

DOWNTOWN URBAN PARKS REFERENDUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Downtown Urban Parks Referendum Committee Meeting, appointed by the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation (NBCPR), held Monday, October 25, 2004, 5:30 p.m., in the Brevard Room at the Brevard County Government Complex North in Titusville, Florida.

Members Present

George Mosakowski, Chairman
Sondra Ball, Vice Chair
Greg Aker
Jackie Gregory
Dee Whited
Courtney Harris (Ex-Officio, City)

Members Absent

Linda Fliss, excused
Paul Nydam

County Staff Present

Terry A. Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary
Ron Bobay (Ex-Officio, County)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:53 p.m. by Chairman George Mosakowski.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 7, 2004, meeting were approved at the motion by Sondra Ball, seconded by Dee Whited

AYE: Aker, Ball, Mosakowski, Whited

NAY: None Carried 4-0

III. STAFF REPORTS—None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Courtney Harris, redevelopment specialist with the City of Titusville, presented the revised plan approved by the CRA. Two additional handicap spaces are included, as well as walkways to the sidewalks. The plan with the market area was not approved by the CRA as they did not want to lose parking spaces. The sidewalk on Julia Street was widened and will have Miami curbs with a softer break so the street can be closed with temporary bollards for special events. Walkways from the parking lot to Julia Street sidewalk are included between the landscape islands which were also increased in size. The parking spaces were widened from nine to ten feet at the request of the CRA. That leaves 50 parking spaces and four handicap spaces at an estimated cost of \$275,000. During the budget process, CRA approved \$25,000 for engineering. Once the concept is planned, a bid

will be issued for the engineering. Lighting is also a concern of the CRA and will be developed in the engineering plans.

Jackie Gregory arrived at this point (5:58).

Ms. Harris gave the following information in response to inquiries from committee members:

- § Benches will be added along the Julia Street sidewalk. (Ball)
- § The project extends 3.5 feet onto Julia Street. There will still be parking on the North side of Julia Street. Walkways at Julia Street are approximately 15' wide. (Aker)
- § Spaces between bollards are ADA compliant.
- § The lighting plan will be part of the engineering plan. (Ball) Once concept is approved by the Referendum Committee and Commission, the City can move ahead with the engineering plan. The engineering plan will be brought back to this committee.

Motion by Sondra Ball, seconded by Greg Aker, to accept the plan presented by Courtney Harris.

AYE: Aker, Ball, Gregory, Mosakowski, Whited
NAY: None Carried 5-0

V. NEW BUSINESS

Terry Lane reported the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will consider approval to negotiate on the Pritchard House. When Chairman

Mosakowski asked if it is part of the park, Terry Lane responded that it is adjacent to the park. Courtney Harris said that when it is being renovated, the City will speak with the County for consistence in design features.

Sondra Ball inquired about previous discussion of a walkway on the south side into the Pritchard property, Courtney Harris reported that about 900 feet of the grassy knoll was taken to do some of this plan, but there is the possibility during landscape design of creating a garden-like atmosphere or making a walkway. It's too small to do a building.

Courtney Harris reported staff would like some recommendations on landscaping. The CRA approved a Commons landscaping plan, with less maintenance and more of a tropical look. She presented a list of plants recommended by Growing Crazy Nursery. The City wants to have a theme for a downtown landscaping on public properties, but suggestions are welcome.

Chairman Mosakowski suggested using as much color as possible with blooming plants. Dr. Aker inquired about the water source. Courtney Harris reported water is there, but not reuse water as there are no reuse lines downtown. Ms. Harris confirmed for Dee Whited there will be a sprinkler system. Chairman Mosakowski suggested a flooding system rather than spray which Ms. Harris will find out. Sondra Ball suggested trees to have a more established feel. Jackie Gregory reported Tabebuia is not cold hardy, saying that about 15-20 years ago over 1000 were planted and only about a dozen survived. Chairman Mosakowski suggested striking Tabebuia from the list.

Courtney Harris reported as to the time line, the engineering work will be put out to bid in the next couple of months. Terry Lane stated now that this committee has approved the concept, it will go to the NBCPR and then to the BOCC. The next meeting will be set after the engineering design.

Jackie Gregory inquired if Loren Rapport, with the County, is being consulted. Courtney Harris stated that staff will draw up what the City wants and take it to the County until all agree.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT–None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m. at the motion by Sondra Ball, seconded by Greg Aker.

Respectfully submitted.

George Mosakowski, Chairman

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