

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
(February 14, 2006)

Present: Steven S. Newburgh, Curtis Kelly, Annie Harrison, Patt Sned, Charlotte Presensky, Kerry Gallagher, and Gregory Burdick.	Staff present: Christine Thrower, Laban Reeves, Johathan Bramley, and Carol Cook.
Absent: Cliff Bridges	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow up
Approve minutes	Minutes approved from the Jan. 7 th and Nov. 8, 2005 meetings were approved.	
PRAC election	After two rounds of secret ballot voting, Charlotte Presensky was elected Chair, and Patt Sned was elected Vice Chair. Mr. Newburgh was thanked for his service as Chairman for two years.	Notify Mayor's office of new officers.
Capital Project Review Jonathan Bramley and Christine Thrower	Replacement of air conditioning at Coleman. Ms. Harrison asked questions about the wet play area that is also part of the Coleman Park renovations. She also inquired about the Gaines Park wet play area. Mr. Bramley indicated the plumbing problems appeared to be solved and engineering was participating in the process. Mr. Bramley reviewed the rest of the projects on the capital list (attached). The Gaines Park Bridge is in engineering for final review and expected to be permitted in the coming month. Final community meeting on the \$2 million from County Commissioner Addy Greene is scheduled for Feb. 23.	The new unit will cost about \$85,000 and is expected to be installed by Summer. Ms. Thrower will bring photos of the wet play areas that are being installed at Coleman and Gaines Parks to the next meeting. Status of community meeting on \$2 million facility will be reviewed at the March meeting.
Maintenance Update- Laban Reeves	Mr. Reeves reported that the long awaited "Westwood" sign has been agreed on. and Mr. Reeves is now waiting on the inscription from the neighborhood association. Tables have been added at Dreher Park to the medium pavilions, and Gaines Park had pavilion tables replaced. Trash receptacles have been order through the Palm Beach County at \$65.00 per container.	
Director's Report	Jaega Middle School- Ms. Thrower met with principal John Stevens who was supportive of opening the ballfields to the community. Currie Park - Plans were presented at Commission Work Session to get direction on entrance location. After reviewing, Commission requested a traffic study before	Ms. Thrower was asked to check on a key to the gate and rest rooms. Further information will be provided as plans develop,

	<p>making a decision on , with developer driving progress. Phase II will add restrooms located by the MLK area.</p> <p>Haverhill Park - Ms. Thrower provided an update of the vacant land. The location has 48 usable acres for park land and design efforts will be coordinated with residents. Current plans include building affordable workforce housing on the property. There is presently no funding for park.</p> <p>Phipps Park/Skates US Update - Ms. Thrower reviewed concerns about the condition of the skate park at Phipps park that were brought up at the January meeting. After meeting with the skate park operator, guidelines and responsibilities were reviewed. More consistent monitoring of the property will continue as a result. Financially the facility was maintaining budgeted predictions</p>	<p>Further information will be provided as plans develop.</p> <p>Meetings to continue to iron out operating difficulties.</p>
Riverwalk Park	The existing plans for Riverwalk Park were presented and reviewed given the change in location of the fire station. Ms. Presensky said the plans had changed so much that it was more appropriate to solicit input from the community before bringing it back to PRAC.	Ms. Thrower to schedule community meeting to gather input for Riverwalk Park.
Other Business	Hurricane fund recovery: Ms. Harrison asked if funds for repairs caused by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne had been received yet from FEMA to repair damage done to Gaines Community Center.	Ms. Thrower to look into receipt of funds and report at the next meeting.
Meeting adjourned	5:50 pm	