

## NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION

Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation (NBCPR), an advisory board, held Thursday, September 13, 2007, in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

### Members Present

Ted Beck, Chairman  
Barry Gainer  
Dick Gossett  
Shawn Harris  
Gigi Henkel  
Scott Johnson  
George Newman  
Rick Pucci

### Members Absent

Dr. Ron Bobay, Vice Chairman

### City of Titusville Staff Present

Walt Johnson, Titusville City Council Person, Alternate Liaison  
Richard Stillwagen, Grants Coordinator

### Brevard County Staff Present

Don Lusk, Parks & Recreation Director  
Cheryl K. Page, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
Terry A. Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager  
Michael E. Barnes, Recreation Superintendent  
John Dacus, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Michael J. Rubacky, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Richard L. Tucci, Recreation Superintendent  
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator  
Jill Hill, Secretary

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### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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### **Motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by Barry Gainer, to excuse Dr. Bobay.**

**AYE: Beck, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Henkel, Johnson, Newman, Pucci**

**NAY: None Carried 8-0**

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT (items not appearing elsewhere on the agenda)

Bea Polk of Titusville stated she would like to know what has been done regarding a complete report on Marina Park. She stated she has heard many different things regarding what is going to happen. Ms. Polk inquired if a real report could be given as to what and when things will happen at the park. Ms. Polk requested that public comment be at the end of the meeting. She stated members of the public may not have to ask questions during public comment because they may have been answered in the meeting.

Joan Wheeler stated she had a handout from the County Commission meetings. She stated she has not read the minutes and was unsure how accurate they were. Ms. Wheeler suggested these minutes might give the NBCPR some insight on how much people have gone to the county. She stated at a meeting the other night there was a speaker for Marina Park who revealed some information he shouldn't have revealed but she is unsure what information that is other than an acre of property at Marina Park had been set off for the City. Ms. Wheeler believed this was for shower facilities for the people who were mooring at the river at the Municipal Marina.

She stated she was disappointed because it seemed as though the liaison for the City was running the first part of the meeting and it didn't sound right to her that the liaison was acting as a member of the committee. She stated because it has taken so long to work on Marina Park, the Little League died in January of 2006. Later in the meeting Mr. Lane noted Titusville Little League disbanded in January 2007. Ms. Wheeler stated the public does not understand why Marina Park is taking so long and that some people blamed it on her and all her talking about this stuff. She stated she did not have anything to do with it other than talk because she does not vote. She stated the committee has the right to know why some of these things were postponed and she handed out additional paperwork. She stated she does not like things done quietly and would like more openness.

Luis Delgado spoke on behalf of the sail school at Titusville Sailing Club. Mr. Delgado stated he has seen the concept for Sand Point Park and did not see any improvements for the two boat ramps there. He requested that improvements to the boat ramps be added.

Ted Beck inquired if the channel had been dredged and some additional work had been done. Luis Delgado stated the channel was dredged approximately five to six years ago. Mr. Delgado added that the ramp is broken off at the end and it needs repair.

Terry Lane stated there will be a meeting with the City of Titusville next week to discuss some improvements at the facility at Sand Point Park. Mr. Lane stated that there is a lot of power loading happening at the concrete

ramp at the north side of the Upland Building. He added staff is looking at some improvements to that. Mr. Lane stated the ramps to the south are very primitive and there is no channel there. He added staff can take a look at that and identify some funding in next year's budget to make some improvements. Mr. Lane stated the Sand Point Park Referendum Committee will be called together after a determination has been made on the Max Brewer Bridge as far as the design and the impact to the parks.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**Motion by Dick Gossett, seconded by Gigi Henkel, to approve the minutes of August 9, 2007.**

**AYE: Beck, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Henkel, Johnson, Newman, Pucci**

**NAY: None** **Carried 8-0**

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### IV. REFERENDUM & OTHER PROJECTS

