

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August, 14 2007

Gaines park Community Center

4:00p.m.

Present: Kerry Gallagher, Patt Sned, Cliff Bridges, Kirk Olney, Gregory Burdick, Bruce Hawthorne, Anne Harrison	Staff present: Christine Thrower, Department Director Jeff Halverson, Staff Engineer, Engineering Services, Laban Reeves, Assistant director, parks maintenance, leah Rockwell, Assistant Director Recreation Services
Absent: Curtis Kelly	Guest: David Potter

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow up
Meeting called to order at 4:20.	Approve minutes from previous meeting.	Unanimous vote followed.
Jeff Halverson, Status of Gaines Park new multi purpose building design	Mr. Halverson shared drawing from the architect and reviewed some of the design features of the new multi purpose building. Highlights include: just over 10,000 sf in size; tried to make exterior design somewhat match existing building, but with modifications; no direct connection exists between the new building and the old one; awnings could cover walkways; space included for artistic public art feature in the lobby; the existing canal will be expanded toward the west to allow for drainage needs as parking expands to add spaces; south side will be heavily landscaped; area between buildings is plaza type to create a shaded seating area between the buildings; roof area includes northern light feature to increase sunlight; seating at round tables to accommodate up to 350 people with a stage; 12-14-foot ceilings; bow window in the front of the building; accentuated central hall; classrooms that can be divided or opened into one large room; 2 offices and a small reception area; coffered ceiling with lay-in tile. Head start building review revealed good wiring with some wall and restroom removal since it used to accommodate pre-school age children. Budget looks good at this point since the construction market has shifted. Schedule is still being worked out – hoe to go to bid for construction by late August or early September.	Ask architect to include covered awnings to allow for covered passage between buildings. Schedule another community input meeting for 6 p.m. to allow for greater input.
Budget Workshop Review	Christine Thrower reviewed the recent city commission workshop on the budget. Commissioners requested staff to review fees across the board and bring back recommendation after comparing to surrounding cities.	

	Leah Rockwell and staff have been reviewing fees in other communities and have come up with recommendations for fee adjustments.	
Recreation Fee Recommendations	<p>Ms. Rockwell passed out the current fees and recommendation for slight increases for residents and higher ones for non residents. The city currently subsidizes programs like after school care and various camps. Fee recommendations included increasing FOOSA from \$40 to \$60/month for residents (half that for siblings) and from \$70 to \$105/month for non residents; Camp from \$50 to \$75/week for residents and \$87.50 to \$120/week for non residents. Fee assistance would continue to be available for residents only and would be 50% of the cost of resident rates. The department intends to encourage more participation in the county-funded voucher program for summer which covers the full cost of camp for qualified Palm Beach County residents.</p> <p>Committee members discussed other options, including raising the fees even higher since at the proposed rates, WPB was still quite inexpensive suggested by Mr. Olney. Ms. Sned asked if the non resident rate was 100% of city cost. Ms. Rockwell said in most cases it is, but in some others it is under. In any case, for the purpose of the analysis, city cost covered actual staffing and supply costs, not indirect costs such as utilities and maintenance.</p>	<p>Ms. Sned made a motion to require non residents to pay the full cost of the out of school programs and camps. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison, Motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Hawthorn dissenting.</p> <p>Mr. Bridges made a motion to accept staff's recommendations on the fee increases. Mrs. Harrison seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.</p>
Capital Projects Update	The committee reviewed the list of projects, Mr. Reeves advised on changes to the maintenance team to accommodate the budget reductions. Managers are joining their teams in the field to be sure facilities are continuing to be maintained at their best level.	

Other business	<p>Mr. Potter thanked the department for replacing the lights at osprey Park and inquired about parking. Ms. Thrower said linear parking for about 6 spaces was to be added on Flagler.</p> <p>Mr. Hawthorn said he heard from pool users about their disappointment in losing the water aerobics classes. Ms. Thrower said the classes were being offered again, but it was not prudent for the department to offer them at 7 a.m. because of budget constraints. Classes were being offered at 8am and 11am on Monday and Wednesday.</p>	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm	Next meeting , Sept. 11, 2007 @ 4:00pm at City Hall.