

Clearwater, Florida, October 16, 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; Elizabeth Darnell; John Day; Steven Heller; and Ralph Marlow.

Absent: Jim Appelt and Chris Eaton.

Also in attendance: Elizabeth Warren, Park Department; Susan Ajoc, City of St. Petersburg, for Lynn Rives; 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. Public Input
- III. Task Force Member Input
- IV. Adjournment

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

OVERVIEW/GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Provenzano referred to a draft summary of the proposed recommendations discussed by the task force thus far, which has been filed and made a part of the record; and indicated that following a video titled *Facing the Challenge of Change*, the aforesaid items will be open for discussion.

Ms. Warren reported that pursuant to discussion with Assistant County Administrator Elithia V. Stanfield and several County attorneys, a change to the Home Rule Charter is not necessary to implement active recreation in County parks; that a House bill has been passed pertaining to utilization of Pinellas County school facilities with regard to city and county government; and that Ms. Stanfield will research other comparable legislation and report back to the task force; whereupon, she updated the members on recent organizational changes within the Park Department.

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PUBLIC INPUT – NONE

TASK FORCE MEMBER INPUT

Following the video, Chairman Provenzano indicated four proposed recommendations:

- Therapeutic Recreation
- Sponsorships
- Alternative uses for Toytown
- Better utilization of joint use with Pinellas County School Board property

Thereupon, he suggested that a fifth recommendation be considered wherein the task force proposes that the agency assigned to addressing redevelopment throughout the County include an open space recreation provision in the redevelopment plan.

Responding to the Chairman's query as to a fee structure proposal for use of municipal recreational facilities by unincorporated residents, suggestions included:

- Limit on amount of reimbursement
- Reimbursement provided to municipality
- Fee reductions in lieu of Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) grants
- Increase in MSTU millage rate

At the request of the members, Chairman Provenzano reaffirmed the upcoming schedule of meetings:

October 30
November 6
November 20 (tentative)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 P.M.