

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. Present were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Paul, Councilmembers Crowley, Hubert and Starkey. Also present were Interim Town Administrator Kovanes, Town Attorney Kiar, and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting.

1. Everglades Working Group

Urban Forester Mike Orfanedes explained the background and function of the Broward Everglades Working Group and spoke of its on-going efforts to encourage relevant municipalities to reduce phosphorous loading in the C-11 canal. He spoke of the impact of pollution from various agricultural products on the canal, and outlined preliminary ideas and best practices for consideration with regard to the canal. Mr. Orfanedes discussed the *Florida Yards and Neighborhoods* and *Naturescape Broward* programs which offered property certification services which the Town and homeowner's associations that bordered the C-11 canal could take advantage of.

Councilmember Starkey spoke of the Environmental Board Meeting that the public could attend on November 17th where information would be provided on what municipalities and homeowner's associations could do to become certified.

Mr. Orfanedes discussed promoting outreach activities to educate retailers, the Town's Public Works staff, and the equestrian community, with regard to safe environmental practices. Councilmember Crowley asked that the Davie Waterway Cleanup be added to the list of actions being outlined.

Councilmember Starkey asked if the Central Broward Water Control District had established policies on how the canals should be treated. Councilmember Crowley responded that new policies regarding slopes had been addressed. Councilmember Starkey felt the Town should create a policy that mirrored the District's policy concerning littoral shelves and natural plantings. Councilmember Crowley asked what type of direction staff would need to draft an ordinance to address this issue. Mr. Kovanes indicated that he would direct staff to begin preparing a draft ordinance. Council was in agreement. Councilmember Crowley asked that the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Advisory Board, and the Davie Water and Environmental Advisory Board review and provide input on the ordinance.

Councilmember Starkey felt the Town should lead by example and incorporate the best management practices in the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments. She felt that *Know the Flow* and *Naturescapes* were critical programs that the Town's departments should incorporate.

Mayor Truex asked if costs were associated with some of the best management practices and if they would be a deterrent. Mr. Orfanedes felt that for the most part, the practices would require a change in mindset and education of the public. He felt the costs would be minimal.

Councilmember Starkey pointed out that with slow release fertilizers less water was used, which had an overall and longer-term benefit.

Steve Weinsner, of Allstate Resource Management, spoke of liquid fertilizers and their use in golf courses. He spoke of the differences between slow-release as opposed to quick-release products.

Mayor Truex asked why retailers sold other products that worked faster and how they could be encouraged to sell the more environmentally friendly products. Councilmember Starkey advised that one recommendation made at a previous workshop was to request that retailers advertise and offer low-phosphorous fertilizers in an environmentally-friendly section. She suggested that retailers could be asked to do this via a letter from the Town, explaining its goal of reducing phosphorous in the canals. Council spoke of efforts to educate retailers and residents about what type of fertilizers should be used.

Fred Segal, president of the Broward County Farm Bureau, spoke of a brochure published by the Water Management District and indicated that the nursery best management practices were still being developed. He felt that more publicity should be given on these issues.

Councilmember Starkey suggested that links be added on the Town's website that would provide further educational outreach and also publicize these issues for residents and equestrians.

Mr. Segal felt it was important that the best management practices be kept voluntary.

Jason Curtis, of Oakridge Farms, stated that there were more consumers in Broward County using fertilizers than professional companies. He felt it was important to educate fertilizer users in the larger areas of the County and South Florida that were affected by the C-11 canal to discourage them from simply buying any fertilizers they saw in Walmart or Home Depot.

Mr. Orfanedes spoke of recommendations put forward by Public Works Director Bruce Bernard. Councilmember Crowley asked if the \$3.5 million expenditure was already budgeted. Councilmember Crowley requested that this draft go before the before mentioned advisory boards for their input. Councilmember Starkey also requested that recommendations made at the current meeting be sent to the advisory boards for their consideration.

Julie Aiken, 3801 Flamingo Road, asked if anything could be done with the Town's Code retroactively, to require homeowner's associations to plant some kind of plants that would help filter the water and stop the pollution problem. Mr. Kiar opined that this would be difficult to enforce retroactively.

Mr. Curtis felt that the goal of ten parts per billion would be difficult to prove. He felt that a joint meeting of staff, all the advisory boards involved, and Council would be beneficial. Council agreed.

Mr. Weinsler felt that in addition to placing links on the Town's website, hard copies of the recommendations should be made to property managers and owners. He felt it was important that copies of the best management practices be provided.

Councilmember Starkey spoke of a previous meeting she attended for the Broward League of Cities, where copies on best management practices had been distributed. She felt this was just a matter of getting a copy from Peg McPherson.

2. Potter Park Multi-Purpose Building

Mayor Truex advised the public that the purpose of this discussion was to obtain information which would be reviewed further at a subsequent Town Council meeting.

Major Gary Killam spoke of the history of the Davie Police Athletic League (PAL) program.

