

SEMINOLE COUNTY LESIURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARKS & RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2009 – 7:30AM

SYLVAN LAKE PARK
845 LAKE MARKHAM ROAD
SANFORD, FL 32771

Bob Goff called the meeting to order – members present: Bob Goff, Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Don Nicholas.

Old Business:

1. Parks Master Plan

- Committee discussed strategy to prepare for a possible bond referendum for park renovation and improvements for the future. The political climate is critical and the next budget cycle will continue to make park services vulnerable to budget challenges.
- Committee discussed the need to continue to strengthen our marketing campaign for improved public awareness, visibility and viability of our parks and programs along with providing detailed accounts of our participation and impact.
ACTION: Julia stated that we have park usage and participation numbers and can prepare this information in great detail for the next committee meeting.
- Committee requested a list of parks both City and County along with accompanying detail with regards to critical needs.
ACTION: Julia will initiate the park listing for the next subcommittee meeting.
- Committee discussed the need for development of a new School District Agreement to include joint usage, the potential for maintenance, capital improvements and the desire to strengthen the relationship with the Schools. Julia reported that this has been a goal of the Department and initial meetings were held last year prior to the budget challenges. Draft language has been prepared but it still needs work in order to move this forward.
ACTION: Julia will work with Joe and the School District administration to rejuvenate these discussions. Updates to be provided as needed.
- Bob Goff suggested making a proposal for a “test” school in an underserved area that might provide mutual benefit for the school district, the residents and allow the Department to show good faith and build credibility towards our efforts.
ACTION: Julia will bring several recommendations forward to the Committee at the next meeting as to potentially underserved schools and the need for expanded recreation services.

New Business:

1. Minimum Standards for Youth Sports

- Julia brought forward draft policy for the Committee to review regarding establishing minimum standards for youth league organizations who schedule County Parks as their “home base” for holding their games. These standards include requiring back ground checks

for all coaches and volunteers along with the potential for parent agreements. The committee agreed to review the material provided.

- Bob Goff suggested that we also provide the information to the school district for the review and research what their requirements are so that we can be in alignment.

ACTION: Julia responded that she will work with the School District Administration and bring information back to the Committee. Information will be reported as available. Goal would be to take the minimum standards to the BCC in February 2010.

OTHER ACTION:

- Julia/Bryan to select two neighborhood parks to review renovation needs with the Committee for the next meeting. Committee thought that if we started with “low hanging fruit”, that it might be easier to accomplish establishing and prioritizing needs along with a budget.
- **NEXT MEETING: Softball Complex, Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30am**