

CUYLER PARK REFERENDUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Cuyler Park Referendum Committee, appointed by the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation, an advisory board, held Monday, August 20, 2001, at 6 p.m., at the Cuyler Park Annex.

Members Present

Dwight Seigler, Chairman
Juanita Barton, Vice Chairman
Shawn Harris
Deborah Rodwell

Member Absent

Corine Saunders

County Staff Present

Greg Minor, Special Projects Coordinator IV
Cheryl Page, North Area Parks Operations Manager
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dwight Seigler called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Juanita Barton, seconded by Deborah Rodwell, to approve the minutes of July 16, 2001, as printed.

AYE: Barton, Rodwell, Seigler

NAY: None

Carried 3-0

III. STAFF REPORTS

A. Referendum Projects—Mrs. Page reported the A&E contracts are in or ready to be signed. The North Brevard Senior Center Committee met last week, Parrish Park—Scottsmoor meets this week, Chain of Lake meets in September, Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park Committee meets August 28 at 6 p.m. at Cuyler Annex. The North Brevard Parks & Recreation Commission met jointly with Titusville City Council to discuss a proposal from Vectorworks to utilize the Marina Park area. There is a special meeting of the NBCPR this Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Brevard Room for them to discuss the Marina Park use. City Council will continue their discussion on Marina Park on August 28.

In response to inquiries from committee members, Mrs. Page explained in more detail the proposal by Vectorworks to use all but a 200' buffer on the waterfront of Marina Park for expansion and relocate the Titusville Little League to a site as yet undetermined. FEC property adjacent to Gibson was considered at one time, but the Little League didn't want to move there.

Shawn Harris arrived during the above report.

Juanita Barton reminded Chairman Seigler that Mr. Harris had suggested someone from the committee attend the

NBCPR meetings. It was determined the chairman will attend. At Mr. Harris' suggestion, the chairman will also be placed on the NBCPR mailing list.

There was discussion about posting the minutes on the web as result of an inquiry by Juanita Barton and whether or not it is appropriate to do so before they are approved by committee or commission. Mrs. Page reported there will be a Referendum newsletter which will be mailed to all committee members and posted on the web.

Mrs. Page gave information on the Chain of Lakes project in response to an inquiry from Deborah Rodwell.

B. Cuyler Park Project Funds—Mrs. Page reviewed the funds expended leaving a balance of \$22,550.26. (See attached report.) The Referendum brochure lists picnic facilities and site improvements. Clearing was done through Keep Brevard Beautiful and Parks Maintenance North Area staff. Besides the picnic tables, the Referendum money could be used for sod.

C. Fencing—Mrs. Page presented a quote from East Coast Fence at \$5,090.50. The cost will be borne by the North Area budget after October 1, not the Referendum funds. Three quotes will be required. Discussion on the location of the fence was discussed. Mrs. Page mentioned being mindful of the neighbors, the Devereaux School and the dumpster that is out there. She asked if the sign should be fenced in and move the existing gate down to the road. Staff at Devereaux wouldn't mind if the dumpster were closer to them inasmuch as it is theirs. Mrs. Page will also have to get permission from the School Board for the portion on their property.

Chairman Seigler mentioned the problem with parking and the possibility of relocating the road in the long-range plan. He also mentioned safety considerations with the road.

Shawn Harris suggested since the fence is being paid for outside of the Referendum funds, to take it out of the committee's hands and have staff meet with Jessie Robinson, a representative from the Civic League, and Cuyler staff to assist staff in making a recommendation regarding location of the fence. Mr. Harris stated slow delivery would probably work better and give everyone time to think about it. Mrs. Page will send a letter to the user groups to arrange a meeting.

Juanita Barton asked if the activities should be built around the road, or the road around the activities and spoke for identifying use before relocating the road. This led to a discussion of making long-range plans.

Mrs. Page suggested meeting with the Civic League and inviting the public and user groups and the children to come to next month's meeting to discuss future plans for the park.

Chairman Seigler reported he met with Mr. Nelson and Commissioner Scarborough on August 8 to talk about going ahead and putting together a plan and if Referendum projects costs are kept down, there may be some money left over. Those with a plan could possibly tap into the leftover money. At the same time Commissioner Scarborough suggested Mr. Nelson contact Stormwater and the St. Johns River Water Management District to see if they would have funding available for Cuyler Park based on the fact all the drainage is going down to Wiley. There may be some money to direct some of that into a small lake and possibly even connect it to the Chain of Lakes.

Mr. Harris restated his desire to come up with a plan that fits into the scheme of things being done in the North Area Parks and therefore isn't in a big hurry. He would prefer coming up with a good idea. He also restated he would like staff's recommendation for the location of the fence. This would avoid asking the same questions again next month.

Mrs. Page indicated she perceives the greatest need is for additional parking.

C. Parking on Outdoor Basketball Court—Mrs. Page referred to her memo on the subject. She indicated she believes the basketball court may have been built by the School Board. In any event, any changes must be approved by the School Board. More research would have to be done to change the use of the court. She also mentioned safety concerns with the adjacent playground and access for Child Care buses.

IV. OLD BUSINESS—None

V. NEW BUSINESS—Covered in above discussion regarding the August 8 meeting with Commissioner Scarborough and Mr. Nelson.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Juanita Barton noted the need for the community to talk to each other about needs and desires for Cuyler Park. Some things suggested in the last Civic League meeting included a place for Parrish Medical to do blood pressure checks, dance lessons, karate, classes to build a computer to take home. Deborah Rodwell concurred with getting the word out to the community.

Jessie Robinson inquired if there has been a decision to put a building on the property and asked about building maintenance. Mr. Barton responded no decision has been made yet and use needs to be determined first. Mrs. Page reported maintenance for Referendum facilities was considered in the Referendum process. Costs will be included in the annual budget process as the projects are completed. This will probably result in some adjustments to the District 1 Recreation MSTU, which is what funds the operation and maintenance of existing parks.

In response to another inquiry from Ms. Robinson, Mrs. Page reported the North Brevard Senior Center is operated and maintained by the seniors themselves under an agreement with Brevard County. They do have some funding in the Referendum to purchase 10 adjacent acres and improvements at the senior center. The North Area will not provide a budget for operating that center.

It was decided to advertise the September 17, 7 p.m., Civic League meeting for public input on plans for the park, followed by a Referendum committee meeting. Mrs. Page will give a report to the Civic League. Mrs. Page will draft a letter and do a news release. Committee members should provide names and addresses for mailing. Mrs. Page will set up the agenda in coordination with Chairman Seigler.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Seigler, Chairman

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