Councilmember Hubert asked if the Police Department was still willing to volunteer its time to assist with coaching. Major Killam stated that some bridges needed to be gapped and advised that this depended on how the program was going to be run.

Donna Evans, representing the PAL, distributed a business plan with regard to running the concessionaire stands at the Bamford Sports Complex.

Mayor Truex asked how much money would be generated and what would be done with the funding. Brian Kaplan indicated that it was difficult to tell without viewing the financials.

Councilmember Hubert asked if the PAL had equipment and staff in place. Mr. Kaplan indicated in the affirmative and explained the plans that were in place to begin.

Councilmember Crowley asked if there was an existing contract on this concessionaire. Mr. Kovanos responded in the affirmative.

Will Allen, Community Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Administrator, spoke of the Children's Services Council (CSC) proposal to be excused from paying the Tax Increment Funding (TIF), in lieu of providing programming at the Potter Park Multipurpose Center.

Cindy Aranberg-Seltzer, representing CSC, explained how legislation exempted the CSC from paying TIF. She outlined CSC's proposal for forgiveness of the TIF payment, in favor of applying the funds toward the children's programs.

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Mayor Truex asked how the programs to be provided were determined. Ms. Seltzer advised that the CSC did not do research within the community but provided a recommended list of models and programs.

Shirley Taylor-Prakelt, Housing and Community Development Director, referred to data gathered from the Town's partnership with Memorial Hospital, indicating that after-school and daycare programs were most needed, which were the same types of services CSC provided.

Councilmember Hubert asked how the sliding scale was measured. Ms. Seltzer advised that CSC did not mandate its own sliding scale but asked providers tell them what their sliding scale was. Ms. Seltzer further pointed out that CSC targeted lower income families by subsidizing the cost of the program.

Mayor Truex asked what part of the Multipurpose Center CSC was considering utilizing. Ms. Seltzer responded that it was the Geri Clark Community Room. PAL Executive Director Joe Rimondi advised that the room was currently being used for various PAL activities. Ms. Seltzer advised that CSC did not need exclusive use of the room. Mayor Truex stated that this could serve as a funding mechanism for PAL.

Vice-Mayor Paul felt that combining the two programs was a perfect marriage with regard to funding, in that both agencies were attempting to serve children.

Mayor Truex asked about staff resources running other programs at the facility. Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Andresky advised of what staff's responsibilities were in relation to supervision of children. Mayor Truex opined that this seemed like a win-win situation.

Geri Clark gave a brief presentation and history on the subject and asked if CSC had considered any other facilities on the east side or whether a CRA-designated facility had to be used. She was concerned about additional issues that PAL would now have to consider such as teaming up with Parks and Recreation staff, securing guaranteed time slots for its activities, and usage/storage of PAL's equipment, and the computer room. Mr. Allen explained that the Davie Elementary School and other facilities had been looked at, but that their design was not suitable for the programs being discussed. Ms. Taylor-Prakelt explained how the Multipurpose Center came to be selected for utilization by CSC. She felt the issue should not become a turf war but that the best usage of the facility for programs that benefited the children should be the focus.

Vice-Mayor Paul did not want to see agencies compete for the space in the room. She felt that CSC and PAL could provide services that blended together for the community. Ms. Seltzer stated that she did not provide the professionals for CSC's services. She advised that CSC would put out an RFP for services. Ms. Seltzer suggested that PAL partner with other agencies that ran academic programs, then bid together to seek funding from CSC. Vice-Mayor Paul saw this as an additional resource for PAL to utilize and felt everyone could work together on this.

Mr. Allen advised that there was a timeframe that needed to be addressed. He indicated that the interlocal agreement would determine what types of services would be provided and what the target area would be.

Ms. Clark spoke of improvements that had been made at PAL. Councilmember Starkey agreed with Ms. Clark on PAL's successes, but advised that there were more challenges that had not been met at this time. She pointed out that the goals had always been focused on the kids and she felt that the movie night could also be done in the gym. Councilmember Starkey stated that several things still needed to be done to bring PAL's programs back on course, such as the sports programs, programs with the Panthers and Dolphins, and programs where police officers worked hand-in-hand with kids in the community on different activities. She recommended that PAL focus on letting the best possible programs for children be put forth. Councilmember Starkey felt that if Council could leverage monies from CSC funding and other revenue streams, it would be a win-win for all parties present. Norm Blanco asked Councilmember

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Starkey not to focus so much on the sports programs as PAL offered many more programs. Mr. Rimondi spoke of his past successes at the PAL in Miami.

Mayor Truex invited members of the public to speak.

Navar Montgomery, a resident of Davie, asked which children would benefit from CSC programs and whether the officials present knew the ethnicity of the community. Council responded in the affirmative.

Cari Rodriguez, a member of the PAL Board of Directors, felt Council was unfair because it was not allowing the new PAL Board to do the work it had been making progress on. She pointed out that a number of the board members were professionals.

