

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, February 5, 2007, at 6 p.m., at Cuyler Park Annex.

Members Present

Dwight Seigler, Chairman
LeRoy Fogle, Jr.
Deborah Rodwell
Corine Saunders
Members Absent
Shawn Harris

County Staff Present

Cheryl Page, Assistant Department Director
Terry Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager
Richard Tucci, Recreation Superintendent
Tommy Myers, Cuyler Park Community Center Coordinator
Diane Ruth, Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seigler at 6:04 p.m.

audience member noted that the facility had heating problems too.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Seigler led members present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry Lane gave an update on funding for Referendum projects saying, on March 6, 2007, the Budget Change Request (BCR) will go before the Board to re-establish Cuyler Park's funding for the remaining \$15,166.00. Cheryl Page interjected that they have to establish a new budget. Mr. Lane and Ms. Page both explained that the \$11,000,000, from the 2006 Referendum will be available in the next few weeks.

Terry Lane introduced Diane Ruth, the new Secretary assisting Judy Inman; Richard Tucci, the new Recreation Superintendent, and John Dacus, who was not present, the new Parks Maintenance Superintendent, stating both of the new superintendents will share duties with their current counterparts. He gave recognition to Cheryl Page and Tommy Myers, also present.

Chairman Seigler stated that before money concerns arose, Commissioner Scarborough had asked for community comments, and the community had prepared a list of improvements. He handed out copies of the community's comments and list of improvements from East Mims Civic League's October 2006 Meeting, for staff to review. Referring to the 2000 and 2006 Referendums, the Chairman said the park had received some money the first time around, and now they were asking for money again. He said he did not want Cuyler Park to be left out. So, the Civic League got their list together this time and when money is divided up, Cuyler Park can get its share.

III. ROLL CALL

As reflected above.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 18, 2005, meeting were approved at the motion by Leroy Fogle, seconded by Corine Saunders.

AYE: Fogle, Rodwell, Saunders, Seigler

NAY: None Carried 4-0

(Minutes actually approved later in the meeting)

Terry Lane stated that funds to do current projects are out of the North Area Parks & Recreation budget.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Vision for the Referendum Property

Chairman Seigler commented that the Committee had not met for a while, noting lack of funding.

Chairman Seigler said he doesn't want current projects to come out of the 2006 Referendum money. And, Leroy Fogle added, he wanted clarification of what money is being spent to do those current projects.

Terry Lane reported that projects had been ongoing referring to the new ceiling in the gym to be completed soon, new lighting, new bleachers are coming, softball field bids were just opened, and should run around \$100,000. As these projects were more than budgeted, the staff is looking to areas for money. He went on to say that the original roof design was deficient, so new engineering bids will be put out to the public. And, he understood that there are continuing air conditioning problems, and that will be included in the next budget year projects. A community

Terry Lane reiterated that the funding for the current projects at Cuyler Park are not out of the 2006 Referendum money. He explained that the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation (NBCPR) will decide how those monies will be allocated. Also, he said that the 2006 Referendum money is to be used for enhancing and improving projects.

Chairman Seigler remarked that some parks receive big money, and that they will also ask for enhancements and

improvements, leaving Cuyler with less, again, and he wants an even playing field.

Mr. Lane reminded the Committee that before the 2000 Referendum there were many meetings where the public spoke about what they wanted money from that referendum to do.

Chairman Seigler had concerns about who decided that Cuyler Park would get \$70,000, because he wasn't there when that decision was made, and he wondered who was. Leroy Fogle wondered how projects are prioritized and where Cuyler Park falls on that list.

Terry Lane responded that all projects were prioritized. But, Mr. Fogle replied, Cuyler only got \$70,000, adding, wishes and dreams won't go as far, but will bring the Committee a step further. Mr. Lane said the best thing to do was to identify projects.

Cheryl Page advised the Committee that there are no new projects, that finishing original 2000 Referendum is the reason for 2006 referendum. She said, she is meeting with Commissioner Scarborough to see how funding will be handled. She told the Chairman that Cuyler making their list was a good idea.

Chairman Seigler asserted that the Committee doesn't want Cuyler Park to get short changed or get left out.

