



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2003**

The August 12, 2003 Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 3:35 P.M. by Mayor Harold Radcliffe at the Town Hall, 190 - 173rd Avenue, North Redington Beach. The following were present:

Commission:	Harold Radcliffe	Mayor
	Richard L. Bennett	Vice Mayor
	Gary D. Curtis	Commissioner
	Raymond D. Jagielski	Commissioner
	Jerold Knight	Commissioner
Others:	Henry Browning	Marilyn Hall
	Linda Fisher, Pinellas Planning Council	Mr. Poterbin
	Bruce Mercer, Public Works Director	

SUBJECT: RADCLIFFE PARK

1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GAZEBO INSTALLATION

The groundwork for the gazebo is done and the slab and footers will be installed next week if the park is dry enough. The building will be delivered no later than September 1, 2003 and installation of the building should take five days after delivery.

2. REVIEW OF PLAYGROUND PLAN INCLUDING PROPOSED EQUIPMENT AND PROJECTED COSTS

The Board began by discussing items that need to be included in the grant proposal. Ms. Fisher explained the grant process, which fully funds projects under \$50,000; funds 75% of projects from \$50,000 to \$150,000; and funds 50% of projects over \$150,000. The Board decided larger trees (@\$500 each) around the gazebo and playground were needed. They talked about and expanded the scope of the application to include the playground and other park facilities as well as landscaping. The gazebo, which the Town is installing soon, will be included. Engineering and planning costs were included in the appropriate portions of the project.

Discussion, including ideas put forth by residents present, centered on each of the items to be included in the application and the planned cost of each. They were:

- a. Playground equipment geared for the 6-12 age group with some small part for younger children - \$15,000
- b. A rubber poured-in-place mat to provide a safe, soft surface under the playground equipment at \$15.00 per square foot - \$22,500
- c. Two water fountains that are easy to operate as well as durable - \$4,000
- d. Six benches that are heavy enough or fastened down securely enough they won't tilt and cannot easily be stolen - \$4,000
- e. Six "picnic-type tables with attached benches made of concrete or powder-coat steel to provide a place to picnic in the area - \$6,000

- f. *Walkways around and through the park area to be used to walk/jog, roller blade, etc. with cement in the center and pavers on the outer edges - \$30,000*
- g. *Fill and drainage improvements to fill in low areas, which now collect rainwater, and install a drainage system to direct rainwater to the proper street facilities - \$25,000*
- h. *Trees, six large oak trees to provide shade for children and people using the playground and the gazebo area at \$500.00 each - \$3,000*
- i. *Eleven other smaller shade trees interspersed throughout the park - \$5,000*
- j. *Landscaping to follow the plan drawn by the landscape architect which includes the trees listed above as well as 68 3-gallon hibiscus and 40 lantana plants - \$25,500*
- k. *Sod to cover the remaining area of the park including an open area where children can play ball or fly kites - \$10,000*
- l. *Gazebo, which will be under construction soon, to allow for a site for Town celebrations, parties following the July 4th parade, the boat parade, etc. - \$65,000*

3. **REVIEW OF REVISED LANDSCAPE PLAN INCLUDING PROPOSED PLANTINGS AND TIMETABLE FOR INSTALLATION**

There was no estimation of times within which the planting of the park would be accomplished until the grant process is completed.

4. **RESOLUTION 2003 - 86 REVISING THE TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN TO INCORPORATE PLAYGROUND FACILITIES AT RADCLIFFE PARK**

The Board amended the resolution to include park facilities since it was written originally for the playground only. They also amended seconded paragraph to say "Whereas, the citizens of North Redington Beach demonstrated a need for a playground and park facilities but the project is not included in the Capital Improvements Plan; and". Commissioner Knight made a motion to pass the amended resolution and Vice Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. All voiced favor.

The public attending the meeting left following the discussion of the park.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE AND DISCUSSION**

Vice Mayor Bennett attended a meeting of officials of the Gulf Beaches Public Library's co-owning municipalities. Ten years ago the five towns agreed to a formula to equitably share the costs of operating the library. The amounts paid by each town have been adjusted yearly. Last month Treasure Island said their Commission budgeted \$60,000 for the library and that is what they would pay. The share by the formula is \$95,000. The officials of the other four communities present at the meeting would like to remind Treasure Island the five communities have a contract, still in effect. However, they wanted to ascertain from each of the separate Commissions their feelings on the issue. Commissioner Knight made a motion to appoint Vice Mayor Bennett to represent North Redington Beach and state the official position of the Town is to honor the contract. Commissioner Jagielski seconded and the motion passed by affirmation.

6. **WORK SCHEDULE AND OFFICE HOURS CHANGE**

The office staff only would like to try working 4 ten-hour days each week rather than 5 eight-hour days. The office would be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. Commissioner Jagielski made a motion to accept the change. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. All showed in favor verbally. The new hours will begin September 2nd. The public works staff is not involved with the change.

Mayor Radcliffe presented a timeline drawn by Progress Energy representing the anticipated

time required for each of four phases of the underground project. He explained Roger Pryor of Verizon said his schedule is the same as PE's since PE is laying Verizon's conduit. Pulling the lines and finishing up individual hookups would take about three months. The Mayor also mentioned Chris Jackson, who is locating the sewer laterals, was having some difficulty because the water table is so high.

Commissioner Jagielski reported the progress made in the planning of the Oktoberfest. The Board collectively picked a glass mug from an assortment as the one to give to those attending the anniversary festivities. They were told several restaurants have committed to providing food; a small "oompah" band will perform; a big tent with seating will be provided; port-o-lets will be provided by Waste Management; tickets will be sold before the event and food coupons will be exchanged for the ticket or \$10 the day of the party. It was decided to list sponsors on the brochure rather than on the mugs. Raffle-type drawings will be held as well. Bill Queen will visit the businesses to get donations for the celebration.

Commissioner Jagielski made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon V. Proehl, CMC
Town Clerk*