

**PLANNING WORKSHOP**

**PRESENT:** Chairman John Murphy  
Member Paul Riegelmayr  
Member Dan Rosier  
Member Skip Frink

**ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Larry Perryman  
Member Steve Davis  
Member William Laine

Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services stated that we are unable to hold the Planning Meeting for lack of a quorum. Member Steve Davis recently has had some health issues and was not out of the hospital and Vice Chairman Larry Perryman had a extenuating circumstance that he could not reschedule. Mr. Pierce noted that there are several vacancies on the commission that needs to be filled and would be brought back to the Board of County Commissioners attention to begin taking requests for appointments.

**FLORIDA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

- 1- **DW Wilson Park**
- Lighted Soccer Field
  - Lighted Basketball Court
  - Additional Playground Equipment
  - Paved Parking

In brief discussion of DW Wilson Park, Mr. Pierce stated that there were some possible funding for a grant to increase opportunities for children in the Apalachicola area. There are a few possible ideas such as a new lighted basketball court, lighted soccer ball court and some additional playground equipment that would bring more children and families outdoors for more recreation than previously. Mr. Pierce stated that there could be enough funding to include some paved parking to help alleviate the wet conditions during the rainy months. The audience as a whole stated that this would help kids get more active and bring other families to the park that would not ordinarily be there because there aren't any basketball courts at this park or an appropriate soccer field.

- 2- **Will Kendrick Park**
- Horse Arena
  - Little League Baseball Field (Ages 7-8)
  - Extra Bathroom Facilities
  - Extra Picnic Areas
  - Playground Equipment

In brief discussion of Will Kendrick Park, Mr. Pierce went on to include that there have been some new ideas for a possible horse arena to be centrally located along with some extra restrooms and picnic areas, in addition to that some playground equipment and a little league baseball field for 7-8 year old children. Several audience members stated that this would definitely be a great idea.

3- Eastpoint/ Vrooman Park

- Or Playground and Playground Equipment on newly purchased property located across from Eastpoint Pavilion
- Tee Ball Field at Vrooman Park
- Additional Playground Equipment at Vrooman Park

In brief discussion of the Eastpoint Area and Vrooman Park, Mr. Pierce stated that there were some ideas to use the newly purchased property located directly behind the old Suwannee Swifty Store and Patton Drive across from the new Eastpoint Pavilion to locate playground equipment. Mason Bean from the audience stated that that particular property should only be used for a parking area. Mr. Pierce went on to say that the funds could also be used to add a tee ball field and additional playground equipment to Vrooman Park. The audience felt the funds would be better used at Vrooman Park and would better benefit the children.

ST. GEORGE ISLAND COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WORKSHOP:

4- St. George Island Commercial District Visioning Workshop.

In much discussion during the visioning workshop, Mr. Pierce went over the current zoning of the area and mentioned the changes in the last 25 years. Mr. Pierce discussed with the audience about their current concerns. In brief please see the noted concerns to send to the Board of County Commissioners:

- Requests to amend the C-4 Commercial Mixed Use Residential Zoning District to require commercial business below and residential above and all others be non-conforming uses.
- On-Site Sewage Concerns
- Off-Site Drainfield Major Concern
- Right of Way use for Drainfields
- No Code Enforcement
- No Occupational Licensing
- Parking Concerns
- Stormwater Concerns

There being no further business to discuss the workshop adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
John Murphy, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Amy M. Kelly, Planning Administrative Assistant