

## 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, January 8, 2009, in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

### Members Present

Ted Beck, Chairman  
Dr. Ron Bobay, Vice Chairman  
Jan Alwine  
Barry Gainer  
Dick Gossett  
George Newman

### Members Absent

Shawn Harris  
Gigi Henkel

### City of Titusville Elected Officials/Staff Present

Conrad Eigenmann, Council Person Liaison  
Grace Galiano, Redevelopment Planner

### Brevard County Staff Present

Kathie England, Administrative Aide to Commissioner Fisher  
Don Lusk, Recreation and Parks Director  
Cheryl 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  
Jeff Davis, Jr. Recreation Superintendent  
Richard L. Tucci, Recreation Superintendent  
Michelle Summers, Area Finance Manager  
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator  
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., called for a moment of silent prayer, and welcomed Conrad Eigenmann.

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### **Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Jan Alwine, to excuse absences of Shawn Harris and Gigi Henkel.**

**AYE: Alwine, Beck, Bobay, Gainer, Gossett, Newman**

**NAY: None Carried 6-0**

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

Bea Polk asked where the money is coming from for the Marr property, requested all emails to the advisory board be placed on the table for the public, noted commercial taxes have never been paid on the Marr property and asked about the appraisal. Terry Lane reported the appraisal is scheduled for the February 12, 2009, meeting.

Dwight Seigler read from the minutes of the last meeting where it was asked who approved all the money that never came before the advisory board, asked how many more things were done without approval from this board, and who approved removing money not approved by this board, stating he would like those answers and answers from two months ago. Chairman Beck noted the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) can approve things

without consulting with the NBCPR. Terry Lane explained the NBCPR is an advisory board to the City of Titusville and BOCC, and things can be decided at those levels without coming to this board. The NBCPR is used for recommendations for things like recreation partners and other things, not just the Referendum. Mr. Seigler stated the BOCC can do what they want with the Referendum money and there are people making decisions that haven't been to the park. Dr. Bobay stated there is a set of guidelines of what the NBCPR does and suggested looking at them. He stated he believes there is accountability for the Referendum within which the BOCC operates, and this is just an advisory board for recommendations when asked.

Ulysses Harris new president of the Titusville Terriers Youth Football and Cheerleading Club, formerly the North Brevard Bears, thanked staff for their support. He reported their inaugural season membership included 193 adults and 292 football players and cheerleaders. He requested work be started on the practice fields to replace the green space formerly used by youth football on which the THS baseball field was built. Terry Lane reported there is \$326,000 and change on the spreadsheet for the project. Staff is moving forward with the project but is dealing with gopher tortoise and has to go through permitting with St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD). It is hoped to have practice fields by July.

Joan Wheeler took exception to giving money to the U.S. Space Walk of Fame and to the County Manager approving the A&E work at the North Brevard Senior Center. She commented that previous meeting minutes show Mrs. Page stating everything goes through this board and asked if the board feels used. She stated she missed the meeting when the NBCPR decided to share the \$100,000 expense if the money could be found.

Chairman Beck commented, and Terry Lane confirmed, it is Commissioner Fisher's desire to complete all the projects identified in the 2000 Referendum (green) brochure.

### III. PRESENTATION RE. HEALTH VILLAGE AT MAIN STREET PMC BY HOLLY WOOLSEY, JESS PARRISH FOUNDATION—

Ms. Woolsey showed approximately 10 minutes of a video detailing the village and noted the unique partnership between Brevard County Parks and Recreation, SJRWMD, Brevard Community College, North Brevard Heritage Foundation, City of Titusville and Parrish Medical Center.

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Comment—Joan Wheeler commented on information about Marina Park on pages 2 and 3 and took exception to the statement about changes due to the disbanding of Titusville Little League. She stated sub-contracting bids for the Pritchard House doesn't sit well with her and she resented the time spent viewing the Health Village video.

