

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department South Beach Community Park Referendum Committee was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hoover Middle School, 2000 Hawk Haven Drive, Indialantic, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Arthur
Kathi Arms
Janet Adams
Susan Margaritondo
Marty Almberg
Sue Simoes, Vice Chairman
Don DeLucas
Harry Hicks
John Eder
Brian Hurley
Thomas Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Tritaik
Kathy McInerny
Vince Loglisci
Ceil Wilson
Mike Slayton, Chairman

STAFF ATTENDING

Jack Masson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Karen Palus, South Area Parks Operations Manager
Tina Webster, Administrative Secretary

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Tom Younge, Kimley-Horne
*The public attendance list is attached.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Simoes, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. in the absence of Mr. Slayton, Chairman.

Ms. Simoes dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance because there was not a flag available.

NON-INTERACTIVE PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Simoes asked for the speaker cards.

- Ken Patterson –recognized Mr. Loglisci for his service on the committee. Mr. Patterson believes the committee needs to finish its business and let the project move forward to construction.
- Donald Hartman - lives in Sunnyland on Nikomas Way. He spoke regarding rumors he has heard about the removal of the Australian Pines along the north side of the ditch off Niko mas. He stated that residents feel that the drainage ditch has a major problem with erosion and feels that for this reason the trees should not be removed. He also mentioned that the residents are in favor of the buffer it currently provides.

Mr. Masson commented that it is a rumor and the Parks & Recreation Department was not planning on removing those particular pines. Mr. Moore stated that there was an article published by Florida Today which indicated those pines were going to be removed by St. Johns River Water Management.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Simoes asked for a motion to approve the minutes if there were no changes. Mr. Eder made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Arms seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Masson informed the committee that he received an e-mail from a committee member regarding the Australian Pines. Mr. Masson explained that removal of the pines along the western side was discussed but not specifically determined. He asked if the committee members remember any conversations regarding the pines. Ms. Adams stated that she recommended the removal of the pines and Brazilian peppers to be done at the time of construction. Her understanding was that Mr. Nelson agreed to have this done during construction. Mr. Masson stated that he is not sure that the area is part of the County property. Ms. Palus asked the committee to clarify the location and the reply was on the north side of the drainage ditch.

Ms. Palus mentioned that staff provided the committee members with a copy of the Sunshine Law information that is provided to all Board appointed members.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Review –

Mr. Younge provided a copy of the landscape plan for the committee to review. He mentioned that the additional pavilion was added to the master plan as discussed at the last meeting. If the committee would like to make any more changes it will need to be done now. The amount of shade trees versus shrubs has been increased as requested by the committee. Mr. Younge stated that irrigation costs have been increased as well. He is moving forward with permitting. Mr. Arthur asked about the deceleration lane. Mr. Younge replied that they removed the curbing per the request of the committee, but there will still be a deceleration lane. Mr. DeLucas asked about the turning radius at the end of Mullet Creek Road. Mr. Younge replied that he would check the proposed radius.

Mr. Masson informed the committee that the smaller 20x20 pavilion was added in between the playground area and activity area as requested by the committee. In addition, staff left the 40x60 pavilion in the plan and feels that funds will be close enough within budget for this.

Ms. Adams asked if the committee will still have an opportunity to tweak the elements within the project including the playground after obtaining permits. Mr. Masson mentioned that the playground is not bid with the park project; it is separate and therefore there is more flexibility with the playground elements.

Mr. Masson commented that this project is about a twelve month construction process after the bid is complete.

Playground:

Ms. Palus provided renditions of two playground vendors. She explained the process in selecting a vendor and then asked the committee to think about the elements, including the desired surfacing. She asked if the committee wanted the elements to be separated by age or together. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hicks made a **MOTION** to separate the playground elements by age. Ms. Arms seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Discussion ensued regarding the selection of a subcommittee to work together to determine the elements for the playground. Mr. DeLucas made a **MOTION** to have a subcommittee for the playground elements. Mr. Hurley seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. Ms. Simoes made a recommendation for Ms. Arms to chair the subcommittee. Ms. Arms accepted. Mr. Hicks and Ms. Adams volunteered to serve on the subcommittee with Ms. Arms. Ms. Palus stated that she will ask the vendors to create a design for South Beach Community Park and she will provide them at the next meeting.

Ms. Simoes asked about the status of the Geo Tech for the pond. Ms. Palus mentioned that she would follow up to see if the information has been received. Ms. Adams mentioned that the committee was concerned about having stagnant water in the pond. Ms. Palus stated that Mr. Younge commented that there would be some type of fountain system for the pond. The committee was pleased with this response.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Masson informed the committee that Mr. Minor has been called to service through the Military and will not be with us for a while.

Mr. Almberg made a **MOTION** to approve the plan and move forward with the project. Mr. Arthur seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

INTERACTIVE PUBLIC INPUT

- Hillary Steinberg – spoke regarding the dog park. She informed the committee that BARC is now a not-for-profit organization. She provided a proposal of costs related to the dog park (attached). Discussion ensued with the committee regarding the liability, maintenance, posted rules and costs associated with the dog park. Ms. Simoes asked staff to bring to the committee the costs for the County specifications regarding fencing and a water spigot for the dog park. Staff agreed.
- Paul Nunn – spoke regarding the pines located on Nikomas. He believes the pines should stay. Mr. Masson replied that he would do some research related to those particular pines and bring the information back to the committee at the next meeting. Ms. Simoes reminded everyone that these pines are located on State owned property.
- Ken Patterson – he reminded the committee that the dog park was not an original referendum element for this park and he does not feel that this is an acceptable element for the park.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss. Mr. Eder made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hicks seconded. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting is March 18, 2003, at Hoover Middle School in the Media Room.