

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Jetta Point and Soldiers Creek Park – Status Report

DEPARTMENT: Library & Leisure Services **DIVISION:** Parks & Recreation

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Agenda Date <u>2/27/07</u> Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. Consultant presentation on the status of the development of the Jetta Point property and the redevelopment of Soldiers Creek Park. (Dave Larsen - PBS&J)

2. BCC authorization to proceed with design of Jetta Point project in anticipation of full project funding in Fiscal Year 2007/08.

(District 2 – Commissioner McLean)

BACKGROUND:

Over the past two years, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the development and operation of Jetta Point and Soldier’s Creek Parks on several occasions.

The following is a summary of where the County is in the development process, as well as information regarding the Central Florida Sports Commission.

Development

On October 25, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to proceed with the preliminary master planning process for Soldier’s Creek Park, evaluating recreational alternatives and including cost estimates, addressing all environmental limitations, as well as realigning the Cross Seminole Trail to the north of the site.

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On February 14, 2006, the Board unanimously approved the redevelopment of Soldier's Creek Park as a baseball only complex. The Board also directed staff to have value engineering completed on this project, to move forward with the formal design of Jetta Point with both multipurpose and softball fields, and to devise a phased development schedule to coordinate with the activities of the Seminole Softball Club which currently operates under a priority use agreement at Soldier's Creek Park.

On September 12, 2006, the consultant, PBS&J, presented the conceptual site plans with estimated project costs and the proposed schedule. The projected cost of the development of Jetta Point was estimated at \$9.9 million. The amount budgeted for the Jetta Point project is \$4.3 million. Soldier's Creek was estimated at \$7.8 million. The amount budgeted for the Soldier's Creek project is \$4.9 million. Cost estimates include consulting services.

The projected development schedules for the parks were also presented. The projected schedules assume that Jetta Point will be completed first to allow for the relocation of the Seminole Softball Club to that site prior to the redevelopment of Soldier's Creek Park. The estimated completion dates are Jetta Point, February 2009 and Soldiers Creek, December 2010. The project schedules require that additional funding is made available from the General Fund in the amount of \$5.6 million for Jetta Point prior to the award of the construction bid in April 2008. For the Soldier's Creek redevelopment project, \$2.9 million from the General Fund will be needed prior to the award of the construction bid in January 2010. Project funding would be appropriated as part of the budget process.

On September 12, 2006, the Board directed staff to proceed with securing planning and zoning approval for the proposed development at Jetta Point from the cities of Oviedo and Winter Springs. This has now been completed.

The consultant will present a status report on both projects.

Central Florida Sports Commission

In response to the Board's goal of developing and promoting Seminole County as a sports destination, staff requested that the Central Florida Sports Commission review the conceptual site plans for both Jetta Point and Soldier's Creek Parks. Sports Commission staff surveyed potential event organizers. John Saboor, President/CEO, will present recommendations for both sites as sports venues, the preferred management model for the parks, as well as potential organizers with an interest in scheduling future events.