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**Motion by Ron Bobay, seconded by George Newman, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2008.**

**AYE: Alwine, Beck, Bobay, Gainer, Gossett, Newman**

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

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### IV. REFERENDUM & OTHER PROJECTS

A. Reports—Chuck Mays reported as follows:

- Chain of Lakes (COL)—Directional signs were placed on U.S. 1 at Jay Jay Road. The bids go out January 15 for the new restroom at Snowy Egret Drive and Chain of Lakes Drive. The 60% design plans were received for the Rails-to-Trails museum.

- Cuyler Park—Plans were submitted today for the redesign of the pavilion to make it a full kitchen. After the electrical and plumbing design is received permitting can begin. The gym floor contract is being signed. The contractor is ready to go.
- Fay Lake Wilderness Park—The bids opened December 18 with Mercon Construction as the apparent low bidder. A pre-qualification meeting is being scheduled. Once approved, staff will proceed with the contract.
- Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park—The home replica bids go on the street January 15 with bid opening on February 13. It is hoped construction will start in April.
- Marina Park—The permitting agencies are requiring a sea grass study for the boat ramps. Relocation of field lighting is scheduled for week of January 19.
- North Brevard Senior Center—Requirements for pond and trail are being verified with SJRWMD.
- Parrish Park-Titusville—The damaged docks at the boat ramps are being changed from floating to stationary aluminum docks which requires project improvement approval from the State, without which the FEMA funding would be lost.
- Pritchard House—Notice to proceed was issued this week. In reference to Ms. Wheeler's comment, the contractor must use sub-contractors for tasks such as roofing, siding, etc.
- Scottsmoor Meeting Hall—Interior renovations continue.
- Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier—Bid opening is January 15. It is hoped construction will start in April with a year completion and to coincide with bridge construction.

Terry Lane reported the bid for the A. Max Brewer Bridge came in with the catwalks at just over \$2.5 million. Funding for catwalks totals \$1.5 million. There is no additional funding from the County or the State. Lane Construction (no relation) is coming back with the itemized costs to look at some scenarios to build a \$1.5 million catwalk, but it won't be the same size. However, if only a portion of the bridge can be built, the pilings could be driven under the bridge in the event funding

becomes available in the future. There is the possibility if an agreement cannot be reached, there would be no catwalks which are an optional add-on to the base quote. Staff wants to make sure that it gels with the Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier. Staff verified for Mr. Gossett that the Catwalk Committee was sunset.

#### B. North Brevard Referendum Projects

##### Public Comment:

James Jackson reported he visited Isaac Campbell, Sr. Community Center and smelled an odd odor and that there is open drainage in the park, stating it is the worst park in the County and that he is appalled there is no money for the park. He asked if the park qualified for any of the Referendum funds held in reserve. He declined Mrs. Page's offer for him to meet with staff about the history of the park. Mr. Jackson claimed the park is one step from being shut down if the sewage problem is not addressed, and noted that children were swimming in the retention pond in the middle of the park a few years ago which he reported to staff at that time. Mr. Jackson said that staff told him the sewage odor in the building was from construction the City did on the street. Council Member Eigenmann stated he will check with City staff first thing in the morning. Mr. Jackson stated that is neither here nor there and what he wants to know is why some of the \$1 million can't be used at Campbell Park. Terry Lane stated this is the first he heard of the sewage odor and will look at it first thing in the morning. Mr. Lane also stated that the Referendum is for projects listed in the 2000 Referendum brochure and why Campbell Park isn't included was answered last month. Mr. Jackson stated he didn't get any answers.

Dwight Seigler suggested the \$57,187 left over from improvements to existing parks be used at Isaac Campbell, Sr. Park. He also stated it is a total insult to the community that the plans for the pavilion at Cuyler Park have been completed and the community hasn't seen them and that plans were drawn by staff at Cuyler on a sheet of notebook paper when money for engineering is spent for every other park. He had other complaints such as asking for white paint and getting blue paint. He thought the community should have voted on the

plans. Dr. Bobay questioned how a \$70,000 Referendum project grew to half a million dollars without sensitivity to community input. Mr. Seigler stated the community was short changed on the \$15 million dollar Referendum and questioned how \$70,000 would buy land and build a pavilion. Mr. Lane answered that the 2000 Referendum brochure states picnic facilities, land acquisition, and site improvements and explained how that could be done with \$70,000. In addition to the \$665,000 for Cuyler on the Referendum spreadsheet, well over \$600,000 has been spent from North Area Parks Operations fund.

