

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, April 18, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., at the Cuyler Park Annex.

Members Present

Dwight Seigler, Chairman

Shawn Harris

Deborah Rodwell

Corine Saunders

Members Absent

LeRoy Fogle, Jr.–Excused

Dr. Ron Bobay, Ex-Officio (NBCPR)

County Staff Present

Terry A. Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager

Tommy Myers, Community Center Coordinator

Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seigler at 6:12 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

As reflected above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 24, 2005, meeting were approved at the motion by Shawn Harris, seconded by Corine Saunders.

AYE: Harris, Rodwell, Saunders, Seigler

NAY: None Carried 4-0

IV. STAFF REPORTS

Terry Lane reported the preliminary budget has been prepared for Mr. Nelson's review. Budget reviews are in progress and the Parks and Recreation review will be held on May 12. In the preliminary budget submitted, the gymnasium insulation and moving the air conditioning to the outside at an estimated cost of \$35,000 are listed in cash forward dollars. The following projects for Cuyler were listed as unfunded budget changes to be reviewed by Mr. Nelson: Cuyler softball field renovation at just over \$49,000; Cuyler site work on new property at an estimated cost of just over \$60,000; purchase and hard wiring a generator for this facility for after storm recovery estimated at \$60,000 including air conditioning.

Chairman Seigler questioned the site work at \$60,000 which Mr. Lane explained was an estimate given by Chuck Mays, construction coordinator, for purchasing dirt and bringing it in. Chairman Seigler inquired about fill from Chain of Lakes. Mr. Lane reported there isn't as much dirt as was thought for bringing up the levels of the soccer fields, softball fields, and area behind BCC for the historic house, to be sure to be above the wet

area. Chairman Seigler inquired if the dirt stockpiled from Fox Lake is still in the County's hands and if it could be used rather than purchasing dirt. Mr. Lane stated he has been out of that loop, but believes it was taken to the landfill and suggested Chairman Seigler continue to deal with Cheryl Page and Jack Masson on using fill dirt from Fox Lake. Chairman Seigler noted that would reduce the cost for filling the area.

Chairman Seigler asked about cash forward. Mr. Lane explained that the budget must be status quo from last year. Cash forward is the amount not spent in the prior year and is usually available in May. This year, because of hurricanes, much was used for repairs, but some FEMA dollars are coming in for smaller projects. Funding for larger projects such as shoreline damage, hasn't been provided as yet. Chairman Seigler inquired if the softball field was included in hurricane repairs. Mr. Lane confirmed it was and staff has been looking at roofs. The air conditioning will be replaced in the civic room and the breeze way will be stabilized.

Chairman Seigler introduced discussion regarding use of Cuyler during hurricanes. Mr. Lane noted the Cuyler facility was probably built for up to 140 mph winds, whereas new facilities are built to 170 mph standards. Chairman Seigler, stated he would get back with Bob Lay and use of Cuyler will probably be based on severity of the storm. Mr. Lane inquired if Chairman Seigler asked Mr. Lay to come out to assess the building. Chairman Seigler responded, yes, but they talked more about Cuyler being an after storm shelter because there was no generator.

Mr. Lane reported additional funding was requested from CDBG for new computers for CCLC to keep up with technology. The request was for \$106,558. This year's funding was \$66,350, and the previous year was

\$68,000. The other increase was for a benefit package for Jermaine Curry be a full-time permanent employee at 40 hours instead of 32 hours per week. Shawn Harris stated there is a question with the CDBG program, because President Bush is proposing eliminating most of the budget with a 90% cut and moving the department to another agency. Most congressional delegations and governors are opposed to it. Mr. Harris asked about the future of the program if CDBG gets cut. Mr. Lane stated that if there was no funding through CDBG, it could be taken to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to see if they would fund it. Chairman Seigler stated he doesn't want to hurt people's feelings, but he was told a couple months ago it was on the chopping block. Mr. Harris suggested Mr. Lane think about it. Mr. Lane stated he thinks the Department is committed to be in this community with staff, but he is not sure a \$68,000 project could be operated in the current North Area budget. If that happens, funding can be requested from the BOCC. Mr. Lane stated the doors wouldn't be shut, but CCLC would have to operate it in a different size. Mr. Harris stated he looked at the proposal for that and he believes some assistance will be needed because money is tight down there and there may need to be some lobbying on this end. Mr. Lane stated the current CCLC staff is very much interested in keeping the program and will do what needs to be done.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Use of Remaining Funds—Mr. Lane reported the remaining amount is \$15,166. Chairman Seigler reviewed that the committee members were supposed to come up with some ideas for the \$15,000. Mr. Harris stated he thinks the committee needs to find out what kind of decision Mr. Nelson makes on the proposals submitted by Mr. Lane and the money could be used to match some of that. He is happy to hear Mr. Lane sent those needs forward. Mr. Lane explained that each year staff submits unfunded program changes which is essentially a wish list for projects throughout the North Area. Some of the changes submitted are asking for additional personnel, additional facilities, improvements to facilities for a total of 28 projects at a total cost of over \$3,000,000. One thing included was for a pool in Port St. John (PSJ) which was in last year's request. There was also \$255,000 for a skate park in PSJ. Mr. Harris asked if the process is closed. Mr. Lane responded Mr. Nelson has made his first review. Mr. Harris asked if a smaller project could be included. Mr.

