



SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION Wickham Park Advisory Committee

**REGULAR MEETING
May 7, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Wickham Park Advisory Committee, was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at the site of Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ted Whitlock
Ken Baker
Phyllis Principe
Liz Lee
Karen Kilianek (Chair)
Richard Contreras

MEMBERS ABSENT

Eleanor Munton

REFERENDUM MEMBERS PRESENT

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Lauren Milne
Greg Welsh
Tom Seaman
Carol Mulligan
Sally Richardson
Bill Connor
Greg England
Ralph Earusso

STAFF PRESENT

Fred Poppe, South Area Recreation Superintendent
Josh Henderson, Park Supervisor III, Wickham Park
Gustavo Vergara, Special Projects Coordinator I
Jeff Whitehead, South Area Operations Manager

PUBLIC

Attached.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Vergara called the roll and Ms. Kilianek noted that quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the March 5, 2008, meeting. Ms. Kilianek asked if everyone had had a chance to review the minutes, and called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Baker made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, and Ms. Principe seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Henderson read over some of the events that took place at Wickham. He stated that one of his employees, Mr. Robert Abignail, retired. He stated that two Random Acts of Music Events had taken place at the park since the last meeting. He stated that the “honey Wagon” used to empty refuse from RV’s brought in about \$3,600 of income, and that the 21st annual veteran’s reunion was very successful. He stated that the Melbourne city carnival took place at the big pavilion area, and that he was preparing for the summer camp programs which would all start in June. Mr. Whitehead asked if there was going to be a post event meeting, and Mr. Henderson responded that he was going to put one together. Discussion ensued regarding different ways to improve the reservation of camping spots for next year’s event.

Mr. Poppe stated that the Board of County Commissioners approved by a 3/2 vote the opportunity to go under contract with SMG and that this company would make an assessment of what the best use for the Equestrian Facility would be and that the results would be presented to the committee as well as the South Area Advisory Board. Mr. Poppe added that the contract negotiations would go over what the scope of work would be and the cost of the work. Mr. Poppe stated that if any members had any input on any specific items that the committee would like SMG to research or be aware of, that people should contact Mr. Lusk directly. Mr. Henderson asked that now that the horse trail near the senior center was closed due to construction, if a different area could be opened up for equestrian use, and Mr. Whitehead responded affirmatively.

Mr. Whitehead stated that the voter referendum passed on January 29, 2008 changed the way all governments in Florida would operate in the future and his office had been asked to submit two sets of budgets; one showing a 10% reduction and one showing a 20% reduction. Mr. Whitehead asked the committee for their support when the budget workshops came around. Ms. Kilianek asked that the committee members be made aware of when the workshops would take place.

Mr. Whitehead added that this would be his last meeting with the committee because he took a job being the golf operations manager for Brevard County Parks & Recreation,

and that Mr. Greg Minor would be the new operations manager for the South Area Parks & Recreation.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Baker brought up the naming of the loop road for the new senior center and community center. Ms. Principe made a **MOTION** to name the road Leisure Way, and Mr. Baker **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

Ms. Kilianek asked about the pond off Park Way, and Mr. Poppe responded that there would be a meeting between parks staff and Brevard County Storm Water on June 2, 2008 to discuss the issue. Discussion ensued regarding the pond and the maintenance of it.

Ms. Kilianek asked Mr. Henderson if there were any problems with the dog park. Mr. Henderson responded that the only problems were mediating disagreements between dog owners.

Ms. Kilianek added about raccoon feeding, and Mr. Henderson responded that signs were being made trying to deter the public from feeding animals at the park.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. David Palmbach asked if there was any resolution regarding the referendum members, and Mr. Whitehead stated that once the equestrian area and the community center had a grand opening, the committee would be sunsetted.

Mr. Palmbach asked about the turnout area at the equestrian area, and stated that the proposed area would be too small. Discussion ensued regarding the turnout area.

Mr. Palmbach asked about if the revenue from the boarders had been projected into the Wickham Park budgets since the barns were torn down, and Mr. Poppe responded that the revenue from the borders had been projected because Wickham Park was an enterprise fund, and that in order to show expenditures, he would have to show revenues, and that since no revenues were collected and no expenditures were made, the numbers equaled out. Mr. Palmbach asked what the process was for people that wanted to board horses at the park and Mr. Poppe responded that he directed staff to send any one with inquiries about boarding or any kind of equestrian facility question to him, and that he had a list of everyone who called requesting horse boarding at Wickham Park. Discussion ensued regarding the operation of the Equestrian Facility.

Ms. Fountain asked if there was a due date for the RFP and Mr. Poppe responded that he would contact Mr. Lusk and get a response for the horse borders. Discussion ensued regarding the RFP.

Ms. Kilianek asked if the Boy scouts present had any questions for the committee, and Mr. Timothy Pirlo asked who SMG was. Ms. Fountain responded that this was a firm that managed equestrian facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Ms. Kilianek called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Whitlock made a **MOTION** to adjourn, and Mr. Baker seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** Ms. Kilianek adjourned the May 7, 2008, meeting of the Wickham Park Advisory Committee at 7:35 p.m. and informed the Committee that the next meeting would be held on July 2, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at Wickham Park.