

## 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, March 13, 2008, in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

### Members Present

Ted Beck, Chairman  
Barry Gainer  
Dick Gossett  
Gigi Henkel  
George Newman  
Rick Pucci

### Members Absent

Dr. Ron Bobay, Vice Chairman  
Shawn Harris  
Scott Johnson

### City of Titusville Staff Present

Conrad Eigenmann, Titusville City Council Person, Liaison  
Jim Herron, Public Works Director

### Brevard County Staff Present

Kathie England, Administrative Aide to Commissioner Scarborough  
Cheryl K. Page, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director  
Terry A. Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager  
John Dacus, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Michael J. Rubacky, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Richard L. Tucci, Recreation Superintendent  
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator  
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

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### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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**Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Rick Pucci, to excuse absences.**

**AYE: Beck, Gainer, Gossett, Newman, Pucci**

**NAY: None** **Carried 5-0**

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

Francis J. Reilly, chairman of the Sand Point Referendum Committee, requested the Committee be reconvened prior to the April 10, 2008, NBCPR meeting. Mr. Lane noted it would be difficult to reconvene all the committees before April 10, and that most of the \$1,000,000 for Sand Point Park had been expended on improvements to the park. Chairman Beck stated he believes if a committee chairman asks that a committee be reconvened, their request should be honored.

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**Motion by Dick Gossett, seconded by Rick Pucci, that the Sand Point Referendum Committee be reconvened prior to the April 10, 2008, North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation meeting.**

**AYE: Beck, Gainer, Gossett, Newman, Pucci**

**NAY: None** **Carried 5-0**

Bea Polk expressed appreciation that the Marina Park plan was approved by this board and City Council, and hopes it is sent to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) soon and that the chairman attend that meeting.

Terry Lane reported that on March 11, CRA voted 5-1 and City Council voted 3-2 to move forward with the

Marina Park plan as presented by Honeycutt & Associates. Staff will see about getting the conceptual plan on the BOCC agenda for approval in order to move forward with the drawings and permitting. Consensus was for Chairman Beck to attend that BOCC meeting.

Conrad Eigenmann stated there were mixed emotions because it had been such a long time and current budget constraints. Overwhelmingly there is still the concern the government made a commitment in 2000, taxed citizens and needs to see it through.

Barry Gainer thanked Bea Polk and Joan Wheeler for keeping the board's feet to the fire.

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### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Rick Pucci, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2008.**

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

**NAY: None** **Carried 6-0**

### IV. REFERENDUM & OTHER PROJECTS

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

- Chain of Lakes—Electrical work for the new soccer pavilion starts next week. Playground installations are in progress with safety surface being installed. Pedway lighting around softball should start in the next couple of weeks. Design work is moving forward on the Dairy Road entrance which is being surveyed. Final plans are expected in four to five weeks.
- Cuyler Park—Gymnasium floor replacement is to be advertised on March 20, with bid opening scheduled for April 21.

- Holder Park—The new lift station for sewer system was ready for opening day. Finishing the sidewalk system at the park is scheduled the week of April 7, during spring break.
- North Brevard Senior Center (NBSC)—Roof repairs were completed last month. Staff is working on the draft of the agreement with the City for the storm water pond.
- Parrish Park—Scottsmoor Field Lighting—Lights are operational.
- Pritchard House—Foundation pads have been poured, piers filled in, and staff is waiting on concrete testing. Hopefully it will be closed out by end of month. The architect for renovations of the house was on site February 27 to take measurements and other information for design work.
- Sand Point Park—Edwards Construction was tentatively awarded the bid for nine picnic pavilions. It is estimated work will start late April/early May.
- Scottsmoor Meeting Hall—The contractor resubmitted plans to the Building Department. It is hoped approval will be received in a week or two.
- Bernice G. Jackson Park—Terry Lane reported the sign unveiling and park dedication held March 1 was very successful with approximately 200 present, and was well received by the Jackson family. Staff is working to correct acoustic issues in the gymnasium.
- Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier (Pier)—Simon Hagedoorn gave an update on the design and FEMA status, stating the FDEP permit cleared and the Army Corps of Engineers permitting was sent for public comment last week. Final design is about 80% complete for analysis, pending railing related questions, and final plans are 50-60%, pending modifications due to railing assumptions. The final 100% contract plans should be ready by the end of May to submit to FEMA in Orlando which will forward the plans to Washington, DC, for the approval process.

In response to inquiries from Dick Gossett, Mr. Hagedoorn stated the cost estimate should be known in about a week, ballpark is \$3 to \$3.5 million and Chuck Mays reported the FEMA amount is about \$3.4 million.

