

## 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 10, 2009, in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

### Members Present

Ted Beck, Chairman  
Rev. Vernor Clay  
Rev. Glenn Dames  
Barry Gainer  
Dick Gossett  
Neta Harris  
George Newman

### Members Absent

Jan Alwine  
Dr. Ron Bobay, Vice Chairman

### City of Titusville Elected Officials/Staff Present

Grace Galiano, Redevelopment Planner

### Brevard County Staff Present

Kathie England, Administrative Aide to Commissioner Fisher  
Richard L. Tucci, Recreation Superintendent  
Jeff Davis, Jr., Recreation Superintendent  
John Dacus, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Michael J. Rubacky, Parks Maintenance Superintendent  
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator  
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Richard Tucci reported Dr. Bobay was unable to attend due to a meeting with the new School Board superintendent. Chairman Beck stated Jan Alwine had been in the hospital. Rev. Dames was not present at the beginning of the meeting due to a death in his church.

**Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Neta Harris, to excuse the absences.**

**AYE: Beck, Clay, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Newman**

**NAY: None Carried 6-0**

Chairman Beck asked Rev. Vernor Clay to pray.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (items not appearing elsewhere on the agenda)—None.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Neta Harris, seconded by Barry Gainer, to approve the minutes of August 13, 2009.**

**AYE: Beck, Clay, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Newman**

**NAY: None Carried 6-0**

### IV. REFERENDUM & OTHER PROJECTS

A. Reports—Chairman Beck announced Richard Tucci was sitting in for Terry Lane. Chuck Mays reported on recent changes:

- Marina Park—There is a delay due to large cement pieces on the north end of the park which will require redesign to avoid an additional \$200,000 to \$300,000 expense. There is the possibility of relocating the stormwater to the south end and the dog park to the north end which will probably have to go back to St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) for approval. The boat ramps and bulkheads are in and dock subcontractor is scheduled to come back next week.

- Parrish Park-Titusville—The fourth dock is finished, all the ramps are open to boaters, and the seawall on the south side is finished.

Following are highlights of advisory board questions/responses and discussion on Marina Park:

- It is hoped relocating the stormwater pond will avoid additional expense of bringing in fill and thereby keep it close to budget. (Beck/Mays)
- Anyone who lives here knows there was concrete there and someone needs to be held accountable. (Newman) Thirty soil borings didn't show the large debris. (Mays)
- A copy of the redesign will be presented to the advisory board. (Gossett/Mays)
- It is unknown if County layoffs will affect Road & Bridge and Marina Park. (Gossett/Mays)

Barry Gainer inquired about work at the pier, to which Mr. Mays responded they have been working this week cutting off extra length on pilings, except for the two closest to the concession, and are still on the same timeframe.

Public Comment—Bea Polk expressed concern that the cement at Marina Park wasn't known by the engineer and stated that the work should be corrected for free. She stated she will fight with a petition before any more money is paid, that she wants the park open, that this is a disgrace to the taxpayers of North Brevard, and she will hold the advisory board accountable. She also stated she does not want the parking lot on the north side.

Dick Gossett asked for a report at the next meeting on the cost of redesign and stated the engineer should eat the cost of redesign. Chairman Beck stated the advisory board will be given a report. (Discussion on Marina Park continued under IV.B below.)

B. North Brevard Referendum Projects—Mr. Tucci stated there were no noteworthy changes to bring up.

Rev. Vernor Clay spoke for the need to always have a cushion on costs and that wherever the fault is due at Marina Park, it should be held accountable. To forego any further outrage, he hoped there would be an assessment on the removal of the concrete, that the park will be open on schedule, and that the burden of any additional costs should not be on the taxpayers.

Neta Harris asked when staff received the engineer's report on Marina Park and what the plan was other than having him redo it. She noted it concerned her that it was not an agenda item. She expressed concern that there are changes in ongoing projects where action is taken by staff and even though they are doing an admirable job, it is not brought to the advisory board for discussion and action. Chairman Beck stated staff comes back to the advisory board when more money is needed for a project and Marina Park will be followed up. As to timeframe, Mr. Mays indicated staff should have a preliminary report at the next meeting, but Mr. Honeycutt, as the engineer of record, may have to go back to SJRWMD. Ms. Harris requested he ask SJRWMD to expedite the project. Mr. Mays noted SJRWMD requires 30 days for review and usually takes projects in order received, but the request can be made.

Dick Gossett expressed his belief that if something of this magnitude happens in the future, the engineer should come to the advisory board with an explanation and give an estimate of cost and timeframe required.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Security Plan—Corp. J.D. McMartin of Titusville Police Department (TPD) was present to clarify any items. He reported TPD is doing random patrols during construction. He spoke of the possibility of a security camera rotating 360° and tilting up and down to view the fishing pier and catwalk. It could be set to record at certain periods and could be accessible over the Internet with password.

In response to Neta Harris' inquiry about entertainment at the pier, Mr. Tucci stated it could be allowed through a permit. Currently amplified music is allowed only at Fox Lake Park and Sand Point Park. Others are on a case by case basis.

In response to inquiries from Rev. Clay, Corp. McMartin indicated security would be cameras and patrols. The camera would have night vision capability, can be set to

tilt, pan and rotate on its own, and have set times to record. The cameras, one near concession and one suspended under the causeway about half-way down the catwalk, would not be hidden and signs regarding camera surveillance could be posted.

