

## April Newsletter

Greetings Residents of District Two,

April is here and there is a lot to cover for this month.

First we held TWO meetings concerning the Denny Dobbs Park, one on March 16, 2008 at the Tuner Lake Recreation Complex; this was a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners and the Recreation Board to determine alternate plans to build the Denny Dobbs Park. The next day the Board of Commissioners held a separate open meeting to determine whether we would accept the Recreation Board recommendation to go with the decision to allow Randy Vinson to act as a project manager to oversee the building of the Park, but what was brought to the board to consider were several options that were not given the prior evening. The Chairwoman brought her recommendation to disallow the submitted bids (they were too high) and to start the process over. Also, to allow outside vendors to bid for the project manager portion of the contract. This concept passed with a spirited discussion, but with few alternatives, I reluctantly accepted this course of action. District Three Commissioner Nancy Schultz added the following four stipulations for approval and District Four Commissioner J.C. Henderson added number five.

1. Not to exceed \$1.38 Million plus \$100,000 contingency fund to be deposited in a secure interest bearing account.
2. Guaranteed timeline from start to finish of 6 months with an additional 30 day extension in the event of inclement weather.
3. Define the county's role including man hours, time duration, equipment and monetary amount.
4. Not to commence grading until July 1, 2009 so as to give the BOC an opportunity to assess the constraints of the FY2010 budget.
5. To review expenditures (\$217,000.00) charged to the Oak Hill Park fund account. If expenditures are for anything other than Oak Hill Park (i.e. library or fire station) then money should be repaid to the Oak Hill Park fund account.

I would like to say that we ran Newspaper ads, passed out flyers and made numerous calls to residents of district two, but the two meetings were sparsely attended, WE NEARLY LOST THE SUPPORT TO BUILD THE PARK. There were others on the Commissions who wanted to put the park off for a year. It's very important for citizens to show up to give their support for this worthy project as the western end of the county does not have recreation facilities for families and individuals to enjoy. By showing up for these important meetings you SHOW other Commissioners that this Park is a priority, and is desperately needed for our district. If you receive this Monthly Newsletter, please tell your neighbors and others how to get on the web page, we need to make sure that everyone is informed about the Perspective. I can't do it without you.

Thanks again,  
Commissioner Simmons