A. Reports—Chuck Mays reported on projects in progress.

- Chain of Lakes—Soccer pavilions were delivered yesterday. A prefabricated storage building is ordered and due in late October.
- Cuyler Park—Softball field renovation permits were picked up yesterday and should be starting next week.
- Harry T. Moore Cultural Center—Phase II-Meeting with the A&E firm and the Zoning Department next week regarding whether it is a residential or commercial project. If the home is built as a true replica, there will be ADA issues.
- Holder Park—Redesign of the sewer system is being reviewed by the County Utilities Department and waiting for money to be transferred into this fund which should be done by the end of the month. The roof replacement on the old concession building is also waiting on funds.
- Manatee Hammock Shoreline—There will be a prequalification meeting for the contractor on September 27, and notice to proceed should be issued in October.
- Marina Park—The list of elements requested in the park given to the A&E firm. There should be another committee meeting in six to eight weeks.
- North Brevard Senior Center—The first proposal was too high for the roof repair on the east side of the building. A second proposal that was more in line with costs was received and staff has requested a purchase order. The project should start next month.

- North Brevard Senior Center Trail Project—The A&E firm is currently working on the wetlands. Staff is attempting to set up a meeting with the user group to discuss the results and see how they want to lay out the trails.
- Parrish Park—Scottsmoor Field Lighting—Staff is waiting on funds transfer.
- Pritchard House—Staff is waiting on permits for the foundation repair. The permit was submitted to the City on August 28.
- Sand Point Park—Staff is looking at replacing pavilions and waiting on funds transfer due to the end of the budget year.
- Scottsmoor Meeting Hall—The contractor has been prequalified. Staff is in the process of getting the contract signed by all parties. The project should start next month.
- Walter Butler Community Center at Bernice G. Jackson Park—Irrigation is being installed. Once FDEP clearance is received, water meters can be installed.
- Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier (Pier)—A&E design should be completed in November. Derelict boats were removed last week.

Terry Lane stated that he was informed that the Rails to Trails property will be purchased by the state next Wednesday. Mr. Lane stated he and Gigi Henkel can get with the committee after the purchase and start discussing a trail head.

Mr. Lane stated some modifications have been made to the Gibson Fields. He stated the east field will allow Temple Christian to play their school games there. He added all of the high schools have built their own stadiums and staff was trying to accommodate Temple Christian. He added their first game will be tomorrow night. Mr. Lane stated the goal posts were moved to accommodate the high school games.

Terry Lane stated the Marina Park meeting was approximately 3.5 hours long. Ted Beck stated he would like Dick Gossett to give a report regarding Marina. Terry Lane agreed and stated he would fill in after that if needed. Ted Beck inquired if Temple Christian paid for the labor to move the goal post and if they are paying for the use of the field. Terry Lane stated they are paying a rental fee for the lights and the field usage and they came out and worked with staff and brought a forklift to move the goal posts. Mr. Lane stated Rusty Gordon from Brevard Constructors brought his equipment out and staff supervised.

Walt Johnson thanked staff for taking care of Temple Baptist.

Dick Gossett reviewed the Marina Park Referendum Committee meeting of August 16 that ended at about 9:45 p.m. Staff had invited Dr. Robert Swett of the Florida Sea Grant program for a presentation that along with question and answer period took about 1-1/2 hours. Next the committee discussed prioritizing what they wanted Mr. Honeycutt to do. There was much controversy over a one-acre area on the SW side to support the infrastructure for the mooring fields. While the committee is not against mooring fields, they are against taking any of the public park property to support the mooring fields. A motion carried with one dissenting vote to remove that from the plan. Mr. Gossett noted that at the last NBCPR meeting he asked if the City of Titusville was going to use any portion of Marina Park for the Municipal Marina and received a negative response. Mark Leslie brought a letter dated back in February from the City Attorney that indicated that is what they wanted to do and was inquiring if it could be done. Mr. Gossett stated this has been on the board for quite a while and he thinks it is a controversy that will continue until it reaches disposition which will be whether or not the City will support the committee or if they will let part of that public property go to support the mooring fields. The committee was given a copy of a resolution to be presented to the CRA to designate one acre of property located at the SW corner of Marina Park for upland facilities required for the mooring fields. Mr. Gossett stated this was brought to the committee by the City representative and it was not on the agenda. He stated that this should have been on the agenda and an opportunity for public comment should have been allowed. Mr. Gossett suggested that the NBCPR members should consider attending the Marina Park meetings. Walt Johnson apologized for the item not being on the agenda and stated he would speak with the City Manager to be sure it does not happen again.