#### Public Comment

Joan Wheeler inquired if the Chain of Lakes entrance property mentioned was owned by Mr. Gomez, if eminent domain is planned, and stated the recent purchase cannot come from the Referendum. Terry Lane indicated it was the Waring property. The Gomez property is near the maintenance building and he will bring the source of the funding to the next meeting.

Ms. Wheeler stated the agreement for the NBSC storm water pond would be completely illegal. She sees it as a loan, not reimbursement. She objected to loaning the \$500,000 to the City when other projects aren't finished.

Mr. Lane reported the agreement will be reviewed by City and County legal and Chuck Denman said the City has a grant for most of the project, but just wants to be sure they have the money to complete it which they will reimburse.

#### B. North Brevard Referendum Prospective Projects

Terry Lane reviewed and explained the matrix/spreadsheet that was updated with cash funds available as of March 10. He explained that preliminary committed and requested enhancements don't mean the money has been spent.

Mr. Lane reported the items listed in the Referendum brochure for Sandrift Community Center were completed except for the playground, for which he has received requests and will cost about \$55,000. The \$500,000 for the project has been spent and the playground is on the matrix as preliminary committed. Chairman Beck spoke in favor of the playground. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Pucci, Mr. Lane stated it would be funded from the 2006 Referendum.

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#### **Motion by Rick Pucci, seconded by Barry Gainer, to seek bids and look to fund a playground at Sandrift Community Center.**

**AYE: Beck, Gainer, Pucci**

**NAY: Gossett, Henkel, Newman Failed 3-3**

Rick Pucci stated he would like to know in April what other projects are lagging behind.

It was suggested the Sandrift playground be added to the agenda next month under old business. Chairman Beck and Mr. Lane noted the groups and Referendum committees have been invited to the April meeting to voice opinions, then the NBCPR would discuss and vote in May.

#### Public Comment

Bea Polk spoke for finishing the Referendum projects voted in 2000, stated she doesn't think the \$500,000 for storm water has anything to do with recreation and should wait until the 2000 projects are finished. She asked how much more money it will take to finish 2000 projects before starting 2006 projects.

Mr. Lane explained the box at the top of the matrix shows available revenues. Money on green brochure is

in preliminary committed column. The money is there to do the original projects. The \$1.48 million for Marina Park is what was originally allocated for Marina Park.

C. Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier Railings—Terry Lane pointed out photos from Simon Hagedoorn showing various type railings and stated staff wanted to be sure the railing discussion is in the public and that the Pier Committee was invited to be present.

Simon Hagedoorn reviewed the types railing pictured, all of which meet permitting requirements.

- Picket-style T-6063 alloy aluminum would cost \$115,000 and has a 40 to 45-year replacement cycle. Aluminum is the most cost effective, cheapest up front and durable.
- Composite is held together by stainless steel fasteners, costs about \$165,000, and has the highest lifecycle cost as stainless steel corrodes quite quickly in a marine environment.
- Bollard-style pre-cast concrete cost is \$320,000, and is durable with about a 50-year replacement cycle.
- Solid concrete barrier-type style seen on highway bridges can be dressed up with designs and costs about \$200,000. But added to the cost is \$250,000 for additional support because of the lateral weight force generated from waves and closeness to water. That brings the cost to \$450,000 or \$500,000 plus redesign with the coastal engineer.

Terry Lane noted Francis Reilly, a Pier Committee member, left earlier and Philip Jackson from the Committee was present. The Committee said they wanted concrete railings due to electrical safety. When the cost came back and associated issues with the structure, it was decided to bring it back to the NBCPR.

Dick Gossett, who is liaison for the Committee, reported the Committee was torn between composite and cement railing. They were worried about what would happen with aluminum and seemed to be more in favor of composite rather than aluminum. In response to Mr. Gossett's inquiry about the merits of composite vs. aluminum, Mr. Hagedoorn stated there is a fastener corrosion problem with composite.

Mr. Lane commented that the pier concession has white powder-coated aluminum.

George Newman asked if aluminum fasteners can be used with a composite railing. Mr. Hagedoorn responded it is a flexible product and corrodes when not coated. Mr. Newman suggested using a coating to

inhibit corrosion. Mr. Hagedoorn responded that is not something his company had investigated for fasteners. Discussion ensued on grounding aluminum, electricity to shrimp lights, powder coating reducing conduction of electricity, epoxy coating, and 12v vs. 110v lights for shrimpers.

