

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

Sept., 17 2007

Northwood Youth Empowerment Center

4:00p.m.

<b>Present:</b> Kerry Gallagher, Patt Sned, Cliff Bridges, Kirk Olney, Gregory Burdick, Curtis Kelly, Anne Harrison	<b>Staff present:</b> Christine Thrower, Parks & Recreation Director Jonathan Bramley, Director, Engineering Services, Laban Reeves, Assistant Director, Parks Maintenance, Leah Rockwell, Assistant Director Recreation Services
<b>Absent:</b> Bruce Hawthorne	<b>Guest</b>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Follow up</b>
Meeting called to order at 4:15	Approve minutes from previous meeting.	Unanimous vote followed.
Dreher Park EcoArt project	WPB resident Mary Jo Aagerstoun gave a present on “Friends of Elder’s Cove”, a group of volunteers interested in restoring Elders Cove in Dreher Park and showcasing its EcoArt component as an alternative to traditional park design. Ms. Aagerstoun reviewed the former and current condition of Elders Cove and the groups desire to be a subcommittee of PRAC and take on the fund raising, restoration and maintenance of Elders Cove to showcase the EcoArt component. Volunteer participation includes Parker Ridge residents, representatives from Solid Waste Authority, WPB 100, the Palm Beach Zoo and South Florida Science Museum.	PRAC members wanted to be sure that the restoration project was viable and would not strain the parks maintenance budget. Kirk Olney agreed to serve as the PRAC liaison to the committee and give updates on progress of the group.
Recreation Fee Recommendations	Last month, PRAC recommended increasing out of school registration fees. Leah Rockwell presented a review of other fees the department charges for athletic registration, classes, special events and pavilion and facility rentals. Staff is recommending increasing the non resident fees for all WPB programs and facilities.	Ms. Sned made a motion to approve the fee schedule as presented. Greg Burdick seconded the motion. Unanimous approval followed.
Capital Projects Update	Jonathan Bramley presented the project status list giving updates on several projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaines Park Multipurpose building is meeting tonight to go over 90% construction documents. Construction Services has already begun reviewing the documents to be sure there are no glaring issues before they go to bid on construction.</li> <li>• Flamingo Park – park renovations have been permitted and were scheduled to begin in the upcoming week. However, staff wanted to be sure the contractor had</li> </ul>	Cliff Bridges suggested having the Gaines Park Committee vote on the proposal to bring finality to the project.

	<p>all supplies on site before beginning to avoid delays in the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currie Park – Diva Duck has been complaining about the difficulty in using the ramp. The Army Corps of Engineers will not allow the city to dredge the area in front of the ramps the way Diva Duck needs it to be.</li> <li>• Gaines Park Pool – the pool deck has been compromised and may need extensive repair work. A thorough inspection is underway.</li> <li>• Melanie Jenkins Park – Mr. Bridges asked if a fence could be placed between the park and the next door barber shop.</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Sned stated Diva Duck should be paying for their own repairs or upgrades since they are running a business from the site.</p> <p>Mr. Bramley will give an update on the pool deck at the next meeting.</p> <p>Laban Reeves will look into the fence possibility. He will also present an update on the status of maintenance in city parks at the October meeting.</p>
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm	Next meeting , Oct. 9, 2007 @ 4:00pm at City Hall.