Joan Wheeler indicated she spoke earlier on this item.

Staff answered questions from Dick Gossett regarding Sandrift Community Center in that the playground is completed and will be open after inspection; the Cuyler picnic facilities will be a pavilion with a full kitchen and the project is moving forward with Post Buckley doing the site plan and using the Rood & Zwick pavilion plan.

V. OLD BUSINESS—None.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Election of Officers

Public Comment—Joan Wheeler spoke of changes elsewhere and suggested changing the chairman to someone who doesn't take instruction from the commissioner. When asked directly by Ms. Wheeler, Barry Gainer responded he didn't have time to be chairman; Dick Gossett responded he did. She stated board members should not be on the board to satisfy City Council or the County, but are to listen to the public.

Chairman Beck passed the gavel to Ron Bobay for election of chairman.

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**Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Jan Alwine, for Ted Beck to continue as chairman.**

**AYE: Alwine, Beck, Bobay, Gainer**

**NAY: Gossett, Newman** **Carried 4-2**

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Prior to the vote, Jan Alwine noted the board does listen to the public and tries to make intelligent

decisions that will benefit the majority, that there is only so much money to go around, it is not necessary to be rude or ugly, that election of officers is up to the board members, and that the chairman has to have control which Ted Beck does very well.

Dr. Bobay returned the gavel to Chairman Beck who expressed thanks for the board's trust.

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**Nomination by Barry Gainer, seconded by George Newman, for Dr. Ron Bobay as vice chairman.**

**AYE: Alwine, Beck, Bobay, Gainer, Gossett, Newman**

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

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B. Naming of Entrance Road to Chain of Lakes: Truman Scarborough Way

Public Comment—Joan Wheeler spoke for waiting until people are dead to name streets and things after them and not reward them for taking "our" money and not being able to do the projects that were supposed to be done. Mr. Lane explained a County policy is in place where by if an entire park is named after someone, they must have been deceased for at least a year, but facilities within parks can be named after the living.

Mr. Lane drew attention to a diagram of the entrance road and letters to Judge Moxley from Patricia Manning and Chris Stagman supporting naming the road after Truman Scarborough. Mr. Lane and Chairman Beck stated Commissioner Fisher is in support of it. Construction is anticipated in April-May.

Bea Polk spoke from the audience asking the board to wait for more public input.

Dr. Bobay indicated he thought that action items would be on the published agenda, but didn't object to the item.

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**Motion by George Newman, seconded by Jan Alwine, to wait until the next meeting for more public input for naming the new entrance road to Chain of Lakes.**

**AYE: Alwine, Beck, Bobay, Gainer, Gossett, Newman**

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

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Dr. Bobay commented he is unaccustomed to questions and dialog from the public because all materials and facts are not on hand for staff to respond immediately. Discussion ensued over whether or not staff should respond to questions in writing within a reasonable time such as ten days or in the meeting packet. It was decided the board will direct staff when they are to give written response and copy the board. Various public present spoke for responding in public meetings. Dr. Bobay stated it is critical that the board have public comment and understand the concerns from the public and suggested response be made in a deliberate way with written response that could be included in the agenda packet.

## VII. REPORTS

A. Advisory Board Members on Assigned Parks—None.

B. City of Titusville Report—Council Member Conrad Eigenmann stated he will get with City staff tomorrow on the Isaac Campbell, Sr. Park issue. Grace Galiano reported Chuck Mays had asked about the naming of the road at Chain of Lakes. She stated it does require acceptance by the City in a resolution.

C. North Area Parks Operations Staff Reports—None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted M. Beck, Chairman

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