

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

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

Topic	Discussion	Follow up
Approve Minutes	Minutes approved from February 14, 2006 meeting.	
Selection of PRAC representative for Waterfront Committee.	Members discussed who would represent PRAC at the Waterfront meetings.	PRAC members Kerry Gallagher and Gregory Burdick agreed to share representing PRAC at the Waterfront meetings.
Presentation by ARC Director.	Julie Lobdell, Director of Recreation for ARC addressed PRAC members regarding her program, and how the City of West Palm Beach supports and combines efforts for programs ARC offers for special needs individuals. She said WPB offers the most comprehensive program for people with disabilities in Palm Beach County and is a model program for other communities.	
Capital Project Review, Jonathan Bramley and Christine Thrower.	<p>Ms. Presensky thanked Julie for her presentation and said programs like ARC remind people that parks and recreation is about much more than sports. She asked if the PRAC was to have involvement with the Art in Public Places committee since so many parks have art components.</p> <p>The Coleman Park wetplay plan is to have the water play and pavilion installation by summer camp 2006. Visual plans of the wet play areas were viewed by PRAC members.</p> <p>Anne Harrison volunteered to represent PRAC at the Gaines Park architectural selection committee for the new multipurpose building.</p> <p>Gaines Park bridge survey should be complete by 3/3/06 and the installation should be ADA compliant and coded to withstand winds in excess of 140mph.</p> <p>Riverwalk Park remains the final park to be revisited for master planning since the Fire Station is no longer on the site.</p>	<p>Christine will check with Joan Goldberg on the committee involvement.</p> <p>Preparing RFP, awaiting county contract to post RFP.</p> <p>Christine Thrower to set up Riverwalk community meeting.</p>

<p>Maintenance Update Laban Reeves</p>	<p>Mr. Reeves said the RFP for Woodlawn Cemetary only received one bid. Curtis Kelly volunteered to represent PRAC at the Woodlawn meetings.</p> <p>Blum Park Upgrades ground breaking is scheduled for 3/21/06. Mr. Reeves reported Westwood Park has fountain problems. Vandalism at Mary Brandon Park includes; benches and concession stand. Phipps Park; graffiti, and Gaines Park damaged cameras. Northwood Center play area set fire. Cliff Bridges expressed a need for crime prevention with funding and perhaps we could work with the Citizens on Patrol Group.</p> <p>Tree replacement grant (\$75,000.00) will be complete September 2007.</p>	<p>Christine will check with the PD on crime prevention techniques.</p>
<p>Director's Report</p>	<p>Christine reviewed her written report to the committee on Gaines Park Multipurpose Center, shared diagrams of the wetplays at Phipps and Gaines, updated progress on Jaega Middle School, Haverhill Park, FEMA funding and an upcoming public meeting on Flamingo Park.</p>	<p>Ms. Presensky asked for PRAC members to support community meetings by having at least one member attend. Ms. Greene said she would attend the Flamingo Park meeting.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>The Northwood community is asking for the addition of picnic pavilion adjacent to the volleyball courts to provide shade and a place for them to use. Some concern was raised about the condition of facilities in the Northwood area.</p> <p>Greg Burdick asked what happened to the opportunity to meet with the community. The group discussed the merits of getting out to various communities and inviting their participation at PRAC meetings since people were not coming to the PRAC meetings in City Hall to discuss ideas and concerns. He suggested the next meeting be somewhere near Northwood to invite the community to discuss their needs.</p>	<p>Ms. Presensky spoke about the meeting format and meeting in 519 instead of chambers to create a more accessible environment and spoke in support of going into the community, stating community members need the PRAC's help to support their parks and recreation needs. She asked anyone who did not like that format to let Christine know.</p> <p>The April 11 PRAC meeting will be held at the Northwood Adult Center at 4 p.m. and Christine will work with Neighborhood Services to notify the community of the meeting.</p>
<p>Visitors:</p>	<p>Two students within the Florida University System attended the PRAC meeting.</p>	
<p>Adjourned:</p>	<p>6:13pm</p>	