

February 10, 2004

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS:

Cliff Bridges, Gregory Burdick, Kerry Gallagher, Annie Ruth Harrison, Curtis Kelly, Charlotte Presensky, Leila Rouady, Steven Sloane Newburgh, (Chair), and Patricia Sned (absent).

ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Steven Newburgh, Chair.

REVIEW, ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES OF DECEMBER, 2003 AND JANUARY, 2004.

December, 2003 minutes passed unanimously with Mr. Burdick's one change: Page 2, S. Olive Recreation Center-South Olive Recreation Centers' gymnasium's noise level is the issue, recommending engineer to begin a study modification. January, 2004 minutes passed unanimously by PRAC Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Fees and charges for services-Parks & Recreation Department- a detailed list was distributed to Board members illustrating fees charged.
- B. Commission Chambers is available for the March 9, 2004 meeting, 4:00 p.m. It was announced by Mr. Newburgh there will be a bus tour conducted on the north side of City of West Palm Beach Parks prior to the regular scheduled meeting. Board members were requested to meet at **City Hall, Main Lobby promptly at 1:45 p.m. and R.S.V.P. to Karen Lemire, 835-7042 as seating is limited.**

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- A. **Project Status Report-Ken Rearden, Director of Public Utilities-** a parks project status report through December 31, 2003 was distributed to everyone. Update of Dreher Park illustrating construction and progress photos were also distributed.
- B. **PARKS MAINTENANCE ISSUES-Laban Reeves,** Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation-Mr. Reeves gave a report on the following updates:
 1. Gator at Gaines Park-finally captured and returned to natural habitat.

2. Moat-Signs will be installed throughout several parks-“DO NOT LITTER”.
3. Coleman Park-sod and paths done.
4. Howard Park -sod in.
5. Gettler Park-light fixtures will be installed in March.
6. Providencia Park-sign is up facing Flagler Drive.
7. Linear Park - Mr. Bridges recommended staff to prepare letter on behalf of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to the neighborhood association about the trash problem and take a proactive approach and assign a representative from the association. Ms. Kelly agreed it is crucial neighborhood is involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bus Tours- Mr. Newburgh announced bus tour dates and time which are scheduled for March 9 and April 13 at 1:45 p.m., City Hall. Please R.S.V.P. to Ms.Lemire, 835-7042.

Request made by Mr. Newburgh to add heading entitled,“**BOARD COMMENTS**” **AFTER** “**PUBLIC COMMENT**” on agendas beginning March, 2004.

REQUESTS:

Request made by Chair to remain an agenda item:

1. Boat Launching at Currie Park
2. Boys & Girls’ Club at Northwood.

OTHER:

Please supply e-mail address to Ms. Lemire. Ms. Harrison’s e-mail has changed: Harriar@bellsouth.net

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Open for public comment. Concerns were expressed with regard to issues with Boys & Girl’s Club.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

March 9, 2004, Commission Chambers, 4:00 p.m. after tour of north side City parks, 1:45 p.m., City Hall, Main Lobby.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

KAREN LEMIRE
CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

STEVEN S. NEWBURGH
PRESIDING OFFICER

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