Lane stated he could add something. Chairman Seigler reported a request for funding for a pool was submitted through CDBG and heard it was close to being approved. It is being held up because of other capital projects on the books which have not been started such as Harry T. Moore Avenue road improvements which are two years behind. Some matching funds may be needed. The pool has been talked about for quite awhile.

Mr. Lane reported the dugouts will be covered through FEMA and suggested looking around at the facility to see if anything is not appealing. The gymnasium walls are not looking good because of the damaged insulation. The north wall has metal covering, but the other three walls just have insulation. Leaks with the flat room have been a continual battle. Tommy Lee Myers stated that if the gym roof isn't fixed, a new floor will be needed because of leaks. Mr. Lane stated all he can do is to continue to band aid the leaks. A fiberglass coating is put on leaks, but it's a flat roof. The whole roof was done a few years ago, but it has been a continual battle from the beginning. Mr. Lane stated it is a design issue. There had been rain coming down the walls. Corrine Saunders noted the day care center and gym roofs have always leaked. She sees having a pitched roof as the only solution. Deborah Rodwell inquired of the cost, to which Mr. Lane responded he had not a clue. Corrine Saunders stated piece meal is a waste of money. Mr. Lane stated the reason he brought covering the insulation in the gym was because the estimate from a few years ago was about \$12,000 to \$13,000. Mrs. Saunders stated it seems like that would be a waste of money if the building is still leaking. Mr. Myers stated the water hasn't been coming down the walls recently. Mr. Lane stated staff had the builder come back and retrofit to stop leaks down walls. The leaks now are in the roof itself, in the middle, by the bleachers and the scoreboard. Mr. Lane reported he will continue putting the walls in the budget to get them fixed. Mr. Lane stated that if the committee wished, he could add the roof to the budget as an unfunded program change.

Motion by Deborah Rodwell, seconded by Shawn Harris, for Mr. Lane to add a pitched roof to the budget request because of the safety hazards.

AYE: Harris, Rodwell, Saunders, Seigler

NAY: None

Carried 4-0

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Election of Vice Chairman

Motion by Deborah Rodwell, seconded by Corrine Saunders, for Shawn Harris to be Vice Chairman.

AYE: Harris, Rodwell, Saunders, Seigler

NAY: None **Carried 4-0**

Mr. Harris stated he was looking at the agenda and was wondering if there is a reason why there isn't an invocation and pledge of allegiance. Mr. Lane requested Mr. Myers have a U.S. flag on pole on the stage.

Consensus was to have an invocation and pledge of allegiance added to the agenda.

Mr. Harris inquired if there is a committee for the undeveloped Harry T. Moore Park and the Moore Memorial Park. Mr. Lane stated there is no committee for the vacant lot. There is a 501(c)(3) organization meeting at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Center. Chairman Seigler reported committees were formed for Referendum projects. Mr. Harris asked how to have a voice for vacant lot at Harry T. Moore Park. Mr. Lane responded the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation meets monthly on the second Thursday, at 5:00 p.m., in the Brevard Room in Titusville. That is the avenue for any citizen to bring up ideas for facilities or future development.

VII. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Seigler reviewed that how to spend the \$15,000 left over from the Referendum was discussed and the need to have the insulation on the three walls in the gym covered. Chairman Seigler asked for input from the audience on how to spend the \$15,000.

Charlie Smith inquired about funding for improvements in the kitchen area, such as locking cabinets, replacing some of the utensils and equipment in the kitchen, and overall improvements. Mr. Lane stated that if there are certain kitchen utensils needed in the kitchen, it should not come from the \$15,000. A list needs to be given to Mr. Myers to present to Mr. Lane for approval.

Ms. Smith inquired if there will be an inventory list, as there was originally, where users sign off each time the kitchen is used. Mr. Lane stated there is a pre-rental and post-rental check list, and the utensils can be added to the list. Chairman Seigler stated this is the first he is

hearing utensils were available, but rather thought that users had to bring their own. Mr. Harris suggested a list be put together and presented to Mr. Myers. Mr. Harris suggested that if the County can't provide the items, perhaps there could be a creative way to do so. Chairman Seigler noted cabinets would be costly. Mr. Lane related that much of the kitchen is stainless steel, and a new configuration would have to be determined. It was suggested the inventory would have to be locked up. Mr. Lane and Deborah Rodwell noted there are some locking cabinets there now.

Date and time for next meeting.

Mr. Lane requested an action list for staff which was discussed as follows:

- \$ Update on budget.
- \$ Add roof with trusses and a pitch for whole facility to the budget request.
- \$ Have Mrs. Page contact Chairman Seigler about fill dirt.
- \$ Status of the FEMA money. Mr. Lane reported money is starting to come in for small projects. Staff is now dealing with the fourth different FEMA auditor. Larger projects are still pending.
- \$ Mr. Lane stated that the proposed preliminary budget is presented to the City of Titusville in June.
- \$ Mr. Harris requested Mr. Lane ask Mrs. Page or Mr. Nelson what plan the County has to continue with the CCLC if CDBG funding goes away.

The next meeting will be held on July 18, at 6:00 p.m., at the Cuyler Annex.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. at the motion by Shawn Harris, seconded by Deborah Rodwell.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Seigler, Chairman