

Park Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2003  
Fire Station, 7:00pm

Attended by 8 people.

One homeowner advised that he had spoken to county authorities, and there is a lot of maintenance that has to be done, if the county takes responsibility of making this a county park. However, this is not a county park, it is a private community park, and the primary activity is clearing evasive growth and making a trail.

Tanya read the previous minutes.

David Hager volunteered a survey of the park reproduced from an old survey that Dick Pope provided. It will be used as a working document to show what we want to keep and what we want to develop.

Turner Trucking company has been commissioned to haul two piles of debris for \$350 per truck load. Removal is expected shortly.

There was discussion of irrigation for the west park entrance. There is an irrigation connection that exists but is in poor repair connected to an adjacent homeowners sprinkler pump. It was the committee's **unanimous recommendation** to the Board of Directors that in exchange for letting the Association reconnect the pipe to provide irrigation to that entrance, that the Association provide that homeowner with a brand new American Postal Manufacturers mailbox (value \$149), on a simple handshake, provided that the homeowner make a written request to the board to do so.

At the previous Board of Directors meeting, Tanya said we were in Phase II of the park project. The park committee requested clarification from Tanya exactly what Phase II was. She said:

**PHASE II**

- Maintenance
- Defining and completion of path
- Landscaping Fox Hunt initial area
- Fencing
- Landscaping Ties
- Recycled Plastic
- Mulching Trail completely.

**Phase III** was introduced.

- Fence outside of path

Since these items had never been fully discussed before the committee, they will be discussed in much greater detail.

Fence - The philosophical question was raised: Do you fence the people in or do you fence the area's in? This was not decided, as there is no master plan yet.

At this point, each committee member was asked the following question:

**What are homeowners visions of what the park should finally look like?**

Each committee member was asked. This was a completely spontaneous input from 8 homeowners, and is included in these minutes.

#### Jackie

- Have a wild area
- Planned area
- Seating and Shade
- Oversized chess game (like they have in Europe)
- Have a gathering area

#### Ted

- Novelty Games
- Less formal about fences
- Habitable
- Picnic Area

#### Monroe

- Keep natural
- Emulate park on Lake Ida Road East of Military Trail ( Barwick Park? green area, clusters of palms and pines)
- Multiple mulched paths

#### Dave

- Fenced in Dog park (open grass area for dogs to run)
- Playground (maybe purchase old IBM kiddy park equipment)
- Concrete tables with chess boards

#### Gary

- Reopen Fox Hunt Entrance
- Solve security problem (more clear area so we can see through park, make more airy)
- Take Scrub out
- Do not approve poison chemicals for weeds in park

#### Susy

- Be able to walk through
- Benches
- Aesthetically nice
- Table by the Banyan tree

#### Joy

- Take out, plant, move on to other areas.
- Remove evasive
- Develop a plan - decide what you want to keep and what you want to develop
- Keep scrub, don't develop it, plant live oaks to replace the black olive trees.

#### Tanya

- Agree with the incorporation of ideas that people have said.
- initial part of trail - put fence for tortoise protection
- Benches in Ficus area
- Path mulched from Fox Hunt entrance to playground, so a stroller can be used.
- Path around the perimeter of the park
- Clean out bad area
- Designate ½ of the park for no development.

Mulch is scheduled to be delivered by Top Notch. They will do free delivery, as they would have to pay someone else a \$150 disposal fee. It is green mulch, stinks, and takes about 4 weeks to “cure”.

Chemicals were discussed. An industrial chemical (cost approximately \$150) was sprayed in the park along the path last week without the general consensus of the Park Committee. There was apprehension by several committee members about this being done without committee approval. Joy indicated that the county sprays a similar chemical at the Dryer Park Zoo for evasive next to zoo animals. It was recommended that there be no more chemical spraying, at least for the time being.

The committee recommended that Top Notch be requested to provide a quotation for clearing the area behind the playground. This area was cleared a couple of years ago, and there is only evasive growth in that area.

Next week end. It was decided to take a week off, wait until the two piles of debris is cleared, the mulch is delivered. Members are asked to visit the park individually to see what needs saving, and what needs removal, with particular focus on achieving the initial goal of putting the path in between the Fox Hunt entrance and the playground.

There was discussion at the last Board of Directors meeting of the concept of xeriscaping the Fox Hunt entrance. This was initiated without the general approval of the Park Committee members. Eric Estebanez was evidently instructed to obtain bids for xeriscaping that entrance. The Park Committee members asked Tanya to rescind that request.

The following items were brought up at the meeting, but time precluded further discussion.

- Determining path or paths for mulch
- Grading path for mulch
- Bid for sidewalk
- Bid for fence
- Bid for landscaping West Entrance
- West Side Sign
- Follow up maintenance plan within a few months
- A volley ball court in the Park
- Signs next to certain trees and shrubs identifying what it is along the nature trail
- Any other business or suggestions.

The Park Committee decided to have another meeting shortly, once the mulch has been delivered, the debris moved, and the individual inspections made.