#### Public Comment

Richard LeAndro stated the Committee voted on concrete with PVC tubing in it for several reasons; it isn't known how long composite will last; any bolts will corrode; tubing in concrete would not require additional reinforcing; 12v would require heavier wiring; composite would not hold weight; concrete railing is good support for shrimpers; the higher the voltage, the smaller the wire; fancy bollards are not needed on a fishing pier.

Philip Jackson stated the Committee, after long discussion, came to agreement that concrete with PVC conduit is best for safety, durability, and it won't be stolen.

Mr. Pucci asked what is the best practice in pier building. Mr. Hagedoorn stated this is being discussed because when he came the first time, he didn't have computer modeling or wave analysis, which at 18" (above water) is controlling the foundation design. Concrete railing would increase foundation cost. Foundations are spaced at 30' and it is estimated that would have to be reduced to 20' to take lateral loading, given soil conditions, size of pilings, and stiffness of the deck. The soil was a bit of a surprise as it is like jello down 60'. He stated he wouldn't put anything out there that he doesn't think was safe. Aluminum is very common railing system for fishing piers. DRMP did a rehab at Sebastian Inlet with aluminum that has been in service 10 years and doesn't show any compromise of structural integrity.

Conrad Eigenmann asked if horizontal slots could be used to allow waves to pass through. Mr. Hagedoorn reported the openings must be no more than 4 inches and that the electrical is in the embedded in the decking. If the piling spacing is decreased, Mr. Hagedoorn stated he will need to talk to the Army Corps of Engineers quickly.

In response to inquiries from Gigi Henkel and Chairman Beck, Mr. Jackson indicated the Committee was not aware of load issues with solid concrete and the need for additional pilings. When concrete was mentioned it seemed to be the most attractive. In response to an inquiry as to why the Committee wasn't hearing this,

Mr. Lane stated there is a need to get this to FEMA. All Committee members were invited to attend this meeting to avoid delaying the whole process.

Mrs. Page noted it has been almost four years since the hurricanes. FEMA assures they will give the money, but the County doesn't know that for sure until final approval, so there are timing considerations.

Chairman Beck stated he doesn't want to override the Pier Committee, but there are time constraints. Mr. Jackson stated he understands if a decision tonight has to be made tonight. Mr. Pucci stated the Committee did a great job but didn't have enough information to make an informed decision.

**Motion by Rick Pucci, seconded by Barry Gainer, to install aluminum picket-style railings with suitable and durable coating on the Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier.**

**AYE: Beck, Gainer, Gossett, Pucci**

**NAY: Henkel** **Carried 4-1**

Mr. Gossett noted the Committee members were invited and Bob Richmond called that he was unable to attend.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Comment**

Susan Canada commented about money for skids under historical houses being put back in Referendum funding. Mr. Lane stated if it wasn't included in the revenue section at top of the matrix, it would be put back. She noted the taxpayers voted down historical homes at Chain of Lakes and read from the sample ballot #1 for 2006 Referendum noting it doesn't mention enhancements. She stated the State Attorney's office said things can be added to ball fields, but not adding something like five swimming pools.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Lane announced the dedication ceremony for the Walter Butler Community Center, originally scheduled in February, will be held April 19 at 10 a.m.

**VII. REPORTS**

**A. Advisory Board Members on Assigned Parks—**

Rick Pucci reported the Moore Cultural Center was very busy with Black History Month where he participated on a symposium, noting Juanita Barton did a great job that reflects very well on the County.

**B. City of Titusville Staff Report—No report.**

**C. North Area Parks Operations Staff Reports—**Terry Lane reported on the successful March 7 unveiling and dedication of the American Gold Star Mothers plaque at the pier.

Jermaine Curry, program specialist at Cuyler Community Learning Center, was named one of 4 under 40 for LEAD Brevard.

The pier concessionaire is open part-time on a temporary license. The County has to move a sink in the kitchen to complete licensing. The concessionaire has to resolve code issues with the Tiki hut.

Mike Rubacky reported successful Little League openings, roof replacements at Tom Statham Park large pavilion and Gibson main building with new a/c. Stucco was applied at Cuyler Annex and staff is getting quotes on painting. New stage lighting and carpeting was installed at Fox Lake. Maintenance staff at Chain of Lakes and Space Coast Communities Sports Complex were recognized for turf.

In response to an inquiry from Chairman Beck, Mr. Lane reported the grand opening of the Teen Warehouse at Tom Statham Park had 60 teens in attendance and several letters of appreciation were received.

Conrad Eigenmann extended his thanks, and on behalf of City Council and CRA, for NBCPR and Marina Park Referendum Committee, and stated he hopes the BOCC has the same urgency in getting the Marina Park project done. Potentially it will still be two years before completion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted M. Beck, Chairman

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