

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

Members Present

Ted Beck, Chairman
Dr. Ron Bobay, Vice Chairman
Rev. Vernor Clay
Rev. Glenn Dames
Barry Gainer
Dick Gossett
Neta Harris

Members Absent

Jan Alwine
George Newman

City of Titusville Elected Officials/Staff Present

Walt Johnson, Council Member, Alternate Liaison
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
Michelle Summers, Area Finance Manager
Joan Van Sickle, Construction Manager
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Motion by Vernor Clay, seconded by Barry Gainer, to excuse the absences.

AYE: Beck, Bobay, Clay, Dames, Gainer, Gossett, Harris

NAY: None **Carried 7-0**

Chairman Beck asked Rev. Vernor Clay to give the invocation.

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

Joan Wheeler spoke of plans for a stormwater park in 1998 which became Chain of Lakes and took exception to a park being promoted as for the people when it is for stormwater.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Neta Harris, seconded by Dick Gossett, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2009, with a correction changing adapt to adopt in column 2 of page 2.

AYE: Beck, Bobay, Clay, Dames, Gainer, Gossett, Harris

NAY: None **Carried 7-0**

IV. REFERENDUM & OTHER PROJECTS

A. Reports

1. Marina Park—Richard Tucci introduced Rodney Honeycutt to report on modifications to the plan that will not increase the cost. Mr. Honeycutt reported an early estimate stated was not entirely an addition to the cost because of what was already provided in the budget. He explained large concrete debris was found during excavation and soil boring report showed only one area

with concrete. Further excavation revealed the north half of the site had concrete and some construction debris, but not in the south. Mr. Honeycutt reported he and staff discussed several options and after pricing everything out, it was decided the best option was to excavate the dog park area and use that for fill on the site, and excavate the stormwater area and backfill that into the dog park area. Mr. Honeycutt displayed a board showing the reduced size of the stormwater pond for which there is no additional cost, and actually costs a little less. St. Johns River Water Management District requires only a letter of modification. Mr. Honeycutt stated there is no additional cost from the A&E or to the budget. The change in the stormwater pond is to reduce the areas jutting out that were provided for landscaping but was where construction debris was found. The water and soil tested good.

Joan Wheeler reported she drove by there today and wonders what is going on in that area at this time. She stated she smells a rat there somewhere and wonders what is truly going on.

Bea Polk stated it seems like when we fight things, the price goes down. She also stated she wonders why no one else knew of the debris in the park, but is glad the retention is being left on the north side. She asked when Marina Park will be completed. Joan Van Sickle reported Road and Bridge will resume the site work that will make it possible to complete the elements but was unsure of the exact completion date. Ms. Polk asked who said it would cost more money. Ms. Van Sickle responded initially it looked like about 30,000 yards of dirt would have to be brought in, but staff found dirt on site resulting in no extra cost. Ms. Polk noted things always cost more and that should have been planned first.

Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Vernor Clay, to change the design for Marina Park as presented.

AYE: Beck, Bobay, Clay, Dames, Gainer, Gossett, Harris

NAY: None

Carried 7-0

Joan Van Sickle reported on recent construction changes:

- Chain of Lakes—Comments were received back from DOT for traffic design to which staff will respond.
- Cuyler Park—Land Development requested a traffic study for the parking area. Ms. Van Sickle would like to see the project out to bid by Christmas.
- Fay Lake Wilderness Park is progressing very nicely.
- Marina Park—Not only will site work continue, but work is continuing on the boat ramps.
- Parrish Park-Titusville work is done, the ramps are open, and the boaters seem happy.
- Pritchard House interior asbestos and lead paint abatement in progress should be completed about Thanksgiving and staff is working on the scope of work for next phase so that can go out to bid.