Cheryl Page cited current factors that are to be considered when discussing dispersal of funds. She mentioned the new Max Brewer Bridge saying, staff can't do anything with Sand Point Park or Marina Park until that is underway. Therefore, she added, the staff will need to do something else while that is going on. Mentioning the prospect of Holder Park and WW James Park wanting more things, she said, they have the majority of their projects mostly finished.

Terry Lane said some projects are still on a wait list. Cuyler has acquired land, but not picnic facilities. So, the sites could have improvements out of the 2006 Referendum money.

Chairman Seigler speculated about money left over, if most projects are almost completed. Cheryl Page said that it would be a wait and see thing.

Deborah Rodwell wondered if Cuyler Park would still get the \$15,000. Terry Lane said the Committee should envision what they want for the facility and tell the Commissioner. Figure out what is wanted, then prioritize, he said.

Chairman Seigler said the Committee wouldn't know the dollar cost, which could be a problem creating a priority list. Cheryl Page replied that some item costs would be difficult, like a pool and what size it would be. So, the Committee needs to be more specific. She said today's rates are different, restrooms costs are different, and purchasing property can be very expensive. It also costs money to get appraisals for how much something is going to cost. But, she added, some items can come out of Park & Recreation budget, like the softball field the staff is working on right now.

Chairman Seigler reported that Mr. Brown did give an estimate of \$42,000, to fill the hole on item #9, in the List of Improvements.

Cheryl Page said the new property may get a new pavilion for which staff has cost estimates, but construction costs can change. The first three items on list are big ticket items, she remarked but, the rest of items on list are not insurmountable. It just takes proper planning, she added.

Terry Lane detailed current project status saying, the bleachers have been ordered, but there are roof repair issues. He elaborated on solutions to those issues saying, a rubberized coating on the metal roof may resolve the leaking problem there. There is a new scoreboard and lighting which are the Parks & Recreation budget. The Commissioner knows we have to provide maintenance, Mr. Lane remarked.

Ms. Page asserted that staff needs more information from the Committee, saying small items are easier to get and, if staff knew the money range, the Committee could make decisions. But, she emphasized, staff needs a quick response to be able to get it at the budgeted price.

When a community member asked about the need for a larger parking lot, Ms. Page mentioned the retention pond area couldn't be changed, but maybe the new property could provide area for a parking lot.

Chairman Seigler stated that the current basketball court could be a parking area, since it is already asphalted. Cheryl Page said that could be a possibility, if the parking was controlled. Terry Lane reminded everyone that it is currently used for basketball. But, Chairman Seigler said it would only be used for parking at special functions.

When another community member wanted to know if any Parks & Recreation facilities have gas for cooking outdoors, Mr. Lane responded that Fox Lake Park had it. Deborah Rodwell said that propane tanks could be used in response to Cheryl Page's question about gas availability.

Cheryl Page thought that it was a good idea to buy restaurant equipment from a restaurant supplier, in answer to a community-member's inquiry about purchasing new kitchen utensils. Another community member was concerned about securing kitchen items, to which Terry Lane suggested adding additional locks to cabinets. When Deborah Rodwell asked who would maintain those keys, Terry Lane and Cheryl Page said there would be separate items for rentals.

Chairman Seigler stated he had talked to Terry Lane about the projector's speakers being too small and the possibilities of getting larger ones. Mr. Lane said his staff will call the company and see what can be done.

When a community member asked about parts to complete the Bingo machine, Tommy Myers said it was ordered, but the order had been sent back, and added he was staying on top of it.

A community member opened discussion about putting shelves in the annex storage room, saying there is a need for extra storage. Terry Lane said that room is where the chairs are stored and wondered if there is room for shelves. Cheryl Page said the staff would have to look at the room. Corine Saunders said if shelves were put on top of the stored chairs, no one would be able to reach the shelves. Terry Lane said he would look at situation.

Chairman Seigler wanted to look at Cuyler's list of things to be paid out of Parks & Recreation budget. Terry replied that the budget for next year will be started in February for both funded and unfunded requests.

Chairman Seigler suggested that maybe it was a good time to look at raises. Mr. Fogle stated that the Cuyler staff needs some big raises. Terry Lane said he would discuss the issue with Tommy Myers.