Dick Gossett suggested fewer words on signs, i.e. "Wheelchair handicapped have priority for this space." Mr. Gossett stated he was liaison for the fishing pier committee and wasn't notified of the meeting. He thinks liaisons should attend meetings involving committees and parks to which they are liaison. Chairman Beck indicated this was not a committee meeting, but rather a meeting between County and TPD staff. Mr. Tucci stated staff took direction from the advisory board to meet with local law enforcement and if there is another meeting, he will put that into work.

In response to Neta Harris' inquiry about firearms being carried onto the pier, Corp. McMartin stated state laws for concealed weapons would apply and signage could be posted.

In response to an inquiry, Corp. McMartin indicated the cost for both cameras and what is needed to operate them would be less than \$4,000.

Consensus was to adopt the rules presented.

## Cuyler Park

Chairman Beck obtained permission from the advisory board for Dwight Seigler to speak on Cuyler Park. In response to Mr. Seigler's request for an update on Cuyler Park, Mr. Mays reported the plans are at the 90% phase and at the County for site review. After their comments and any changes required, the plans will be submitted again for approval after which they will move to 100%. Mr. Seigler stated the community would like to see the design plans prior to completion to avoid problems in the future and that they haven't seen any plans so far. Mr. Mays responded Terry Lane has a copy of the plans. Mr. Seigler stated he would check with him.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks & Recreation Department Fee Schedule—Mr. Tucci reported the other area advisory boards are also reviewing the fee schedule that needs approval in concept and gave highlights of changes:

- Employee fee increasing from \$20 to \$25 per hour that is a more accurate reflection of cost.
- Sports field lighting increasing from \$10 to \$15 per hour for recreation partners and from \$22 to \$30 per hour for others. He noted Parks and Recreation is

still subsidizing the majority of the cost that is probably between \$70 and \$80 per hour.

- Craft festival space/table under pavilion to go from \$15 to \$30 and outside areas to be \$20 per day.
- Garage sale tables/spaces go from \$15 to \$20 per day, and outside area \$15 per day.
- Water/electric fee of \$15 per day for things such as dunking booths to make uniform throughout the County.
- Provide fees for use of the mobile stage.

Rev. Dames arrived at this point.

Dick Gossett expressed amazement over some of the increases when people are struggling to pay rent or buy food. In response to Mr. Gossett's inquiry if these increases have already been submitted to budget, Mr. Tucci explained this is a yearly review to see if there are trends and how Brevard County measures up to other nearby municipalities and counties. He noted the need to look for ways to be sustainable during funding cuts.

Dick Gossett noted the large increase in Wickham Park pavilion fee and suggested getting creative during budgetary constraints and getting support from corporations, i.e. naming a ballpark after a business that donates something like \$50,000 per year. Mr. Tucci reported staff is looking at that and commercial activity, i.e. the mobile stage where the fee is tiered dependent on if for a non-profit organization or a for profit company. Mr. Gossett stated he is not in favor of fees and cannot go along with increased fees.

Rev. Clay suggested things such as adopt-a-park, and corporate logos on scoreboards as ways of generating revenue. He indicated taxpayers are at bare minimum, noting the outcry from people really hurting that behooves looking at being resourceful and creative rather than continuing in old conventional ways.

Chairman Beck noted he didn't see any increases affecting individuals, with which Neta Harris agreed noting that it doesn't preclude families enjoying parks. She noted the libraries are charging for renting rooms, that the park fees are not out of line with other areas, and are even on the low side considering the facilities offered and the way maintenance is handled.

George Newman noted on the flip side, the youth leagues are impacted with the increase in light fees, particularly Little Leagues that are the only groups that are not allowed to turn away players who cannot pay. Both Mims and IRC Little Leagues had double the number of non-paying players from last year and registration fees went up at both Little Leagues to offset light fees. Ms. Harris suggested finding sponsors. Mr.

Newman reported half the sponsors dropped off this year.

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**Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Neta Harris, to approve the fee schedule changes.**

**AYE: Beck, Clay, Dames, Gainer, Harris**

**NAY: Gossett, Newman** **Carried 5-2**

B. Titusville Soccer Club Request to Name Pavilion—Gayle Krisingha, president of Titusville Soccer Club, presented a request for the pavilion located on the north side of the soccer concession at Chain of Lakes to be named for Judge John Dean Moxley. She reported Dean Moxley has been very involved with the club for over 20 years and plans to step down after the completion of the entrance road to Chain of Lakes. Ms. Krisingha noted he has been a public servant for the entire community.

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**Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Glenn Dames, to approve naming of the pavilion by the soccer concession at Chain of Lakes, Judge John Dean Moxley Pavilion.**

**AYE: Beck, Clay, Dames, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Newman**

**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

Mr. Tucci noted the soccer club had not yet told Judge Moxley of their request to name the pavilion and would like to keep it a surprise.

## VII. REPORTS

A. Advisory Board Members on Assigned Parks—Rev. Clay reported he visited his assigned parks, courtesy of Jeff Davis, and found them in really good shape. He talked with staff at the parks and provided their input to Mr. Lane.

Dick Gossett reported he went back through meeting minutes for two years and found only one report from a commissioner on parks.

Rev. Dames stated it's not necessarily that members are not going to parks. Concerns are given directly to Terry Lane and not necessarily brought to the board.

George Newman said he is usually in his assigned parks two or three times a month and they are in good shape.

B. City of Titusville—Chairman Beck reported he and Barry Gainer were reappointed for two years.

C. North Area Parks Operations Staff—None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted M. Beck, Chairman

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