Terry Lane reminded the NBCPR about the Sunshine Laws if they chose to attend the meeting. Mr. Lane stated that boat ramps have always been a priority for the Marina Park Referendum Committee. He stated they are discussing an expansion of possibly four or five boat ramps. Dick Gossett stated he believed that Honeycutt and Associates would have plans in approximately four to six weeks. Terry Lane stated he would get a time line on the project. Ted Beck stated he believed the committee was doing a great job regarding the interest of the public.

#### B. North Brevard Referendum Prospective Projects

Terry Lane stated there were handouts available for the public regarding different projects that have been identified. Mr. Lane then explained the layout of the handout. Gigi Henkel inquired if the Rails to Trails project would have any additional grants. Terry Lane stated that Barbara Myer is looking at several different state and federal grants that will assist with development and improvements.

Shawn Harris stated he would like to speak with Terry Lane regarding Cuyler Community Center. Mr. Harris stated he did not believe the resurfacing was a priority and requested that Terry Lane get with Dwight Ziegler regarding this.

Scott Johnson inquired about the current fee schedule if there were any significant changes for the coming year. Terry Lane stated staff is looking at a minimum of a 10% increase in fees. Mr. Lane stated currently staff in the North Area collects approximately \$425,000 in program fees. He added that staff will present a fee schedule increase for programs possibly in October.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

Dick Gossett stated he would like to know what the status is of the go-kart track. Mike Barnes stated he and John Dacus have met with the quarter midjets and identified a piece of property they would like to work with. The group will submit their track plans to staff and if approved, will proceed with fund raising for the track.

Bea Polk stated she could like clarification on storm water at the North Brevard Senior Center. She stated the \$500,000 was not funded by the City; it was funded by the taxpayers. Ms. Polk stated she wants a correction on that. Terry Lane stated the County is waiting on an interlocal agreement with the City. Mr. Lane stated the funding would then be given to the City with full reimbursement from the City paid to the County. Bea Polk stated this is false for the taxpayers to see and it was not funded out of City money.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

Dick Gossett stated he wanted to make a motion that staff come up with a policy that anything that requires an action be on the agenda. George Newman stated this has already been addressed and a motion passed. Terry Lane stated he would have staff research this issue. Cheryl Page stated she believed this was discussed in May or June.

Ted Beck suggested attending the CRA and City Council meeting to see where the committee stands with Marina Park. Walt Johnson stated the issue has not come to the Council at this point and they are waiting for the process to be done. Terry Lane reminded the NBCPR about the Sunshine Laws if they chose to attend the meeting.

## VII. REPORTS

A. City of Titusville Staff Report—Richard Stillwagen reported that there will be a special workshop on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., at the City Council chambers. The purpose will be the possibility of establishing a mooring field offshore from the Municipal Marina.

### North Area Parks Operations Staff Reports

Mike Rubacky reported that there was damage to the Fox Lake pavilion when lightning blew a hole through the roof of the pavilion. There will be a cross country meet at Chain of Lakes this weekend. Rotary Riverfront playground will be installed this month. The gazebo at the Senior Center will be reordered due to problems with the existing order that has been cancelled.

Mike Barnes stated revenue for the year was good. He added Teen Fest was very successful. Mr. Barnes stated he and Richard Tucci are interviewing and will be making a decision on the coordinator for Walter Butler Community Center. Statham Park programming has been turned over to Jann Rollins to run teen activities from the center. The pier concession contract was emailed to Dania this morning. Mr. Barnes also announced that Betty Abel is retiring after 30 years with the County and that Mike Ramseyer will now be the coordinator for Sandrift Community Center.

Ted Beck stated that he and Barry Gainer will be with the NBCPR for another two years. Terry Lane stated he is grateful for the input from the NBCPR.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted M. Beck, Chairman

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