

September 18, 2003

The Pinellas Assembly Recreation, Structures and Financing Task Force met in the Pinellas County Park Department Conference Room, 631 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 3:00 P.M. on this date with the following members present: Jerry Provenzano, Chairman; Carlen Petersen, Co-Chairman; Jim Appelt; Elizabeth Darnell; Steve Heller; Ralph Marlow; Lynn Rives; and Elizabeth Warren.

Absent: John Day and Chris Eaton.

Also in attendance: Steve Fairchild and Jim Miller, Pinellas County School Board; Joseph Morrissey, County Attorney's Office; Chris Staubus, Utilities Department; Kathy Swain, Park Department; Lee Metzger and Susan P. Ajoc, City of St. Petersburg; other interested individuals; and Carol J. Jones, Board Reporter.

AGENDA

- I. Overview/General Discussion
 - a. Where are we?
 - b. Where are we going?
 - c. How do we get there?
 - d. Who else do we need to talk to?

- II. Guests
 - a. Joe Morrissey, Pinellas County Attorney's Office
 - b. Jim Miller and Steve Fairchild, Pinellas County School Board
 - c. Kathy Swain, Pinellas County Park Department

- III. Public Input

- IV. Task Force Member Input

- V. Tentative New Meeting Dates
 - a. November 6
 - b. November 20
 - c. December 4
 - d. December 18

- VI. Adjournment

Chairman Provenzano called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

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OVERVIEW/GENERAL DISCUSSION/GUESTS

Chairman Provenzano introduced Senior Assistant County Attorney Joseph Morrissey to the task force members; whereupon, in response to the Chairman's question of whether the County has the authority to negotiate an agreement with the Pinellas County School Board with regard to the issue of public use of public land, Attorney Morrissey indicated that the School Board has implemented the policy with various municipalities and governmental entities; and that it would be feasible for the County to initiate a similar arrangement.

Following Mr. Fairchild's distribution of a listing of interlocal agreements that the School Board has entered into with various governmental entities, topics of discussion with regard to use of school facilities included:

- Costs involved in use of school facilities
- Utilization of open space areas
- Security and liability of site
- Legislation to defer liability
- Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) millage

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At this time, 3:55 P.M., Co-Chairman Petersen left the meeting.

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Ms. Swain distributed a handout titled *Ed Radice Sports Complex*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and responding to queries by the members, indicated that the sale of alcoholic beverages is currently under consideration at adult tournament events; that she was unsure whether the \$7.6 million cost figure included land acquisition; and that all the sports fields will have lighting no later than January 2004.

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PUBLIC INPUT – NONE

TASK FORCE MEMBER INPUT

Alluding to the task force assignment to recommend a viable use for the Toy Town property, Mr. Marlow offered that bicycle motocross will be an Olympic event in 2012; and that approximately 300 people race go-carts at the soon-to-be demolished Sunshine Speedway; whereupon, Chairman Provenzano presented the following proposals for consideration as recommendations to the Pinellas Assembly:

- Accessibility to therapeutic recreation
- Active recreation in all parks countywide
- Signage advertising in parks
- Toy Town developed as regional recreation complex
- County to work with School Board with regard to liability/supervision issues including legislative relief
- Equitable recreation at equal cost

Following discussion, Chairman Provenzano asked the members to bring back suggestions for possible funding sources to accompany the proposed recommendations; whereupon, Mr. Appelt suggested that a matrix be furnished to the members outlining the options that have been discussed at the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Provenzano noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 2; and that a goal of the task force is to complete the project no later than November; whereupon, he adjourned the meeting at 4:48 P.M.