

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, June 12, 2008, in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

Members Present

Ted Beck, Chairman
Dr. Ron Bobay, Vice Chairman
Barry Gainer
Dick Gossett
Shawn Harris
Gigi Henkel
Scott Johnson

Members Absent

George Newman
Rick Pucci

City of Titusville Staff Present

Grace Galiano, Redevelopment Planner

Brevard County Staff Present

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

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by Gigi Henkel, to excuse absences.

AYE: Beck, Bobay, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Henkel, Johnson

NAY: None **Carried 7-0**

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

Joan Wheeler questioned changes to the Marina Park drawing. Mr. Lane explained both wet and dry retention have been in the plan. Changes were needed to meet new requirements, and the multi-purpose field was previously identified in the plan. She expressed concern about so much of what is being done is for storm water rather than recreation.

Bea Polk questioned Honeycutt having the right to make changes to the Marina Park plan and asked when it comes back to the board for approval. Terry Lane explained the conceptual plan was approved by the Marina Park Referendum Committee and NBCPR and some maneuvering is expected to meet requirements. Chairman Beck stated the plan will come back to the NBCPR for approval. Mrs. Page reported Honeycutt has an agreement with Parks and Recreation to do the A&E work. Chuck Mays explained it is a 30% plan and the changes were due to storm water requirements.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by Dick Gossett, to approve the minutes of the April 10, continued to May 8, 2008, meeting.

AYE: Beck, Bobay, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Henkel, Johnson

NAY: None **Carried 7-0**

IV. REFERENDUM & OTHER PROJECTS

A. Reports—Chuck Mays reported as follows:

- Chain of Lakes—The handicap parking and playground slabs are complete, as is the pedway lighting at the softball fields. A quote was received to clean up the recently purchased property. In response to an inquiry from Ted Beck, Terry Lane stated there has been discussion about a restroom facility near the trail, as well as benches and small picnic shelters. There will be a trailhead behind Brevard Community College (BCC) with a concession operation for canoe/ kayak/food/meeting room.
- Cuyler Park—The fence at the right and left lines of the softball field will be relocated from 280' to 300'. Natural Resources approved the plan for landscaping the lot at the entrance which will require planting 47 trees off site for those to be removed from the hole. Contractor pre-qualification is underway for replacing the gym floor
- Fay Lake Wilderness Park—SJRWMD permits have been issued. It is now in County site plan review and FDEP. Hopefully the project will start after the first of the year.
- Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park—A&E design is underway for phase two with the replica house. Site work can begin after the survey is received that was due today. Mrs. Page announced another \$150,000 in grant funds was received by the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc.
- Holder Park—The sidewalks are being tied together for a continuous sidewalk throughout the park.
- Marina Park—Design is at 30%.
- North Brevard Senior Center (NBSC)—The walking trail and storm water pond Interlocal Agreement is to

go to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in July.

- Oliver Camp House—In July 2007, the BOCC approved a partnership with BCC to have the house moved to a permanent location behind BCC. The house was moved earlier this week and the foundation should be completed by the end of the month to satisfy a grant that BCC has.
- Pritchard House—Foundation work is completed and the grant is satisfied. A&E design work for the house renovation itself is in progress.
- Sand Point Park—Nine new pavilions, six around the playground and three on the northeast side of the park, are being installed and are to be completed by September 21, but hopefully sooner.
- Scottsmoor Meeting Hall—An additional permit for interior work is in progress.
- Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier—An amendment to the agreement to redesign the handrails from aluminum to concrete is to be executed so design can continue.

Terry Lane answered questions from Dick Gossett about the Interlocal Agreement for the North Brevard Senior Center saying the City and County attorneys are working on the draft that will then go to the BOCC. Dick Gossett questioned the toe clearance for the fishing pier railings and meeting ADA standards. Messrs. Mays and Lane explained it is at 4" as required by the Florida Building Code and ADA standards will be met. Mr. Lane reported citizens are asking the state to make exceptions to the Florida Building Code for fishing piers.

B. North Brevard Referendum Prospective Projects

Terry Lane reviewed the estimated revenue that was at \$16.6 million on June 6 and noted there are projects listed in the 2000 Referendum brochure in the middle preliminary committed column that haven't started. After the pier project is bid, there may be funds left over for another project, if the bid comes in as favorably as other projects are now. The real number for the pier and projects such as Marina Park won't be known until the bids come in. Chairman Beck suggested the advisory board members review the matrix to make recommendations. Mr. Lane cautioned about moving money to the committed column until amounts are known for projects yet to be bid. Mr. Lane answered questions from board members related to the projects, costs and funding. Shawn Harris noted the cost figures on the matrix may be high and asked about cracks in the Cuyler Annex, now Warren building. Mr. Lane agreed the costs were old estimates and an engineer determined the cracks at Cuyler are stress cracks, not structural problems.

Dr. Bobay commented on the problem of not knowing the true costs of some projects and asked if there could be some prioritization. Mr. Lane noted the citizens want focus to be on the original Referendum, so that could be considered priority. It was suggested the matrix be color coded to show original Referendum projects. Mr. Lane reported that because of agreements with BCC and Parrish Medical Center, certain things will be part of the projects, i.e. tennis courts to be built on BCC property.

