

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 January 9, 2007
 City Hall, Room 519
 4:00p.m.

Present; Patt Sned, Kerry Gallagher,Cliff Bridges, Kirk Olney, Curtis Kelly	Staff present: Christine Thrower
Absent: Ann Harrison, Gregory Burdick	Guest:

Topic	Discussion	Follow up
Approve Minutes	Kerry Gallagher and Cliff Bridges approved minutes from January, 2006 meeting.	
2006-2007 Fee Schedule, Skate Park fees at Phipps Park	<p>Fee schedule for skate park is as follows; <u>Residents</u>, \$25.00, 6 month membership, no hourly charge. <u>Non-Resident</u>; \$25.00, 6 month membership, \$1.00/Hr. <i>Resident hourly rates</i>; \$2.00 hour. <i>Non-Resident hourly rate</i>; \$4.00 hour.</p> <p>Christine Thrower reported that since the Skate Park opened on December 26th, 2006, 80-100 kids a day have been using the facilities. Kirk Olney suggested a membership card with a upc code used for scanning. Patt Sned was concerned that the Skate Park didn't warrant 2 full time employees and 4 part time employees as numbers don't seem to warrant the cost we are putting into running the Skate Park. Christine said that employees would oversee the entire Phipps Park for rentals, pavilions, wet play area. Part time employees can be placed at other Parks as needed. Christine stated we are feeling our way, and want it staffed properly.</p> <p>February 1st,2007 is the re-grand opening for Phipps Skate Park featuring "Satori Wheels", they will perform at 5:pm including give away, and signing autographs.</p>	<p>PRAC committee approved fee schedule for 2006-2007 for the Skate Park fees at Phipps Park.</p> <p>Christine to track attendance for three months at the Skate Park, and report numbers to PRAC members monthly.</p>
PRAC member's three priority recommendations with discussion.	Christine started the discussion with PRAC members by going over member's recommendations, and mentioning that the 10 year plan is now 10 years old. Christine also suggested going back into the communities to see what changes that have	

	<p>been made and to ask the community what their needs are at the present time. Patt Sned recommended participation on the Waterfront committee. Patt also suggested to move forward with plans for the additions and improvements of Gaines Park. Kirk Olney suggested to create more aesthetically pleasing parks through creative design. Kerry Gallagher expressed concerns for Park Police, she stated that she will not go alone to a park, and this seems wrong. Cliff Bridges' recommendation is to improve quality of life for residents. Christine suggested PRAC to be involved in the process of accreditation for the City. Cliff Bridges said the accreditation would have meaningful results.</p>	<p>Christine is to speak with Commissioner Mitchell regarding a work-session for PRAC members.</p> <p>Committee recommended that the Chair meet with Mayor Frankle to discuss the Committee's recommendation To set the tone for the direction of PRAC related to master planning objectives.</p>
PRAC comments on public Meetings.	N/A	
Youth Empowerment Center update.	<p>Christine told PRAC members that contracts are coming forward. The criminal justice commission is to meet February 15th, with all providers and workforce alliance. The age for YEC participants will be 12 years to 19 years old, and required to be residents of the City of West Palm Beach. The YEC program will be offered as a membership participation program with benefits for program participation.</p>	
Adjourn	PRAC adjourned at 5:40pm	Next meeting Feb. 13, 2007 at City Hall, Room #519 @ 4:00pm.