

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2006
Gaines Park Community Center

Present: Charlotte Presensky , Patricia Sned, Kerry Gallagher, Curtis Kelly, Gregory Burdick, Kirk Olney	Staff present: Christine Thrower, Laban Reeves, Jonathan Bramley and John Roach.
Absent: Ann Harrison, Cliff Bridges	Guest: Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell

Topic	Discussion	Follow up
Approve Minutes	Minutes approved from May, 2006 meeting.	
Planning Department Presentation/ School Board land swap, John Roach, WPB Sen. Planner	<p>John Roach presented pending issues; 1995 Interlocal Agreement with the school board, including a draft agreement not yet reviewed by the City. The school district is looking to complete their modernization of Westward Elementary School, located on Golf Road/Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Included in his report was a map of said area and land swap parcels.</p> <p>Parcel 1, lease by Urban League, owned by the School District.</p> <p>Parcel 2, leased by Sickle Cell, owned by City.</p> <p>Parcel 3, Melanie Jenkins Park, owned by the City.</p> <p>Parcel 4, vacant, owned by the City of West Palm Beach</p> <p>Parcel 5 & 6, leased and maintained with the School District, owned by the City of West Palm Beach. Appraised value as of November 5, 2005, \$590,000.00. School District would like to purchase/swap parcel for Westward Elementary construction project. Westward Elementary was not included in the comprehensive plan.</p> <p>Mr. Granberry noted a ball field on the school property. Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell spoke about a Joint Use Agreement on school grounds with open access for the public with no fences.</p>	<p>Consensus with PRAC members was to make sure the public had access to green space. Charlotte Presensky said the “trend with the school board is to add retention ponds”.</p> <p>Curtis Kelly noted not in favor of a chain link fence which is uninviting to public access. PRAC members were not in favor of giving up Melanie Jenkins Park because of community use and asked to be included in the design details of the renovations of the other city parcels.</p>
School Board representatives; Randall D. Granberry, Senior Planner, and Joyell L. Shaw, Real Estate Specialist.		
Redemptive Life	Curtis Kelly asked if we could do something	Christine said she would be

Expansion	with the land next to Redemptive Life to make it more pleasing. Commissioner Mitchell noted this as an opportunity to move forward with improvements and all PRAC members agreed, stating what we can live with, you will have to maintain.	sure to include development in a future CIP.
Capital Project Review, Johathan Bramley, Director of Engineering Services.	<p>Jonathan Bramley told PRAC members the bridge at Gaines Park is being shipped out on June 19, 2006 ahead of schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ombres Park permitting is expected to delay the full completion of this project until Feb. 2007. • Riverwalk Park master plan for the entire project is required for environmental permitting. • Vedado Park roof estimate for new roof in hand, \$35,000.00. Code issue, tiles not anchored. • Ombres Park to be named. 	<p>Christine to look into environmental funding</p> <p>PRAC members to discuss how to properly name a Park at the next meeting.</p>
Park Maintenance update, Laban Reeves Assistant Director of Parks Maintenance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saratogo Dog Park irrigation is waiting on electrical permit. • Horticulturist being hired. • Tree replacement grant from 2004. 	
Director's report by Christine Thrower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flamingo Park Art in Public Places reviewed the recommendation, and did not like the pedestal which the art would sit upon. • Boys and Girls Club Dennis Carpenter present at PRAC meeting. Funding will be sought for expanded programming in the upcoming budget. Opening up gym after hours for adults and kids. • There will be a RFP selection meeting open to the public for the renovation of Gaines Park and "Head Start" on June 21st @ 2pm in the multi-purpose at Gaines for the selection of an architect. . 	A follow-up meeting will be scheduled.
Public Comments	Olivia Bethel, neighborhood representative for Rosevelt Estates spoke of concerns over the Gaines Park renovation. Ms. Bethel also mentioned she doesn't like the adventure	Christine said she would keep Ms. Bethel informed of any new developments regarding Gaines Park.

	island/ pavilion rental area due to water surrounding the island. Concerns were placed about the Redemptive Life expansion dealing with the height of the new facility.	
Board Comments		
Adjourn	6:00pm	Next meeting July 11 th , City Hall, Room 519 @ 4:00pm.