

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2006

City Hall, Room 519

Called to order at 3:40 pm

Present; Patt Sned, Kerry Gallagher, Greg Burdick, Ann Harrison, Cliff Bridges, Kirk Olney	Staff present: Christine Thrower, Laban Reeves, Jonathan Bramley.
Absent: Curtis Kelly	Guest: Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell, Joan Goldberg.

Topic	Discussion	Follow up
Approve Minutes	Minutes approved from Sept, 2006 meeting. (October 2006 meeting was cancelled, no quorum)	
Waterfront presentation by Joan Goldberg	Joan Goldberg addressed PRAC members with a PowerPoint presentation with a rendering of <i>The Waterfront Commons</i> located on the Intra-coastal and Flagler Drive. The project will connect the waterfront with Clematis Street in downtown West Palm Beach. The area will consist of pathways, restaurants, water gardens with art exhibits, a visitor's center, and patio areas with a nightly light show. PRAC members concerns were shown over Flagler Drive remaining 4 lanes, and Joan stated that the 4 lanes would remain. on Flagler Drive. Kerry Gallagher asked Joan if the visitor's center would be staffed? Joan responded that the center would have its own infrastructure.	
Stephen Boruff to present Master Plan of West Palm Beach Golf Course and Mary Brandon Park.	Presentation was postponed until the details are completed.	
Capital Project Review, Jonathan Bramley, Director of Engineering Services and Christine Thrower, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.	Jonathan Bramley stated that Coleman Park water playground and pavilion will be complete by February 2007. The Gaines Park bridge is completed and waiting a C.O. Ann Harrison said she was disappointed in the new bridge, she wanted a wooden bridge like adventure island has at Gaines Park. i.e.; see follow up.	PRAC members, Commissioner Mitchell, and Christine Thrower to meet at the bridge site November 27 th to discuss location and materials used to build bridge.

	<p>Ombres Park permit received to begin work on the sea wall and beach area. Park name and signage still being finalized with community input. Placido Mar residents recommends “Osprey Park.”</p> <p>Flamingo Park planning <i>Face of City</i> presentation in December. Grassy Waters Boardwalk is working on seeking fund raising at this time.</p>	
PRAC member comments on Public Meeting attended.	N/A	
Maintenance update with Laban Reeves, Assistant Director of Parks.	<p>Laban Reeves stated that Phase I of the \$75,000.00 grant project to replace trees is complete. Oak tree planting in Dreher Park will start in late January 2007, and will be complete by August 2007.</p> <p>□□□□□□□□□□□□□□, at Saratoga Park will have a dedication ribbon cutting on December 15th, 2006. The park includes shade structure, pet station, benches, and night lights.</p> <p>Ann Harrison addressed Mr.Reeves in reference to Westward Park and the rusting posts that are located at the canal at 13th Street.</p>	
Youth Empowerment Center Update by Christine Thrower	<p>First center to open is Norwood Center in December. Center to open 3pm-9pm weekdays, and Friday & Saturday till midnight.</p> <p>Cliff Bridges stated no activities for kids on the north end, what are we doing for this part of the city Military to 59th Street? Cliff feels we are rushing into this YEC.</p> <p>Christine stated Palm Beach County is putting money into the program. .</p>	
Park Naming procedures	<p>The park naming policy was reviewed with changes made since the last input. Committee members expressed support for separating the naming and re-naming procedures and recommended approval.</p>	<p>The committee approved the Park Naming Policy and recommended it be referred to City Commission for approval.</p>

PRAC elections	Kerry Gallagher will replace Charlotte Presensky as Chair, and Patt Sned will remain Co-Chair. The PRAC committee still remains minus two members at this time. Present members are: Kerry Gallagher, Patt Sned, Cliff Bridges, Ann Harrison, Curtis Kelly, Gregory Burdick and Kirk Olney.	
Public Comments		
Board Comments		
Adjourn		Meeting has been changed to Grassy Waters Preserve to meet at 3:30pm December 12, 2006.