

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
(April 11, 2006)

Present: Clifford Bridges, Patt Sned, Kerry Gallagher, Ann Harrison, Curtis Kelly, Gregory Burdick.	Staff present: Christine Thrower, Carol Cook, Laban Reeves, Jonathan Bramley, Denise Malone.
Absent: Charlotte Presensky	
Resignation received from PRAC member Steven S. Newburgh on April 10, 2006.	

Topic	Discussion	Follow up
Approve Minutes	Minutes approved from April, 2006 meeting.	
Northwood Facilities and Community Input	<p>Mary Copeland a resident of Northwood area for 50 years voiced that the community has no facilities for residents. She recently found out the gymnasium being built is for the use of the Boys and Girls Club, not the residents of the neighborhood. Ms. Copeland would like to meet with the Boys & Girls Club administration in regard to area concerns for neighborhood children.</p> <p>Resident Pierre Odllion stated that he is in support of neighborhood kids having a facility and being able to utilize the Boys and Girls Club.</p>	<p>25 year lease to Boys and Girls Club, and also includes the gymnasium.</p> <p>Invite Boys and Girls Club administration to next PRAC meeting in May.</p>
Denise Malone, City Planner with a comprehensive plan overview report.	Denise Malone introduced a comprehensive plan and explained that Parks and Recreation is a required part of the comprehensive plan with long range goals, objective and policies. Reviewed every 7 years. Ms. Malone wants PRAC input when looking at elements and those things that need to be updated.	
Capital Project Review, Jonathan Bramley and Christine Thrower	<p><i>Coleman Park</i>, no bids received from Mini Bid, working with Dick Smith on AC directly. The water play, and pavilion has been ordered and requested an expedited delivery.</p> <p><i>Currie Park</i> bathrooms are complete.</p> <p><i>Flamingo Park</i> meeting brought about a consensus that a monument to the 1920's flood with the buried be memorialized.</p> <p><i>Gaines Park</i> bridge purchase order was issued</p>	<p>Bathrooms open now to public.</p> <p><i>Flamingo Park</i> planning meeting will be 6pm May 2nd at Howard Park.</p>

	<p>on April 4, 2006 with a request to expedite. Concession, press box and bathrooms severely damaged with a upgrade of ADA on bathrooms.</p> <p><i>Gaines Head Start Bldg. Renovation</i> was approved at the April 10th commission meeting.</p> <p><i>Gaines Park</i> phase II is nearly done.</p> <p><i>Hillcrest</i> final planning is on hold until a review of the sale of <i>Hillcrest</i> by the DOT is complete.</p> <p><i>Phipps Park</i> project is on target for scheduled completion around Memorial Day for Ribbon Cutting.</p>	<p>Awaiting review comments.</p> <p>Discussing final scope of RFP.</p> <p>Tennis B.R. is almost complete, pool restroom is underway. Wet-play/baby pool will soon be completed. A ribbon cutting is scheduled around Memorial Day.</p> <p>Inconsistencies in the survey have come up.</p> <p>May 2006 will see the field closed for re-sodding.</p>
<p>Maintenance Up-date From Laban Reeves</p>	<p>Mr. Reeves reported on the 400 new trees purchased from the grant for \$75,000.00 that would be completed by June 2007.</p>	<p>Earth Day is May 2nd at South Olive.</p>
<p>Directors Report by Christine Thrower</p>	<p>Christine stated that the Skate Park in Phipps Park, presently managed through Skates USA, has more potential than the current operation at the center. She stated the upcoming budget recommends the city take over beginning in October. Patt Sned mentioned the Waterfront meeting focus group and the screen presentation with waterfalls and floating docks. Christine told PRAC members that Coleman Park received a security camera/monitor, compliments of the closed Blowfish restaurant on Clematis. Christine reported the Flamingo Park meeting was held in March with seven attendees, including the architect, engineer and builder. The architect will revise the plan to reflect the comments on a monument to the buried souls, and lighting of the five banyan trees. Christine indicated that the Art in Public Places</p>	<p>Christine to call Joan Goldberg regarding Waterfront meetings notification to PRAC.</p>

	is awaiting direction from PRAC to identify sites that could be used for the display exhibits.	
Okeechobee Entrance to the City	Greg Burdick asked what happened to Gumby Park.	Christine will check on the status of Gumby Park and report at the next meeting.
Visitors:	Mary Copeland, Pierre Odllion, and Gail Levine.	
Adjourned:	5:50 p.m.	Next meeting 5/9/06 at Northwood Adult Center.