

Clearwater, Florida, November 20, 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; John Day; Steve Heller; Ralph Marlow; and Lynn Rives.

Absent: Jim Appelt, Chris Eaton; and Elizabeth Warren.

Also in attendance: Kathy Swain, Park Department; Susan P. Ajoc, City of St. Petersburg; and MaryAnn Penhale, Board Reporter.

A G E N D A

- 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. and referring to three documents regarding proposed recommendations of the Task Force, copies of which have been filed and made a part of the record, directed the members to review the items and offer their comments and input.

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At the direction of Chairman Provenzano, there being no objection, the meeting was recessed at 3:02 P.M. and reconvened at 3:10 P.M.

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OVERVIEW/GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Provenzano led discussion and received input from the members with proposed recommendations regarding:

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- methods of reimbursing unincorporated resident fees
- needs-based scholarships
- possible reimbursement cap

Following deliberations, comments and suggestions from the members, Chairman Provenzano conducted a detailed paragraph by paragraph review of the document beginning with the section titled *Overview* and noted the following changes:

Overview - Page 1, paragraph 2, sentence 1 - amended to read:

One of the obvious conclusions is that virtually all public athletic/recreation complexes in Pinellas County are actually in and have been developed by the individual municipalities. (No objections noted)

Mutual Respect and Cooperation

No changes (Vote 5-0)

Sponsorships

No changes (Vote 5-0)

Grant Programs

No changes (Vote 5-0)

MSTU Funding – Page 2, Paragraph 5, Sentence 4 – amended to read:

Offering funding of \$1.8 million per year seems inadequate for full participation in Municipal facilities. (Vote 5-0)

Redevelopment

No changes. (Vote 7-0 – replaces vote taken of 6-1 taken at previous meeting, with Mr. Marlow casting the dissenting vote)

Scholarships for non-resident fees – Page 2, Paragraphs 3 and 4 – amended to read:

Municipal Recreation Card Fee Reimbursement for Unincorporated Residents

Currently unincorporated residents who must pay the non-resident fees are eligible to apply to Pinellas County for a reimbursement of those fees.

We propose that only households that qualify for the School Lunch Programs or other such public assistance would be eligible for a “Municipal Recreation Card Reimbursement.” We further request that those households that qualify be admitted to

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their program of choice without the need to pay the up-front fees to the City, and that the City involved request fee reimbursement from Pinellas County.

We further recommend that qualifying households be limited to one "Recreation Card Reimbursement" per calendar year. When applicable, an individual or family recreation card would be utilized, otherwise reimbursement would be on a per capita basis.

(No objections noted)

Ms. Petersen briefly outlined the untitled document related to the School Board. Following discussion, she suggested that the wording in italics in Paragraphs 1 and 4 be deleted; and Chairman Provenzano suggested that the order of paragraphs two and three be reversed; and that Paragraph 4 be amended to read "There is current legislation pending to address this issue"; whereupon, Mr. Day moved approval. (Vote 5-0) Chairman Provenzano confirmed that the words "(Attachment 1)" at the end of the new Paragraph 3 will also be deleted.

Upon presentation by Chairman Provenzano, the members discussed the document titled *Recommendations for Toytown*.

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At this time, 4:15 P.M., Ms. Petersen left the meeting.

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Following discussion, Chairman Provenzano noted the following changes to the *Recommendations for Toytown*:

Page 2, top bullet continued from page 1 – following "areas designed for team competitions; etc." add "for the needs of county residents."

Page 2, next to last bullet – delete entire paragraph and replace with "In addition to providing increased recreation space and opportunities for our residents, the proposed complex could provide substantial economic impact by hosting invitational tournaments and events."

Page 1, bullet 7 – amend to read "The Toytown acreage should be used for the development of a recreational sports complex, not a golf course."

Thereupon, Mr. Day moved acceptance; and no objections were noted. Chairman Provenzano indicated that Ms. Petersen had indicated her approval; and that therefore, the vote is 5-0.

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Chairman Provenzano indicated that the members not in attendance will be informed of the foregoing via e-mail in order that they may submit any suggestions or changes; and that unanimous consent will be sought.

Chairman Provenzano reviewed the minutes of the November 6, 2003 meeting; and stated that the issue of therapeutic recreation is in process but remains to be addressed at the next meeting.

During discussion, he referred to the document titled *Overview*, and suggested that the first sentence under *Mutual Respect and Cooperation* be amended to read: "It is our overall recommendation that the County, Cities and not for profit organizations continue to search for and participate in mutually beneficial programs to provide recreational opportunities for all citizens"; and no objections were noted.

Chairman Provenzano adjourned the meeting at 4:28 P.M. and confirmed that the next meeting will be held on December 4, 2003 at 3:00 P.M.