Later in the meeting Dwight Seigler asked about the Dairy Road entrance for Chain of Lakes and noted additional funding has been requested for Holder and W.W. James Parks when \$850,000 and \$1,190,000 respectively has already been spend on those projects. He requested that all of the Cuyler Park requests be moved to the committed column inasmuch as that project received only \$70,000 in the 2000 Referendum. Scott Johnson stated he believes the advisory board understands the need to finish what was originally agreed to first and that he hears what Mr. Seigler is saying. Mr. Seigler stated it needs to be in the record that it seems like this board does whatever the Commissioner wants. Mr. Johnson stated, for the record, he has never spoken with the County Commissioner in the five years he has been on the board.

C. Sand Point Park Referendum Committee Proposal (This item was actually heard following IV.D)

Terry Lane drew attention to the plan and read the April 3, 2008, motion from the Sand Point Park Referendum Committee that carried 5-1 as follows: To accept this as an initial plan with looking at saving two ball fields, and rearranging parking, and making sure boaters have access, and keeping 10,000 sq ft footprint for a multi-story U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum close to A. Max Brewer Memorial Parkway, and the funding for the building to be secured by the U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum. Mr. Lane responded to Barry Gainer's inquiry by saying City staff had some concerns about this change of plans for the park as did some citizens at the April and May NBCPR meetings. Grace Galiano, City of Titusville Redevelopment Planner, confirmed that Courtney Harris, Growth Management Director, was opposed to this as, were others. Chairman Beck stated approving this plan would require going back to the drawing board. Terry Lane reported this is not in the CRA master plan. He recited the completed elements of the project and remarked most of the \$1 million for the project will have been expended once the picnic shelters are replaced.

Discussion ensued regarding the inappropriateness of certain elements at this riverfront park, including ball fields and a large footprint museum.

Jackie Gregory, a member of the Sand Point Park Referendum Committee, reported that was the one meeting she missed. She noted this was a wonderful opportunity to make a placid riverfront park and spoke against such a huge project being decided on in one night. She stated she doesn't think everything planned previously should be scrapped.

Motion by Shawn Harris, seconded by Gigi Henkel, to deny the Sand Point Park Referendum Committee recommendation of April 3, 2008.

AYE: Beck, Bobay, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Henkel, Johnson

NAY: None **Carried 7-0**

Terry Lane mentioned the master plan may need to be revisited due to changes in the area and the new bridge not impacting the park as was previously thought.

D. Recommendations from Mims-Scottsmoor Community Center Referendum Committee and Equestrian Trails and Facilities Referendum Committee regarding the Marr Property—Mr. Lane drew attention to additional information from Angelica Teynor regarding the Marr property, read motions from both committees listed above, and noted letters of endorsement from East Mims, Mims, and Scottsmoor groups. A trailhead in Malabar was discussed. The committees want to move the item forward to the BOCC to get appraisals and enter into negotiation for the Marr property.

Public Input: Susan Canada stated she voted against the Marr property at the Equestrian Committee meeting and spoke against considering the Marr property noting it is listed at \$2.5 million and money is short.

Funding for appraisals was discussed. Gigi Henkel stated she thinks if it is up to the equestrians, they would be leery about spending their \$230,000 on the Marr property, because this is not their prime site as this is just for informational purposes for them. Mrs. Page noted that appraisals are not terribly expensive.

Angelica Teynor noted the importance of moving forward now with an appraisal. She stated there is no other property like this available, facilities such as parking could be shared, and the property is easily accessible from other areas.

Dr. Bobay questioned purchasing property now with limited funding available that would leave no money for

development. Terry Lane reported there are other sources of funding for trailheads.

Motion by Shawn Harris, seconded by Barry Gainer, to accept the Mims-Scottsmoor Community Center Referendum Committee recommendation of moving ahead on the Marr property and further investigate with the potential to house the community center and the trailhead.

AYE: Beck, Bobay, Gainer, Harris, Henkel, Johnson
NAY: Gossett **Carried 6-1**

Public Input: Bea Polk noted it is a lot of money for land and cautioned about looking ahead for money with this terrible situation of people losing their homes.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 08-09 Preliminary Budget—Terry Lane reported the budget presented with a letter to Mark Ryan, City Manager, is status quo and the increase in the cost of doing business is absorbed in the budget. He reported staff has discussed 10% and 20% reduction scenarios. The true number won't be known until the BOCC budget meetings in July. Last year there was a 9% reduction. This year there will be deeper cuts. He then reviewed the overall revenue and expenditures. He reported that at the BOCC's direction to increase fees, fees were increased 10% in April, affecting summer recreation, athletic tournaments, and campgrounds. Additional fee increases may be considered, taking into consideration fees in surrounding areas. The final approved budget won't be known until after the second public hearing in September. In response to a comment from Chairman Beck, Mr. Lane stated staff can provide a copy of the approved budget after adoption.

VII. REPORTS

A. Advisory Board Members on Assigned Parks—None.

B. City of Titusville Staff Report—No report.

C. North Area Parks Operations Staff Reports—Terry Lane announced Cuyler Annex will be dedicated as the Crandall J. Warren Community Building on June 21, at 10:30 a.m., as part of the Juneteenth celebration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cuyler Park.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted M. Beck, Chairman

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