

## DOWNTOWN URBAN PARKS REFERENDUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Downtown Urban Parks Referendum Committee Meeting, appointed by the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation (NBCPR), held Monday, June 16, 2003, 5:00 p.m., in the Brevard Room at the Brevard County Government Complex North in Titusville, Florida.

### Members Present

Sondra Ball  
Linda Fliss  
Jackie Gregory  
George Mosakowski  
Paul Nydam  
Wes Hoaglund (Ex-Officio, City)

### Members Absent

Greg Aker  
Dee Whited  
Ron Bobay (Ex-Officio, County)

### County Staff Present

Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator  
Cheryl K. Page, North Area Parks Operations Manager  
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Cheryl Page called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and introduced staff and committee members to George Mosakowski who was unable to attend the first meeting. Mr. Mosakowski is retired from NASA, was in the Marine Corps, was with Transformation Titusville for 5 years, and served as president of the corporation.

### II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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George Mosakowski was elected as chairman at the nomination by Sondra Ball, seconded by Linda Fliss.

AYE: Ball, Fliss, Gregory, Mosakowski

NAY: None Carried 4-0

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Sondra Ball was elected as vice chairman at the nomination by Linda Fliss, seconded by Jackie Gregory.

AYE: Ball, Fliss, Gregory, Mosakowski

NAY: None Carried 4-0

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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The minutes of the January 13, 2003, meeting were approved at the motion by Sondra Ball, seconded by Linda Fliss, with the correction of using the word gazebo rather than shelter on page 2, column 2 paragraph 2 in Sondra Ball's comments.

AYE: Ball, Fliss, Gregory, Mosakowski

NAY: None Carried 4-0

### IV. STAFF REPORTS

Wes Hoaglund handed out drawings showing double-loaded parking with 18' parking, 24' travel, 18' parking, for a total of 60. There are two rows of double-loaded 90 degree parking, and the existing entrance on Washington is utilized for a number of angled spaces to be posted as one or two hour parking. This would leave the closest spaces for visitors. Between the two parking areas there is an 18' strip where the material as is behind Kloiber's would be used for a feel that it goes together. Mr. Hoaglund noted the scale is not correct as it is for an 11" x 17" sheet. The plan was presented in six versions with the difference being

in the SE corner sidewalk/planting area. The Hopkins exit has been moved, and 12 palms are added to repeat the existing pattern. The parking lot is one way in and one way out on Washington side, and there are two-way entrances on Julia and Hopkins.

Mr. Hoaglund answered questions as follows:

- The dotted line is the existing curb. (Gregory)
- Two handicap-parking spaces meet code. Linda Fliss suggested there may be a need for four or six to accommodate the elderly since many attend shows. Ms. Gregory suggested shifting the handicapped parking from the east side to the west side at the corner of Julia and Hopkins. Mr. Mosakowski suggested adding two at the corner of Julia and Hopkins.
- Lighting will be in the islands. (Fliss)
- The islands at double-loaded parking are required by code. (Fliss)
- The broken line at south is the property line abutting the Pritchard property, the wavy line is landscaping (Ball)
- The triangle on S/W-3 is a planter. (Ball)
- Sidewalks will be pavers. (Gregory)

Linda Fliss inquired if a gazebo would be possible on plan S/W-3. Mr. Hoaglund responded it could be on the south side and suggested a sail structure. Ms. Fliss expressed concern of vandalism and replacement cost. Ms. Ball thought a gazebo could have a little more unique appearance in design by just letting the structure exceed usual height to give some presence. Mr. Hoaglund indicated a sail design would accomplish that. Ms. Ball inquired if that would go with the feel of the historic downtown. Mr. Hoaglund commented sailing is what started this. Mr. Mosakowski asked if a drawing could be provided in the next packet.

Ms. Ball inquired if the triangle area is large enough for a gazebo. Mr. Hoaglund indicated he could look at it.

