

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

### **Proposed Bike Path and Connection to Oriental Recreation Center and Dolphin Point.**

Over the past 20+ years several Oriental Residents, Commissioners, and Friends of Oriental worked hard to provide solutions to the consistent request to establish a Bike Path in and around Oriental. Brief History is captured in the attached file: PaR Committees History.

We begin another quest to determine the viability and support to push forward to develop a plan to establish a Bike Path and perhaps Golf Cart Path in and around Oriental. The initial phase in the previous Bike Path proposals focused on the Trail (Path) from Oriental to the Recreation Center. The recent expansion of Highway 55 provides a paved shoulder for Bikes, although not optimum. Additionally, the use of the Recreation Complex has tapered off in the past ten years. The baseball and soccer fields have had limited use. The nets on the soccer fields are in shreds and the Obstacle Course is in disrepairs. However, the addition of the Dog Park has started to increase the traffic and usage of the complex.

Focus of the Committee: Validate the current interest and support of the Recreation Center and the need for a Bike/Ped Trail to accommodate access.

1. Develop a Survey to solicit the interest of the Oriental Residents. In a 2010 Parks and Recreation Public Survey: 90% Agree/Strongly Agree resources should be allocated to develop safe walking and biking infrastructures. Gage the current interest of the population.
2. Past Survey requests for the development Recreation Center: Horse Shoe, Lighting, Volleyball, Bocci Court, and Shuffleboard. Current thoughts of the Committee: Remote Control Flying, host Community Garden (raised beds in the non used sports fields), Community or Oriental Town Solar Field - turn Oriental a new shade of green.

The committee will continue the monthly walk about in the Oriental Parks.

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