



Indian River County Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Notes

Present were:

Thomas Johnson III, Board of County Commissioners Appointee
Chris McCarthy, City of Sebastian Appointee
Michael Ochsner, Indian River Shores Appointee

Absent were:

Councilmember Kevin Sawnick, City of Vero Beach Appointee
Billie Minnis, North County Appointee

Also present were:

Joseph Flescher, IRC Commissioner Liaison
Sasan Rohani, IRC Long Range Planning
Cliff Crawford, Recreation Director
Mike Redstone, Assistant, Recreation Director
Tina Zayas, IRC Health Department
Debbie Kay-Whitehouse, City of Vero Beach Recreation Committee

Call to Order

Commissioner Flescher, IRC Commissioner Liaison for the Parks and Recreation Committee noted there was not a quorum. He suggested continuing with the meeting and scheduled presentation with no motions or actions being taken.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 3, 2009 could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

Review of the Recreation and Open Space Element

Mr. Sasan Rohani provided a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file at the Commission Office. Mr. Rohani gave a brief explanation of the “Circle of Planning”, the purpose of the Evaluation and Appraisal Review Based Amendments and the process for amendments. He stated the Recreation and Open Space Element was scheduled to be presented at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of February 11, 2010.

Mr. Rohani briefly reviewed some of the policies and objectives included in the element. Mr. Johnson turned the committee’s attention to page 47, Policy 2.1: By 2015, the county will, based on funding availability, shall complete the development of remaining improvements identified in the South County Regional Park Master Plan. He inquired about the reason for not including a pool for the South County Regional Park Master Plan.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the North County Aquatic Center, the Gifford Aquatic Center and the possibility of adding a pool to the South County Park Master Plan.

Mr. Rohani said he would present Mr. Johnson’s suggestion to Mr. Keating, Economic Development Director, for consideration. He encouraged all committee members to send additional comments and suggestions to his office.

Next Meeting

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2010.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.