



## **SOUTH AREA PARKS AND RECREATION Wickham Park Advisory Committee**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
July 8, 2009

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department, Wickham Park Advisory Committee, was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m., at the site of Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, Florida, 32935.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Kilianek (Chair)  
Liz Lee  
Phyllis Principe  
Ed Newell  
Mike Nowlin  
Greg Jones

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ted Whitlock

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Greg Minor, South Area Operations Manager  
Fred Poppe, South Area Recreation Superintendent  
Josh Henderson, Park Supervisor III, Wickham Park  
Mechelle Cook, Administrative Secretary, South Area Operations

### **PUBLIC**

See sign in sheet.

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Karen Kilianek called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Mrs. Mechelle Cook called the roll with six members present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Members were provided with a copy of the minutes from the May 6, 2009, meeting. Mrs. Karen Kilianek asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes and called for a motion to approve. Mr. Ed Newell made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes, Mr. Mike Nowlin **SECONDED, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Committee members were provided with the monthly reports for Wickham Park for the months of May and June 2009. Mr. Josh Henderson stated that we have had no incidents of fire in the park for the last two months.

Mr. Greg Minor said that the proposed budget cuts reflects 20% cuts. Mrs. Kilianek asked how that would affect Wickham Park. Mr. Minor responded that we would have less dollars, empty positions, the maintenance position at the senior center will not be filled, overall it will mean a 1.7 million dollar cut. Mr. Minor informed the committee members that the senior center opened on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, but the ribbon cutting will not be held until early August as Commissioner Bolin would be on leave. Commissioner Bolin has signed off on the community center and the project is ready to go out for bid. The entrance road project will go out for bid in late August.

Mr. Minor stated that our summer recreation camps programs are extremely busy, and there is a waiting list for kids to get into the camps. Mr. Minor said that we do not make any profits from the summer camps and that sometimes it does not break even, Mr. Poppe stated that it did not even cover our manpower costs. The camp breakout is as follows: reduced rates are available for lower income families and scholarships are also available kindergarten to 15/16 years of age, Teen Camp is 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above. Mrs. Kilianek wanted to know if the Boy Scouts volunteered for camp and staff informed her that they did not.

Mr. Minor informed the committee members that the South Beach Community Center is now open, they have not held a ribbon cutting ceremony yet. Rodes Park is ready to Notice to Proceed, the bids came in at great prices. Mr. Poppe said at the next meeting they hoped to have a drawing of the next phase, with pedways, parking and bathrooms. On the skatepark issue, Mr. Minor stated that we cannot take any more construction projects on until all the referendum projects are finished.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Kilianek asked if the committee members were required to give an approval for the skatepark, Mr. Minor stated no, not at this time as we have only had discussions, we are not looking for a commitment at this point and we have no funding for the project. Mr. Jones stated that he would like to see the project long before there would be a vote and asked staff if they were aware of the costs. Mrs. Kilianek inquired how much property the county has to build on and Mr. Poppe asked her to remember that this was a preliminary meeting.

Mr. Nowlin stated that the City of Melbourne had met with Julie Cain earlier that day and would meet with her and Commissioner Bolin tomorrow. Mr. Jones asked if the Parks and Recreation Department would require a contingency fund and if we had a cost for the project. Mr. Poppe said that permitting must be in place before the project could

start and Mr. Nowlin commented that she was doing very well with funding. Discussion ensued concerning the skatepark.

Mrs. Kilianek stated that she was happy to report that the north gate had been locked every day for three months now.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Jones asked if the committee members could receive a calendar of events projected for the upcoming months and if it could be provided in their meeting notice package. County staff responded that they could include the calendar in the package.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Sue Gilman spoke to the committee about the equestrian center and suggested that the Trailriders Club meet with county staff to explore avenues and ways to benefit the park.

Mr. Ron Aldridge of Discalibur Disc Golf spoke to the committee members about the disc golf course at Wickham Park. He provided handouts for the members and stated that approximately 500 rounds of disc golf were played at the park during the week. Mr. Aldridge stated that 7-9 tee pads were in need of repair at this time and informed the committee members that Discalibur will pay for the materials, Brevard County will provide the labor. The Discalibur group would like to replace some holes they have lost due to construction in the park. The group stated that they would be willing to work with the committee and the park and that they would not be removing any trees from the park.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Mrs. Karen Kilianek asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Liz Lee made a **MOTION** to adjourn, Mrs. Phyllis Principe **SECONDED**, **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Mrs. Kilianek adjourned the July 8, 2009, meeting of the Wickham Park Advisory Committee at 7:37 p.m.