

**PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS & RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Wednesday – June 1st, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

**City of Oviedo
Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility
148 Oviedo Blvd.
Oviedo, FL 32765**

Attendees: Dru Boulware, Mark Litwhiler, Tracy Rodriguez, Mark Brandenburg, Don Nicholas, Tom Boyko, Thomas Kelly, Cindy Harkins, Steve Waring, Danny Trosset and Julia Thompson

Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 9:04am and introductions were initiated.

- Julia discussed the goals for the joint workshops with the Cities and thanked Mr. Dru Boulware for hosting our second session and for providing wonderful location and refreshments for the meeting.
- Mr. Boulware welcomed everyone and provided marketing information on the City of Oviedo Parks and Recreation by way of their activity brochures along with a Power Point presentation which reviewed the following information:
 - Oviedo has a population of approximately 36,000
 - Discussed the challenging budget situation where 18 positions have been eliminated
 - Oviedo Parks and Recreation brings in approx. 1.2 million in revenue which is about a 35% cost recovery ratio.
 - Oviedo Parks and Recreation completed a Parks Master Plan with consultant Glatting Jackson (now AECOM) in 2006. The idea was to adopt a Centennial plan to connect the City's Past to its Future. Goals for the master plan have been in progress with regards to facilities and amenities needed based on citizen phone survey; however, progress has slowed or been delayed due to the economic downturn. Originally over \$110,000 million in estimated improvements and facility needs were identified.
 - The City partner with many groups such as Babe Ruth, Pop Warner Aquatic groups and participation has grown in all programs and partnerships. Adequate space for recreation and sports programming continues to be a challenge especially with lighted multipurpose turf fields.
 - Identified needs for additional Senior Programming
 - Oviedo does service a large area of un-incorporated Seminole County such as Geneva and Chuluota and charges a non-resident fee to accommodate participation. Updated fees and charges were approved by their Council in 2009.

- Discussed the development of Shane Kelly Park and the Partnership with the County. The park has great opportunities for tournaments and events.
 - Volleyball is also big for Oviedo and discussion centered on partnerships with the schools. Related that the schools charge for usage and that for years the cities and county have been working to improve relations overall. Each City has worked with the school district with varying degrees of either support or challenges for shared usage of facilities.
 - Ms. Harkins discussed the tennis needs and highlighted about our USTA grants program and partnership.
 - Discussed the City's sponsorship with Coke and how positive it has been; however concessions overall is a challenge.
 - Projects that are on the table include Round Lake Park, Completion of Shane Kelly Park, construction of a "Challenger Field" to name a few.
 - Identified some key opportunities to explore with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau – Danny Trosset will set up a separate meeting for some time in the future.
 - Dru also mentioned that they do a citizen survey every two years and would forward those results as there are questions about Parks and Recreation services. Survey results should be available within a month or so.
- Julia shared updates on Seminole County Leisure Services and their goals to hopefully incorporate some funds for a joint Master Plan with the Cities, County, Schools in full partnership for some time in the not so distant future.
 - Steve Waring highlighted his project over the past several years of compiling data on both facilities and programs for the County and all the cities using SCRC contacts in order to have a better picture of current inventory and services.
 - Julia asked everyone to provide comments and thoughts on this process from around the table.
 - The meeting concluded with either questions or comments from each participant about how much they appreciated the City of Oviedo taking the time to host the workshop and how much they learned from the meeting.
 - The April & May minutes were declared approved as submitted.
 - Next Steps: Julia will prepare minutes and send out to all attendees along with an update to the County's Parks and Preservation Advisory Board.
 - Next City/County Workshop is with the City of Altamonte on Wednesday, July 6th at the Seminole County Softball Complex.
 - Tom Boyko adjourned the meeting at 11:05am as Mr. Brandenburg had to leave early.