In response to Chairman Seigler's inquiry about the next step for the 2006 Referendum, Terry Lane said they need to bring the Civic Leagues List of Improvements before the advisory board where Chairman Seigler could speak to them.

A community member stated that there is no signage to indicate the women's restroom was also the disabled restroom, and there is no grab bar for the disabled in the women's restroom. The community member also wondered how to start an aerobics class.

Terry Lane explained to her that a contracted instructor, a seasonal recreation employee, or a staff member could teach it. He asked if she knew anyone who might be interested. A contracted instructor, he informed her, had to

have their own liability insurance and would share a certain percentage of customer fees with Parks & Recreation. If anyone knows someone who may be available, he said, talk to his office.

Mr. Lane, responding to a community member's question of how long seasonal workers were employed, said for six-months. When asked if they could return for six more months, Mr. Lane said they are trying that now. Cheryl Page said a permanent employee could be trained and temporary employees can become permanent.

Chairman Seigler wondered if staff could be part-time permanent, to which Cheryl Page responded, it could be done. Terry Lane said the P&R could do that and would have Tommy Myers look at that need.

A community member stated that the girls of the community need to be active, so could programs and personnel for that be an option also. Terry Lane said, BRAVE, a volunteer program, could also work and they could teach programs.

Tommy Myers told community members that new staff is coming in, and the community will see changes.

A community member asked for stationary garbage cans outside doors of the Community Center and the Annex, so people would stop throwing garbage on ground. Terry Lane suggested swing barrels and asked Tommy Myers to take care of matter.

Deborah Rodwell said the women's restroom was too dimly lit. Terry Lane and Tommy Myers discussed the situation and how they had handled getting more light in the men's restroom. Terry Lane requested Mr. Myer to take care of the matter.

The minutes were approved at this point in the meeting, but are recorded in order of the agenda.

Cheryl Page returned to Old Business and brought up item #9 on List of Improvements—filling in hole. She said she had met with Mr. William Porzio, Construction Coordinator for the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department, and he had the following comments about the site: it has several invasive species which need to be removed, it has a very small area that may qualify as wetland, the total property acquired should be included in any Land Development Plan (tree count, fill, etc.), and the Land Development Plan should have documented community support/interest with input on specifics for use and features.

She said the Committee needs to send a letter to Natural Resources documenting the specifics for its use and features. She stated that the letter would give impetus to move forward, and then Mr. Porzio could get a quote from an A&E for site lighting, landscape, restroom, and pavilion. The targeted budget is \$500,000. But first, the Committee needs to get a letter to Natural Resources, Ms. Page said, and offered to write it for the Cuyler Park Referendum Committee if they so desired.

To Mr. Fogle's inquiry about what A&E meant, Ms. Page apologized for using an acronym and told him it meant Architecture and Engineering.

When Chairman Seigler asked how much land was being discussed, Terry Lane responded, 1.5 acres. Cheryl Page told the Committee it needed to inform the staff what it wanted there. Mr. Fogle wanted to take time to decide what to do after the meeting, but Ms. Page said it had to be done in a public setting as required by the Florida Sunshine Law. Mr. Fogle said they needed to get a consensus about what to put where the hole is.

Chairman Seigler stated that the original wants may change. Ms. Page said to do first things first, and then decide purpose.

Chairman Seigler inquired as to whether the Committee could say pool and pavilion. Cheryl Page responded with a yes, but she said Natural Resources may say it can't be done, but could give an alternative as to what the community could do.

Cheryl Page said the letter could be worded to say future construction could be some of the choices the Committee wants there. Mr. Fogle wanted to be assured that the Committee could change its mind at a later date. Whereupon, Ms. Page responded with a yes, but added that the Committee has to have something in mind now.

Motion by Corine Saunders, seconded by Deborah Rodwell, for staff to write a letter to Natural Resources for the Chairman's signature, regarding filling the depression at Cuyler Park for future improvements which could include a pavilion, restrooms, pool and site amenities.

