

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2006  
South Olive Community Center

<b>Present:</b> Charlotte Presensky , Patricia Sned, Kerry Gallagher, Curtis Kelly, Cliff Bridges, Gregory Burdick, Kirk Olney and Ann Harrison	<b>Staff present:</b> Christine Thrower, Laban Reeves, Jonathan Bramley, Leah Rockwell and Rene’ Connors.
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Guest:</b>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Follow up</b>
Approve Minutes	Minutes approved from July, 2006 meeting.	
Summer Camp Presentation by Recreation Manager, Rene’ Connors.	Christine Thrower, Director of Parks and Recreation introduced Rene’ Connors Recreation Manager to PRAC members. Rene’ presented her Summer Camp presentation 2006 named “City Fun”. She touched on the <i>City of West Palm Beach</i> mission statement of offering children the opportunity to have fun and learn new skills in a safe, supervised environment. Rene’ said that The <i>City of West Palm Beach</i> works with the Community Action Council in offering scholarships for children in summer camp. Additionally, the <i>City of West Palm Beach</i> also offers fee assistance to City of West Palm Beach residents for their children attending summer camp. The summer camp program has 10 weeks of summer camp, specialty camps and a week of extended camp. Sailing is also offered on Lake Mongonia offered during the summer time as a specialty camp, which also extends to adult classes on Saturdays.	
Capital Project Review, Jonathan Bramley, Director of Engineering Services and Christine Thrower, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.	Jonathan reported that the Gaines Park bridge only received one bid coming in at \$88,000.00 to install, and has to be re-bid which will begin September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006. Ann Harrison PRAC member addressed the issue of the bridge going on for the past couple of years, and nothing being done. Jonathan reported that the bridge is built, and waiting to be shipped. But with the re-bid going out September 12 <sup>th</sup> has caused the delay.	

<p>PRAC member comments on Public Meeting attended.</p>	<p>Greg Burdick PRAC member attended the Waterfront meeting and commented that he was very pleased, plans are beautiful with a great design with beachfront. Greg requested that all members view the presentation.</p>	<p>Christine Thrower to follow up on a date and time for PRAC members to view the plans for the Waterfront project.</p>
<p>Maintenance update with Laban Reeves, Assistant Director of Parks.</p>	<p>Laban Reeves reported some down time in regard to Parks maintenance due to tropical storm days preparation and work days lost. Fountains at Dreher and Echo Lake Parks are up and running. Vandalism in Parks is still an issue. Chillingsworth was vandalized, and playground equipment was burned beyond recognition. Christine said she spoke with a young man when she was viewing the destruction and he gave her a name in regard to who had started this fire. Police are now investigating.</p> <p>Ann Harrison asked Mr. Reeves in regard to water spigots at pavilions in Gaines Park. Laban said he would check on the exact locations, but noted that pavilions 1 &amp; 2 have water.</p>	<p>Christine Thrower will address PRAC members at November's meeting in regard to "Park Patrols".</p>
<p>Upcoming <i>City of West Palm Beach</i> meeting(s).</p>	<p>Christine said Redemptive Life Fellowship meeting with regard to traffic on Australian to block off the Gaines Park entrance will be held tonight September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm</p> <p>Meeting at Gaines Park September 21<sup>st</sup> for the master plan process to bid out to be held in the multi-purpose room.</p>	
<p>New Business; FRDAP grant applications by Leah Rockwell, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation.</p>	<p>Leah Rockwell reported that we have just received two electronic checks for Gaines Park and Phipps Park in the amounts of \$200,000.00 each from DEP. The City of WPB is now eligible to apply for two new for FRDAP (Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program) grants. Each grant is for a match of \$200,000.</p> <p>1.) Phipps Park Phase 3 to include baseball field renovations, basketball, a new playground, perimeter fencing, exercise/bike trails, irrigation, etc. 2.) Currie Park to include pavilions, playground, walking/fitness trail, soccer/multi purpose field, tennis court</p>	

	renovations, restrooms, etc.	
Park Naming procedures	Christine Thrower addressed PRAC members in regard to Ombres Park that requires to be named. PRAC members all agreed that a criteria needed to be set forth in reference to the historical value of any Park naming and re-naming. Naming a Park would reflect the area, and re-naming a Park would require specific criteria.	Further discussion on Park naming and re-naming at future PRAC meetings.
Public Comments		
Board Comments	Discussion about priority issues came up again with a recommendation that the committee consider establishing priorities for focus to be discussed at next meeting in October.	Christine Thrower wants each PRAC member to bring their top “3” things to address at next meeting in October.
Adjourn	5:40pm	Next meeting Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 City Hall Room 519 @ 4:00pm