Dick Gossett inquired about the status of the pier concession. Mr. Tucci reported the Irish Pub was the only one bid and was selected. He noted the bidder would like a longer lease due to the initial investment. The negotiation committee is to meet and decide to move forward or send it out to bid again. In response to an inquiry from Neta Harris, Chairman Beck explained the pier is owned by the City but operated and maintained by the County. Titusville City Council Member Johnson stated last time the City was given a copy of the agreement with the vendor, but the agreement is up to this board. Neta Harris expressed concern with finding out about the selection in a letter to the City, the item not being on the agenda and stated she would like to have seen the application if the advisory board is to have input. Rev. Clay asked questions about the process, particularly the selection committee as he was the alternate appointee and suggested more communication about the meetings. Mr. Tucci reviewed the process again noting nothing is final yet. Barry Gainer stated he was sure the advisory board would be given a report after the negotiation committee meets. Rev. Dames suggested presenting the minutes of the selection committee to the NBCPR which Mr. Tucci said he would get a copy of and email to the advisory board and City Manager and liaisons. Mr. Gainer suggested forwarding a copy of the proposal to the advisory board members. Chairman Beck stated it will be on the agenda

if there are any changes. Mr. Tucci announced the negotiation committee meeting is set for the morning of October 19. Council Member Johnson requested the City Manager be informed of the meeting. Mr. Tucci confirmed for Council Member Johnson that a security bond is required. Mr. Gossett remarked that he remembers the advisory board being told about a year and a half ago they would be involved in all projects and bidding processes.

Rev. Dames inquired about Isaac Campbell, Sr. Park CDBG grant and the replica house at Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park. Ms. Van Sickle reported staff is working on the scope or work for Campbell and Parks and Recreation will do some of the work. Ms. Van Sickle indicated she would get the expected timeframe for next month's report. Ms. Van Sickle confirmed the final completion date of the Moore home replica is October 27. Rev. Dames expressed his concern about the maintenance at Moore Memorial Park which in his opinion is despicable with dead grass and withering flowers, in a very nice neighborhood, and he asked staff to look into it. Mike Rubacky explained it is a construction site, the irrigation water is shut off due to construction, and there has been no measurable rain the last month; the contractor is to replace any dead grass, flowers or bushes. Rev. Dames felt that wasn't a legitimate reason for it looking as bad as it does and suggested watering with a hose. Ms. Van Sickle stated that will be part of staff's review and inspection, but unfortunately that is the way it looks during construction and staff cannot interfere nor tell the contractor he is to use a hose for watering. It is easier for him to replace it after construction. Rev. Dames noted he never saw Chain of Lakes look as bad as Moore Memorial Park during construction and thought the entrance to the cultural center should look better. He expressed he wanted staff to take note of it. Ms. Van Sickle stated she will make sure vegetation is addressed in closeout.

City Council Member Johnson asked if the dying grass maintenance at Space View Park west near the Apollo Monument had been resolved. Mr. Rubacky reviewed recent meetings with city staff and the plan for the area to be xeriscape which the County and City will fund. The problem is the cost of irrigation and type of grass. The original plan was for Bahia grass with irrigation from the stormwater pond itself. The final City plan had St. Augustine-type grass to be watered from potable City water which became a cost issue in that only \$500 for water was budgeted for irrigation. As to timeframe, it will probably be spring or June. Council Member Johnson noted the County shut off irrigation at the other part of Space View Park. Mr. Rubacky responded that

was from discussion between himself, Terry Lane and Chuck Denman. Chairman Beck indicated he heard the water cost was \$6,000. Council Member Johnson stated he hopes the issue is resolved.

B. North Brevard Referendum Projects—Printed report only.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Neta Harris noted a piece of information in the packet regarding Mims-Scottsmoor Community Center going to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on October 20 regarding contract for sale and purchase was not on the NBCPR the agenda. Furthermore, she felt the time between when the appraisal is due on October 15 and the meeting date is too close to get the information to the BoCC. Chairman Beck responded it wasn't on the NBCPR agenda is because it was approved earlier by the advisory board. Ms. Harris stated if an item is in the packet, it should be on the agenda and asked if the BoCC will see the appraisal. Joan Van Sickle responded it is normally submitted to the BoCC as part of the agenda package.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. REPORTS

A. Advisory Board Members on Assigned Parks—Rev. Dames asked if the irrigation at Moore Memorial Park is sectioned off with valves. Mr. Rubacky responded there are zones, but the main water is shut off by the flag pole for the contractor to hook into the main water.

B. City of Titusville—No report.

C. North Area Parks Operations Staff—Mr. Tucci reported a successful partnership with Florida Runners for a meet at Chain of Lakes the past weekend with an estimate of over 12,000 people present and over 4,500 runners from as far away as Virginia and Ohio. He also reported the Craft Festival is November 21. Jeff Davis reported there will be a fall festival at Isaac Campbell, Sr. Park on October 31.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted M. Beck, Chairman

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