Jackie Gregory cautioned a gazebo would be an attraction for vagrants, and expressed the need to do something that is

very open that rain could come through. Ms. Ball asked about a pergola. Mr. Hoaglund stated that wouldn't function for a farmer's market. He saw a motorized sail furling used in Pasadena where the structure could be opened and closed. Ms. Gregory inquired about bringing in something when needed, which could be removed.

Ms. Ball stated that there will be a lot more activity in the downtown area and it is in a highly visible spot with three major streets. Ms. Gregory strongly feels that the area by the Pritchard House needs to be protected with dense landscaping to provide a sound buffer for the Pritchard House. If at some future date the City is able to acquire that building and use it as some kind of historical facility, it will be more important than the parking lot. Mr. Hoaglund reported the County is looking to put it on the one-cent sales tax, but the City isn't moving that way. Ms. Gregory stated she thinks it would be a good place for the historical society, and stated the need to protect it from noise and vandalism. Mr. Hoaglund stated he likes the ideas, but is not sure he can achieve that. There is nothing he can do in this parking lot to shield that structure. He can do some screening, but beyond that he is pretty powerless.

Ms. Fliss stated she thought the project was for a parking lot for cars, made pretty with landscaping, and having some trash receptacles. Mr. Hoaglund stated he brought only what he knew there are resources for or which can be supplemented by the CRA.

Ms. Fliss inquired if there would be public parking signage. Mr. Hoaglund reported that is in the works.

Ms. Fliss stated she likes plan S/W-3, to which Mr. Mosakowski and Ms. Ball agreed. At Ms. Gregory's inquiry, Mr. Hoaglund confirmed there will be water.

Mr. Hoaglund inquired if the Committee would want the triangle to be green or shaded for people to be able to use. Linda suggested short plantings. Mr. Hoaglund suggested poles could be put in three corners for a sail. Ms. Fliss suggested something more permanent than sail material. Ms. Page noted the children's playground on US 1 south of town has canvas over the playground.

Ms. Ball stated she prefers something more traditional like the gazebo look, although she does like contemporary things. Mr. Mosakowski thinks that fits the downtown ambiance better. Ms. Fliss thought a sail might stand out like a sore thumb unless it were to be closer to the water.

Ms. Ball stated that it would be wonderful if, at some point in time, the Pritchard house was restored. She noted Emma Parrish Theatre has the awnings of a traditional feel and she thinks something more traditional and permanent would fit the area better.

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Motion by Linda Fliss, seconded by Sondra Ball to add a gazebo in the southeast corner of the property on plan S/W-3.

AYE: Ball, Fliss, Mosakowski

NAY: Gregory Carried 3-1

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Motion by Sondra Ball, seconded by Linda Fliss to accept plan S/W-3 as the first choice of selection of designs that were offered.

AYE: Ball, Fliss, Mosakowski

NAY: Gregory Carried 3-1

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In response to an inquiry from Linda Fliss, Mr. Hoaglund suggested waiting to see where people are walking to decide where to place stepping stones.

V. OLD BUSINESS--None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS--None.

VII. PUBLIC INPUT--None

In response to an inquiry from Sondra Ball, Mr. Hoaglund stated he expects to have more details for the Committee in the next six to eight weeks. Jackie Gregory inquired if there will be an architect. Mrs. Page reported there is an agreement with Honeycutt and Associates. Mr. Hoaglund stated he believes the City can do most of the work in house. Ms. Gregory commented that what the City has done already is a vast improvement.

Sondra Ball inquired if there is a landscape architect on staff. Mr. Hoaglund noted the City has people like Jackie Gregory. Ms. Ball suggested a cooperative effort with City and County.

It was determined the next meeting will be set when Mr. Hoaglund is ready with more details, probably in six to eight weeks.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned shortly before 6:00 p.m. at the motion by Sondra Ball, seconded by Linda Fliss.

AYE: Ball, Fliss, Gregory, Mosakowski, Nydam

NAY: None Carried 5-0

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Respectfully submitted,

George Mosakowski, Chairman

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