

## Wesley Chapel Parks and Recreation Committee

### Meeting minutes – September 21, 2009

Committee members: Sondra Bradford, John Lepke, Marne Holland, Julie Brown, Patricia Utley

Guests: Joshua Langen – Zoning Administrator

1. Meeting to order: 7:20 pm
2. Minutes for July and August approved
3. Agenda for September meeting approved
4. The power point presentation to be given at the public information session on Thursday, September 24, was reviewed in its entirety. During this time, the committee discussed the following:
  - a. Rules for participation at the meeting – for example will questions be allowed during the presentation or held until a certain stopping point
  - b. Statistics to be presented were vetted by the committee for accuracy and wherever necessary supportive data was also reviewed
  - c. Key definitions were discussed to enhance understanding – for example the difference between passive and active parks
  - d. The committee agreed that Sondra would begin the presentation with an introduction and hand off to John Lepke to present survey results and supporting data during the public meeting on Thursday
  - e. Photographs of sample properties were reviewed and will be tied to various parts of the presentation to illustrate ways to meet the public needs reflected in survey responses
  - f. Cheryl will take minutes at the public information meeting and a white board will be available to capture key items that come up in discussions
5. Tentative timeline / next steps – the committee discussed meeting with the downtown committee to update them and then meet with the council to obtain their feedback
  - a. In an effort to provide council with more information to support the committee's research, a suggestion was made to approach next steps in terms of phases. For example: Phase 1 – accept donations or purchase property along with the appropriate financial analysis. Essentially all of the steps necessary to provide a safe, cost effective, convenient, usable space
  - b. Julie pointed out that it is important to reinforce public participation. It should be as collaborative as possible to help control costs and inspire a sense of community
  - c. Further discussion focused on how best to present the different phases or options to council for their review. For example: a top priority property may cost more up front and require the least development vs. a second priority which may cost less up front but require more development.
6. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm