

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2007

City Hall, Room 519

4:00p.m.

<b>Present; Patt Sned, Kerry Gallagher, Kirk Olney, Ann Harrison, Gregory Burdick</b>	<b>Staff present:</b> Christine Thrower, Laban Reeves, Jonathan Bramely
<b>Absent; Cliff Bridges, Curtis Kelly</b>	<b>Guest:</b> Joan Goldberg

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Follow up</b>
Approve minutes from previous meeting.	February minutes were approved by Patt Sned and Greg Burdick.	
Laban Reeves, Assistant Director of Parks update for Parks Maintenance.	<p>Tree grant phase II has been completed with Oak trees, and phase III to be completed by April 2007. Some of the trees will include Gumbo Limbo and Savannah Holly.</p> <p>We have moved into our new office at 1145 Old Okeechobee Road just down from our old location at the City's complex. We have a contractor on board now with the department which has lifted the burden from Parks Maintenance.</p> <p>Our Facility Maintenance Chief has left for another position within the City.</p> <p>Parks maintenance is continuing our slow season with mulching parks and are ¾ of the way complete with play equipment mulch ½ complete.</p> <p>Ann Harrison expressed to Laban how well the Parks are looking.</p> <p>Laban spoke of the Village Paws issue we are having with the "no parking", the park was initially for resident's use where parking would not have been an issue. We are presently working on where to park. Christine said the park originally was planned for <i>Lakes of Laguna</i> that would accommodate parking, but the residents didn't want a dog park. Christine said that Ken Rearden, Assistant City Administrator stated that FPL drainage area maybe could be used for parking, north of the entrance to Saratoga.</p> <p>Christine also mentioned that on a Saturday recently there were approximately 21-25 cars parked. The signs that were posted with "no</p>	

	<p>parking” only lasted about 3 hours, and were taken down. Gregory Burdick commented that a dog park opens a bunch of issues.</p>	
<p>Capital project review With Jonathan Bramley and Christine Thrower.</p>	<p>Coleman Park had its formal ribbon cutting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Gaines Park’s bridge has been painted. The City needs to secure the fence pole around the bridge by Mr. Stinson’s property with additional landscaping around the bridge. We received one (1) quote for the additional gate and fence work. We are waiting for a second quote to make the selection with a reasonable price. Gaines concession/press box project under construction, and next Tues (March 20<sup>th</sup>) 2<sup>nd</sup> permit review.</p> <p>The aquatic center pool resurface contractor is working on getting the required bond to start work. Gaines multi-purpose will be on commission agenda, finance has to approve. Funding didn’t go through. PRAC members asked to let them know if pulled from agenda.</p> <p>Osprey Park (formerly Ombres) preliminary punch list issued, vehicle entrance gate not in, but the lights are on. Osprey and manatee signs are to be installed. Christine reported that residents want wall built between park and condominium. It’s reported that residents are not making use of a leash when in the park with their dogs.</p> <p>Flamingo Park renaming was requested by City Commission. Kerry Gallagher suggested “Memorial Park”.</p> <p>Grassy Waters boardwalk contractor has corrected his deficiencies with the lumber and most of the work is complete Jonathan stated.</p>	<p>Note; The purchase order for the resurfacing has been issued as of March 27<sup>th</sup>, and the pool is closed until approximately the first of May.</p>
<p>Youth Empowerment Center update.</p>	<p>Christine reported that Reed Daniel, Campus Manager for the NYEC has stepped up. Everyone is so thrilled and excited at the grand opening that was held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. In conversation with kids is we are hearing they are thrilled that the City did open the center. Along with the opening ceremony which included a Barbeque, outside activities, and a wide selection of center inside activities; TV games, x-box, etc. Christine mentioned that there was no media coverage due to a story that broke earlier in the</p>	

	<p>day, but Channel 25 did visit the YEC on March 12<sup>th</sup> to interview Lyndon Smith.</p> <p>An average daily attendance between 14-20 on a daily basis was reported by Reed. The teen fair is set for March 31<sup>st</sup> at Gaines Park.</p> <p>Teen Temps had their first “job readiness” class for 10 participants on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The classes prepare kids how to apply at the job fair held at Gaines Park on March 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Christine’s list she is working on would include 50 kids hired for employment, 2 new NYEC staff, Boys and Girls Club gym open from 2-9pm.</p> <p>Additionally, some providers are having insurance complications with the stiff regulations that are required.</p>	
<p>Kerry Gallagher and Christine’s meeting with Mayor Frankel</p>	<p>Kerry reported that Mayor Frankel would like PRAC to continue in their roll as written in year 2000. For PRAC to be involved in the accreditation process, encourage the department of Parks and Recreation, and PRAC to be involved in strategic planning sessions.</p>	<p>Note: Mayor Frankel won re-election on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.</p>
<p>Board Comments</p>	<p>PRAC member Gregory Burdick asked if there had been any <i>Waterfront Park</i> meetings. Christine stated there have not been any public meetings in a few months. Gregory expressed to PRAC he wanted to make sure “free” public access was available for launching canoes and kayaks. At this point in the meeting Joan Goldberg was asked if she could address the PRAC committee’s concerns, and agreed to attend.</p> <p>Joan started off by saying the <i>Waterfront Park</i> is in the schematics phase, and design development. By the end of 2007, the dock will be in at South Cove, ground breaking in between, excavating beach area, and the road in 2008, with the library in 2009 (only common area). Joan said, “coming from the intra-coastal to the dock at the waterfront there will be floating docks 18’ to 2’ above water w/ tides” which addressed Gregory’s concerns about public access by canoe or kayak. Joan said that meetings were held discussing the <i>Waterfront Park</i>, not in Commission Chambers but at churches and neighborhood associations with widespread support with over 100 public</p>	

	<p>hearings. December was the last meeting in Chambers with updated drawings of the <i>Park</i>. The Lake Pavilion was approved that will accommodate 200 people (sit down), with 3,000 sq.ft. extended to the patio area that will also include full catering. PRAC's recommendation was to have a representative to attend public meetings, workshops with Commission, and focus groups with regard to the <i>Waterfront Park</i>. Kirk Olney, Kerry Gallagher and Gregory Burdick all volunteered. Christine brought up the maintenance needs and they need to be discussed, and to create a division with in The City for the <i>Park</i>. Christine's crew presently sets up for community events. Laban maintains bus stop, right of way, and Parks maintenance needs.</p>	
Public Comment	N/A	
Adjourn	PRAC adjourned at 5:40pm	<b>Next meeting April 13, 2007 Osprey Park @ 4:00pm.</b>