AYE: Fogle, Rodwell, Saunders, Seigler

NAY: None

Carried 4-0

A community member said something needed to be done to the floors, because other places had shiny floors, like the North Brevard Senior Center (NBSC) where the floors are always nice. Cheryl Page said the NBSC has its own contractor, and that Tommy Myers could check into it.

It was also brought to the staff's attention that there is a sugar ant problem. Terry Lane commiserated saying, that the ants are a common irritant and he had the same problem in his office. Tommy Myers, he told her, would call pest control. But, Mr. Myers said he had, and it had been sprayed last month. Mr. Lane said they may have to place some traps around the facility.

Another community member requested the automatic spray deodorizer for the restrooms, and Mr. Lane asked Mr. Myers to check into that matter also. Chairman Seigler inquired about the Annex getting some carpeting. Cheryl Page said that could not be bought with 2006 Referendum money, and that carpet can become problematic. She related that the Port St John Community Center had to replace its carpet within two years. However, Ms. Page added, they now have half carpeting, with tile around the edge of room to handle spillage. Ms. Page said the mixture worked well for most facilities, lasts longer, and the low thick pile provides better acoustics.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Seigler asked if any one had any further business. None was brought forward.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Seigler, Chairman

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October 16, 2006

**The East Mims Civic Leagues List of Improvements for Cuyler Park:
Community Comments from October 2006 Meeting**

The recommendations proposed by the community are outlined below and were based on the anticipated growth for Mims, Florida. Currently there were six (6) new Housing Developments approved in this area. Therefore, we would like to see Cuyler Park become the center piece of East Mims Re-Development and on the same design scale as the Chain of Lakes. The residence of East Mims will continue to have access to the Cuyler Community Center on a regular basis. We are asking the county to hire a Consultant/Engineering Firm to design an overall plan for Cuyler Park based on the following.

1. Purchase property South, North and East of facility for expansion, parking, and retention, soccer/football field to be used for practice and another entrance and exit at the south of the facility.
2. Purchase 27 acre lake from Mr. Brown for conservation /wildlife observation and fishing area to provide connectivity to the Honeycutt and Chain of Lakes projects.
3. Construct an indoor Swimming Pool.
4. Install additional security lighting throughout the park.
5. Relocate and install grills for the existing pavilions.
6. Develop a landscape plan to improve the esthetics of the park by planting additional trees and shrubbery in playground area and through out the park.
7. Resurface outside basketball court with a rubber coating and add regulation tennis court on south end.
8. Restructure baseball field to proper size and distance – new dugouts, bleachers and a score box.
9. Fill in hole on 1.5-acre parcel that was purchased in 2000 referendum.
10. Construct a pavilion that will seat at least 400 or more people with a full kitchen and is Handicap accessible.
11. Remove exiting exercise trail equipment and redesign and develop a functional walking and running trail head that leads to the east water front with seniors in mind.

Gym Improvements:

1. Wooden floor
2. New movable Bleachers
3. Repair Roof
4. New scoreboards on both ends
5. Install a high quality audio system
6. New interior lighting
7. Replace HVAC System

Equipment for Game Room:

1. New pool table
2. Air hockey table
3. Wall mounted television

Community Center Annex Improvements:

1. Expand stage and add dressing room and prop area on east side of building to accommodate plays, bands and ceremonies.
2. Install high quality PA system so citizen can hear during public meetings.
3. Install wireless router
4. Install exterior security lighting
5. Replace Air-conditioning system
6. Replace the window blinds
7. Roof Repairs
8. Install a heavy traffic grade of carpet in meeting room area
9. Paint interior and exterior of facility

Kitchen Improvements:

1. Proper kitchen utensils
2. New stove
3. Convection Oven
4. Proper Microwave
5. Commercial freezer and refrigeration
6. Proper cabinets for storage with locks
7. Heated buffet table with wheels

Civic Building:

1. Upgrade to concession stand and multi purpose building
2. Put in refrigeration and coolers
3. Upgrade water line to the building
4. Install a wireless router

Outside Bathrooms:

1. Add skylights
2. Up grade plumbing and fixtures
3. Install proper ventilation
4. Make handicap accessible

Computer Learning Lab:

1. Update computer's and equipment
2. Replace furniture
3. Install a heavy traffic grade of carpet
4. Install wireless router