to the public. A survey has been scheduled to determine if there is enough room for a buffer to allow the archers to use the area without imposing any danger to the general public. Ms. Palmer asked if the county was purchasing land in Malabar to relocate the Archery Club. Ms. Palus explained they were not since the archery group were not interested in relocating to Palm Bay. Ms. Palus informed them they were still looking in the Viera area for a possible relocation. Mr. Ratnesar distributed standards for the range setup to show minimal impact on the pond area. Discussion ensued on the archery area remaining in Wickham Park. Ms. Palmer made a recommendation to keep the Archery area at Wickham Park providing a safe buffer is done to avoid any danger to patrons in the pond area. Mr. Corelli seconded. Mr. Earruso asked Mr. Ratnesar to provide a contact for the committee to represent the Archery club during his absence to provide any input.

Old Business:

Jumbalaya Jam:

Ms. Palus informed committee members of the provisions Mr. Ellis put forth concerning the Jumbalaya Jam, and the impact if any it has on the grounds at the BCC Main pavilion. Ms. Palus asked committee members how they felt about the impact of an event this big at the main pavilion. She also asked members if they would like to continue with this event or if they would like to make an event this large go out for bid to give others a chance to have an event of this size. She also asked members if they would like to dissolve the Friends of Wickham Park Committee and have the Wickham Park Advisory Committee handle any decisions made for the main pavilion area. Mr. Conner made a **MOTION** to allow a large event at the main pavilion and to also have such event go out for bidding to other vendors. Mr. Earruso seconded.

Mr. Earruso suggested a proposal be drawn up and submitted to the committee for recommendations before the bidding process was put out to vendors. Mr. Corelli made a **MOTION** to put the Jumbalaya Jam agreement to sleep. Discussion ensued regarding the existing balance of the Main Pavilion trust fund. An amendment to Mr. Corelli's motion was suggested which included the existing balance to be utilized towards the Main Pavilion referendum project. Mr. Corelli accepted the amendment. Discussion continued about bringing up another amendment which includes that the Jumbalaya Jam event will be able to proceed for FY 2005 and then bids for the event will go out for FY 2006.

Mr. Corelli accepted the 2nd amendment to his original motion.

The motion including both amendments was called – **MOTION** was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Ms. Palus informed committee members of how the bidding process would take place.

1. The county would provide interested parties with event specifications.
2. Bidders would provide an offer/proposal.
3. The bid packages would be scored by a panel.

Project Review:

Ms. Palus informed committee members the scheduling for the upcoming referendum projects. Mr. Baker asked that a letter be sent out to all referendum committee members informing them that the three absence rule for not attending meetings will go into effect and they will be asked to resign from the committee.

Mr. Earrusso and Mr. England would like to apply for the two current vacant positions on the committee. Ms. Palus replied she would pass on the information to the Commissioners office. Ms. Palus announced her resignation from the county. Ms. Palus has accepted a position in Tampa.

There was no further business to discuss therefore Mr. Earrusso made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Corelli seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2004 at 6:30p.m.