



**Parks and Recreation Department**  
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West Palm Beach, FL 33405  
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**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

*Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2005*  
City Hall, Commission Chambers

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**Members attending:** Steven S. Newburgh, Clifford Bridges, Gregory Burdick, Kerry Gallagher, Annie Ruth Harrison, Curtis Kelly, Charlotte Presensky, Leila Rouady (absent), and Patricia Sned.

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**Call to order:** Steven S. Newburgh called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm.

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Review minutes from May 10, 2005 PRAC meeting and make corrections/additions.

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**Corrections made to the May 10, 2005 PRAC meeting minutes under New Business;**

- a. Patt Sned requested again for the City's Attorney's office to provide in writing the requirements of financial disclosure for members of the PRAC committee. Steven S. Newburgh said he will look into getting this completed.

City attorney Claudia M. McKenna states in a memo dated August 3, 2005 to Steven S. Newburgh, Chairman for PRAC, "The PRAC is not an advisory board which we report to the State as requiring financial disclosure".

- b. PRAC requested one Center Director and a representative of the Centers "friends of" the Community Center attend the monthly PRAC meetings to report on the Centers programs.
- c. A motion was requested from PRAC members in support of the Currie Park Master Plan, as dated May 10, 2005. Motion is now signed by Steven S. Newburgh, Chairman for PRAC, in support of the May 10, 2005 Currie Park Master Plan.

Additionally, there was motion for signage, at the Currie Park boat ramp, to be put in place for limited parking. This motion has been signed by Steven S. Newburgh.

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**New Business:**

- a. Reed Daniel, Gaines Park Recreation Campus Manager reported to PRAC members on Gaines Park, and was accompanied by Kayse Little a City of West Palm Beach resident. Ms. Little spoke of the fine activities and programs offered at Gaines Park for which her children participated.
  
- b. "Arts in Parks" and Waterfront updates presented by Joan Goldberg, Project Manager for the *Waterfront Park*, touched on various design concepts with her PowerPoint presentation for PRAC members. Joan Goldberg also asked for three members of PRAC to serve with AIPP members on this board. Joan Goldberg was asked to furnish a copy of the *Waterfront Park* schematic to PRAC members. According to Joan Goldberg the first phase of the *Waterfront Park* will be completed by January 2007. PRAC members commented on discussions of bringing in the YMCA to a run a downtown recreation facility the City has a department that can provide these services. Ms. Goldberg responded that it was only conceptual.

Ms. Goldberg informed PRAC of a Meeting on August 3, 2005 with AIPP members and PRAC members.

- c. Discussion on the Phipps Park memo to Ed Mitchell, City Administrator for the City of West Palm Beach from Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell. All work on Phipps Park to cease immediately till further discussion; Ogsden Street closure. Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell spoke of a board meeting which staff Leah Rockwell and Jeff Halverson will present the latest plans for Phipps Park. Phipps Park map for all PRAC members, phase II.
  
- d. For the record at the request of PRAC member Patt Sned, the subject of Phipps Park and construction involved was never discussed at a PRAC meeting, therefore no conflict of interest.
  
- e. Laura Schuppert Director of Parks and Recreation told PRAC members of her recent resignation, and her last day of service would be on July 22,2005. Resolution and recognition of years of service dedication and appreciation from the PRAC Board.

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**Continuing Business:**

- a. Leah Rockwell, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation spoke on Summer Camp, Gaines Park peanut carnival. July 30, 2005 Dreher Park Walk,Run Dash cook-out during the evening hours at Dreher Park on Summitt Blvd. Ribbon cutting ceremonies to take place at Apoxee Park and the N.W. Estates Butterfly & Garden Park. Leah Rockwell also state that Laura Schuppert Director of Parks and Recreation will be given the key to the City of West Palm Beach at the next City Commission meeting on July 18,2005. Leah Rockwell also spoke about July being National Parks and Recreation month.

b. Laban Reeves, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for Parks Maintenance Division spoke on rain and related issues of what problems it presents. Laban Reeves also told PRAC members of sod replacement for South Olive Park, Westwood Park light replacement installed, and Mary Brandon's dog park extension for small dogs.

c. Ken Reardon, Director of Public Utilities gave report on the budget status. Gaines Park bridge contract to be signed. Resolution No.254-05 authorizing the waiver of the Performance and Payment Bonds pursuant to Florida Statutes 255.05 for the M-Canal Pedestrian Bridge and Gaines Park Pedestrian Bridge.

Mr. Reardon to e mail the most current budget to all PRAC members prior to the monthly PRAC meetings.

d. Currie Park Master Plan with Merco and Sanchez and Maddux.

**Note:**

- Motions Passed;** a. Currie park boat ramp parking signage issue.  
b. PRAC supported Currie Park's Master Plan.  
c. Sale of property across the street from Lake Mangonia Park on Australian Ave.

**Note:**

**Correction on minutes reply;** a. Financial disclosure for PRAC members request in writing per Patt Sned. City attorney Claudia M. McKenna states in a memo to Steven S. Newburgh, Chairman for PRAC, " The PRAC is not an advisory board which we report to the State as requiring financial disclosure". Dated 8/03/05

**Note:** PRAC members to supply Steven S. Newburgh with questions concerning *Focus Group*.

Adjourned: 6:50 p.m.

Time Change:

**Next PRAC meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in Commission Chambers on August 9' 2005.**

Attest:

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Carol E. Cook,

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Steven S. Newburgh,

Secretary  
City of West Palm Beach,  
Parks and Recreation Department

PRAC Presiding Officer