Donna Evans spoke of the computer lab and the grant that PAL had applied for. She wondered what would happen if the grant were approved and then CSC was allowed to take over the programming for PAL.

Stephanie Scott felt the Town had missed some areas when the needs assessment survey was done and asked what areas had been surveyed. Ms. Seltzer advised that the survey was done by the neighborhood coordinator of Memorial Health Care and added that the Potter Park and Palma Nova communities had specifically been targeted.

Steve San Pierre, Director of Community Services for Memorial Health Care, advised that CSC did not run programs itself but provided funding. He indicated that he would be willing to offer technical assistance with writing a grant application so that PAL could receive funding from CSC.

Ms. Seltzer indicated that the RFP for services would be issued in January 2005, so a decision needed to be made and communicated to CSC by the end of December.

Mr. Rimondi indicated that he wanted to build a bridge between the Davie Police Department and kids using the PAL programs. He spoke of upcoming events planned for PAL including a basketball camp and extended an invitation to PAL's Open House on December 11th.

Councilmember Hubert asked Mr. Andresky who ran the pre-school program at the Eastside Community Center. Mr. Andresky advised that two staff members ran the program.

Councilmember Crowley asked if there was any reason why that building could not be used. Mr. Allen stated that this depended on requirements that had to be met regarding bathrooms and the number of children that could be accommodated.

Councilmember Starkey asked about using the community center for the primary grades. Councilmember Hubert stated that the building was large and often unused.

Mayor Truex stated that he came to the meeting to discuss usage of the multipurpose building and felt CSC's proposal was a good use of the building. He indicated that he was willing to go along with PAL's request to not consider its past history; however, Mayor Truex advised that he was unwilling to go along with an unproven program and was not willing to endanger children, referring to past complaints from parents about unsupervised children. He felt that staff and Mr. Kiar should review the PAL agreement for the Bamford Park concessionaire and if found to be acceptable, they should be granted the contract. Mayor Truex also felt that CSC should provide the funding for the program and added that the Multipurpose Center needed to be utilized regardless of whose "flag was on top."

Councilmember Hubert felt that both the Eastside Community Center and the Multipurpose Center should be served by PAL and CSC. She suggested that CSC use the Multipurpose Center for summer camps and run after-school programs at the Eastside Community Center. Councilmember Crowley agreed.

Mayor Truex stated that he was not 100% confident that there would be kids at the Multipurpose Center who were not at risk. He pointed out that he had not seen PAL's proposal. He stated that if the Town did not consider PAL's past, as they requested, then the Town put PAL in the position of having no track record to use as a basis, which he was uncomfortable with.

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Councilmember Crowley agreed with Councilmember Hubert's suggestions. He felt that PAL was now heading in the right direction with a dedicated board.

Vice-Mayor Paul spoke of the new direction being taken by PAL and felt Council could not dismiss the fact that it had a new director. She did not want to do anything to negate the positive new changes. Vice-Mayor Paul felt that Council should go ahead with the waiver and consider Councilmember Hubert's idea to utilize two buildings for different programs, since the same population would be served and the best of both worlds would be blended. Vice-Mayor Paul advised that the Town had planned on receiving a certain income from the concessionaire and was concerned about whether this was projected as incoming revenue. Mr. Andresky responded in the affirmative. Mr. Kaplan indicated that PAL planned on paying its fair share and was seeking the opportunity to meet with staff to see how much the Town anticipated.

Mayor Truex asked if CSC had to know if it had the waiver and/or the location by the mid-December deadline. Ms. Seltzer stated that CSC would need to know the location by the beginning of January 2005, if this were to be specified in the RFP.

Mayor Truex asked when PAL's proposal would be ready. Mr. Rimondi advised that the grant application had been presented to the national PAL. He indicated that PAL was required to have an educational component in its programs and he was not sure when PAL would receive the \$25,000 grant.

Councilmember Crowley asked Ms. Seltzer if it would be acceptable to seek funding in two locations. Ms. Seltzer responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Starkey asked Mr. Rimondi if the \$25,000 grant was tied to a specific learning component. Mr. Rimondi replied that it was earmarked for an educational component. Councilmember Starkey was in favor of waiving the TIF funds in order for those funds to be leveraged to help the children of the target communities with educational programs. She questioned if there was enough money in the Capital Budget to address the bathroom facilities at the Eastside Community Center.

Councilmember Hubert asked when the programs would be in place. Ms. Seltzer advised that the RFP would be issued in January and that the summer program would run June to August 2005. She added that the after-school program would begin in the new school year mid-August 2005.

Council gave direction for Mr. Kovanes to work on the concessionaire agreement from PAL, to waive the TIF payment for CSC, and authorize CSC to provide funding for the summer program and the MOST program at some other facility.

As there was no further business to discuss and no objections, Mayor Truex adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk