

MARINA PARK REFERENDUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Marina Park Referendum Committee, appointed by the North Brevard Commission Parks & Recreation, held Monday, May 19, 2003, at 6 p.m., in the Brevard Room at the Brevard County Government Center-North.

Members Present

Paul Nydam, Chairman

JiJi Connolly

Tommy Grimes

William Horner

Pat Lafferty

Rick Manning

Francis Reilly

Mark Leslie, City Liaison

Ted Beck, for Ken Carlson, NBCPR Liaison

A&E Present–Woody Rice, Honeycutt & Associates

County Staff Present

Charles Nelson, Parks & Recreation Director

Jack Masson, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator

Terry Lane, NAPO Recreation Superintendent

Judy Inman, NAPO Administrative Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Nydam called the meeting to order at 6:05, and introduced Francis Reilly, new committee member replacing Mary Pistel who resigned. Mr. Reilly chairs the Sand Point Referendum Community, the Astronaut Memorial Committee and is vice president of the Space Walk of Fame Foundation, Space View Park. He has lived in Titusville 15 years and volunteering is his hobby. Ted Beck was present representing the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation (NBCPR) for Ken Carlson who was out of town.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 28, 2003, were approved at the motion by Francis Reilly, seconded for discussion by Bill Horner.

AYE: Connolly, Grimes, Horner, Lafferty, Manning, Nydam, Reilly

NAY: None

Carried 7-0

Prior to the vote, Bill Horner stated the minutes are accurate, but wanted to comment on content of the minutes.

On page 1, column 1, Mr. Horner stated his granddaughter does not participate in Little League but rather plays golf.

On page 2, top of column 2, Mr. Horner disagrees with and takes umbrage with the statement that the City of Titusville has the ultimate right of approval because Marina Parks is a City park and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has the right to comment. Mr. Horner stated

that the County under the interlocal agreement has been given the authority to manage, operate, etc., Marina Park. Under the 1963 dedication from the State of Florida to the City of Titusville, Marina Park is dedicated to the City for the purposes only of recreation and park use. That did not grant the City of Titusville authority to allow private industry and it is prohibited in the language of the dedication. The dedication does not allow what has been envisioned by the City of Titusville over the last 18 years in their waterfront master plan. Mr. Nelson noted that in the minutes, the context of the City's approval was related to the park design, and suggested the minutes be clarified. Mr. Horner did not think that was necessary.

On page 3, column 1, Scott Johnson, who was sitting in for Ken Carlson, the regular NBCPR liaison, stated "There was no urgency for this Committee to meet prior to this point." Mr. Horner doesn't think that statement reflects the true situation. As was stated at the last meeting, this has been going on for about two years. Mr. Horner will provide copies of a design concept dated April 2002 by the A&E which reflects there are five acres out of the NW corner which was reserved for private industry use or at least a combined use, etc. Regarding timing, in August 2002, a diagram was submitted which again reflects the five acres carved out of the NW corner of the park. The sketch does not bear any identification, but does reflect the five acres, parking, stormwater and Vectorworks proposed 60,000 square foot building.

III. STAFF REPORTS—None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Nelson announced the process that was to be followed that evening was to take a look at the plans which were distributed to the committee in advance and take public comment. He stated there are other concepts out there and the committee's role is to look at all the concepts. He suggested not limiting speakers to the three minutes and play it by ear to see that the thought is getting across in talking about a project. Mr. Nelson stated it is in the best interest of the Committee to have all the information and suggested the Committee might want to gather around a table and move the pieces around on the drawing.

Mr. Nelson reviewed that the process started by meeting with the City staff related to the park in general and being a good neighbor to the Municipal Marina. It is important that there is no stormwater discharge into the marina basin. The need for additional parking for the Municipal Marina is designed in for future expansion. The finger point was discussed with the City staff. A Tiki bar restaurant had the potential of being in competition with the pier. The need to get to the boat ramp forces a travelway on that side of the park. These improvements are not part of the Referendum dollars. The Brevard Boating Improvements could fund amenities benefitting the Municipal Marina. An easy thing would have been to provide parking along the Marina roadside, but it would have been distant.

The Referendum calls for one 40' x 60' pavilion, there is the ability to have three, including two gazebos almost 60 feet across. There is a continuation of the walkway along the Municipal Marina side, an outside loop for exercise, and in heart is the athletics in a fan shape with restroom/concession/scoring booths in the center. Mr. Nelson presented a drawing of the concession, but the cupola would be removed.

The smaller field is the t-ball where balls are not hit great distances, is near parking and closer to the playground. The medium size fields are the major and minor fields for ages 9-12. The larger field is for ages 13 up for juniors and seniors which is 320 feet down the line and 350 feet in the center. Their current field is 250 feet on the left field line. Mr. Nelson stated Mr. Pine will be presenting a different plan a little later in the meeting. Mr. Nelson stated this design is similar to the Space Coast Communities Sports Complex, Port St. John Little League facility, with about 80 feet between fence lines. The more fields are compressed, the more netting is needed for foul balls. This plan minimizes the need for netting. Also the concession has more overhang to protect from foul balls. Mr. Nelson noted however that the potential of being hit by a foul ball exists at all fields.

Retention is worked around the park. Wet retention is by the large field. Dry retention is by the medium fields. It is 270 feet to cars by the medium fields. The plan accommodates parking for 15 near boat ramp with a grass overflow area. If able to permit, jut-outs are planned for fishing along the shore line. There is a restroom to serve the waterfront area. The difference between plans A & B is in how to handle retention. Plan A is shorter from the discharge point to the water. Plan B creates more green space closer to the water, but will cost a little more pipe.

At this point, Mr. Nelson offered to take questions from the Committee and the public.

In response to an inquiry from JiJi Connolly, Mr. Nelson stated the County is responsible for the maintenance of the athletic fields. A hybrid Bermuda grass is used for athletics for safety but there is flexibility outside of the fields.

Pat Lafferty inquired about sheds and batting cage. Mr. Nelson stated the maintenance equipment will be stored in a shed at Sand Point and some of the larger items may be shared with and stored at Chain of Lakes. Due to cost and space at Marina, there will be a 4-bay maintenance facility at Chain of Lakes where there is more room. Mr. Nelson said a location for the batting cage needs to be identified. Mr. Masson stated the County has a standard design for batting cages.

Francis Reilly inquired if the walkways are wide enough for vehicles. Mr. Nelson reported the major walkways on the outside are 8 feet wide, others are 6 feet wide. Mr. Reilly noted there may be bands at the pavilions. Mr. Nelson stated the sprinklers could be marked to allow occasional driving on the grass. He doesn't want to have people driving on the walkways.

Paul Nydam noted it is quite a trek to haul barbecue equipment to the gazebo in the NE corner. Mr. Nelson stated that can be looked at.

Mr. Reilly inquired about the 15 parking spaces. Mr. Nelson responded they are for car and trailer parking near the boat ramp and on the arc the spaces are just for cars.

Mark Leslie inquired if the road could be a loop all the way around the ball fields. Mr. Nelson stated that would become very expensive. Mr. Leslie also indicated the need for more parking for boating and more turning radius. There was discussion about the narrowness of the double ramp and turning radius. Mr. Nelson stated the larger rigs should be launched at Parrish Park-

Titusville. Mark Leslie noted the Referendum was decided before the Manatee Protection Plan was established, and there won't be another boat ramp permitted in North Brevard.

Pat Lafferty inquired where the money would come from if the boating were to be expanded. Mr. Nelson indicated funding for boating improvements would come from other than the Referendum, noting the competition is for space, not dollars. Mr. Leslie stated that this plan is very limiting and he hates to see something lost that can never be gotten back. Chairman Nydam inquired if it would be possible to limit the size of boats, which Mr. Nelson stated could be posted.

Bill Horner asked if Mr. Leslie was proposing extending the roadway system to utilize the area on the north for boating parking. Mr. Leslie stated the City is wanting to facilitate Vectorworks if it works, which is way above him. He knows about the Marina and commented that on drawing A, parking for boats could be on the north side. Mr. Nelson stated he understood, but he has a major concern about boating traffic going through the parking lot. Kids and boats would be a nightmare. Discussion ensued. Mr. Nelson stated this project was for athletics, not boating. If it is to be designed around boating, that is a different direction. Mr. Leslie stated the best way is to not put ballfields on the waterfront, but that is another issue. Chairman Nydam noted the obvious conflict of boats and fields and suggested shifting the entire park north, accessing the ball fields from the north and ballfield parking on the north. The south road/parking could be for the boat ramp.

Bill Horner stated he tentatively concurs with Chairman Nydam's suggestion which would alleviate Mr. Nelson's concern, and suggested moving the ball fields up to the fence that separates industrial property on the north from the park. That would allow additional parking on the south for the boaters and those using the gazebo on the point. Mr. Nelson inquired where the parking that would be displaced would go. Mr. Horner suggested pushing it all about 50 feet north. Chairman Nydam inquired of the possibility of splitting the roadway with a Y at the entrance. Mr. Nelson indicated that could be done, but noted the need to look at the radiuses.

Discussion ensued about the number of boat parking spaces needed. Mr. Leslie stated he is concerned about what the parking will look like 10 to 15 years from now. Mr. Horner suggested doing a survey of use for a number of weekends at the marina ramp. Grass overflow parking vs. paving, vs. geo-web and turf block was discussed. Mr. Nelson stated he prefers turf blocks to geo-web but his experience is it is better to pave and treat because other things don't work as planned.

Mr. Horner stated the overall concept is parks and recreation and the boating portion concept is a good thing if it can be designed without sacrificing the other. He noted the 100 feet to work with to push the whole footprint to the north towards the fence to accommodate the boaters and the trailers without interfering with other activities.

At this point in the meeting, Walter Pine approached the door near where the Committee was seated and asked to let the public know if they are not going to be able to make their presentations. Mr. Horner asked the chairman if this was time for public comment. Mr. Pine stated the other plans should be presented before modifications were made on the predisposed

plan. Chairman Nydam stated the Committee was just discussing ideas under old business. Then there would be new business and public comment. Mr. Nelson stated the intent is to go through the process, but Mr. Pine is correct, at which time Mr. Pine started to leave. Mr. Nelson told him he would have a chance to talk in about five minutes. Mr. Pine accused Mr. Nelson of monopolizing the time and objected to the Committee discussing it without comments from the public. Mr. Nelson attempted to complete his earlier sentence when Mr. Pine stated that his rights had been violated. Mr. Horner reminded Mr. Pine that at the beginning, Mr. Nelson stated that the course of business would be according to the agenda and Mr. Horner doesn't think it highhanded or improper at all for the Committee to discuss what was presented by Parks and Recreation and the A & E. Mr. Pine left while Mr. Horner was speaking to him. JiJi Connolly stated that if the Committee is not allowed to discuss the plan, then there is no need for a committee. Mr. Nelson stated the difficulty is, and if Mr. Pine had stayed and listened, that the Committee would have discussed his plan, just as it is discussing the Parks and Recreation plan. Ms. Connolly suggested Mr. Pine doesn't understand *Roberts Rules of Order*.

Susan Canada stated she attended the first meeting as an alternate Committee member where she was told the public could make comment on each subject discussed. Chairman Nydam stated that makes sense but the Committee is still discussing the initial plan. Mr. Horner stated that is the point he is trying to make, that this Committee has not yet had the opportunity to explore the two official pieces of paper submitted to the Committee in advance, then hear public comments and plans. The Committee will hear from the public as he insisted at the first meeting. The Committee should be able to finish their discussion and then take comments from the public. Mr. Horner requested a 5-minute break shortly after 7 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:16 p.m. Mr. Horner said he had some comments and suggested the chairman take public comment on plans A & B, then address other plans. Chairman Nydam asked that the Committee finish discussing the County's plans and then take public comment on these plans. Other plans will be addressed after that.

Tommy Grimes mentioned it seems that on plan B at the north end of the park, there looks like there would be ample space for a skate park facility and would like to see if it is possible to create a plan with an area for skate park. Mr. Nelson stated that if the Committee would like that, staff can do so.

Discussion ensued about the skate park, which while currently located in Sand Point Park, is not in the Referendum plan for that park. Mr. Nelson stated the skate park will be removed from Sand Point because of the amphitheater, so this Committee has the ability to decide if they want to incorporate it in the Marina Park master plan, but funding does not have to come from the Referendum. Paul Nydam noted little kids don't get to play at the skate park. Tommy Grimes responded that is a space problem. The observation was made that a skate park would increase traffic at Marina Park.

Mr. Reilly, chairman of the Sand Point Park Referendum Committee, reported the plan voted on basically has no children's playground except for a small one which has already gone in. The rest will be for major events, concerts, bands, two pavilions, 1000-seat amphitheater. The Valicenti Pavilion will be upgraded. All the ballfields are going out. He noted the Sand Point

project can't begin until Chain of Lakes and Marina Park are finished. When Mr. Reilly suggested the skate park may be going to Chain of Lakes, Mr. Nelson reported Chain of Lakes has no additional space, and if a skate park is going to be in one of the three parks, probably Marina is the better location as to space available, but needs to know if all the activities can be at Marina. He noted there was concern about skaters not being able to get to their area during major events at Sand Point. Mr. Nelson suggested that even though there may be some objections in terms of use and where, staff could look at the skate park and may find an acceptable location. He suggested not precluding it yet. Mr. Reilly observed that with the ballfields and marina, the park seems to be out of space.

Pat Lafferty stated that the Committee has talked about all these different parks and Referendum projects and hasn't heard anything about a skate park at W.W. James and Holder. He stated he doesn't see why the skate park has to follow Titusville Little League. He feels it hasn't worked next to the Little League and asked why there aren't skate parks in other areas. Chairman Nydam inquired if the skate park can be added at anytime. Mr. Nelson stated that with a master plan one has the ability to manage the projects and look at the issues. He suggested not discounting any of the uses as they were displaced by another Referendum project and it can be added it at any point. The program has been supported by the City of Titusville and NBCPR. Mr. Nelson will go back and see if there is a better location for a skate park.

Bill Grimes, chairman of the North Brevard Coalition of Skaters, stated the group has what they consider a usable park now, but it is still too small, the concrete is cracked and sinking, and the area is under water when it rains. When this entire Referendum process was started, the Coalition campaigned along with everyone else to get it passed. Unfortunately Jay Dickenson, the driving force behind the coalition, was killed in a motorcycle accident. The problems are there are too many people in too small a place and the lack of improvements/maintenance. A minimum of 15,000 to 20,000 square feet would be the smallest usable space and it would be best if there was another 5,000 square feet for future expansion. The need has been demonstrated since when it was built. It was not the skaters' choice to be next to the ball fields. Mr. Grimes stated he knows of the problems with lighting being damaged, and he attributes that to lack of security and supervision. He stated the entire area needs to be secured when necessary. Obviously no one wants it in Sand Point. Chain of Lakes is not acceptable because kids can't ride skate boards to the park. Marina Park would put it closer to a roadway where police and others could observe activities. Chairman Nydam suggested if the skate park was in the NW area at Marina Park and it was fenced and parking was available along the street, it would be separate from the ballfield area. Bill Grimes acknowledged that is definitely a possibility.

Rick Manning inquired who will supervise this park. Bill Grimes responded now it is general park employees. Jack Masson mentioned staff is a presence. It was established the park is for bikes and skates. Mr. Manning made the following observations: It is very chaotic, with no supervision, and kids doing things they maybe shouldn't be doing, which results in a free for all. There is no limit to the number of kids allowed in the park, and no provision for accidents happening. Bill Grimes stated supervision of the park would be a choice of the County and the City. It wouldn't bother skaters if it were supervised. He stated the size and poor design of the

park are the biggest problems. The design could be fixed with a new park. Ideally, there would be an area for smaller kids.

Bill Horner stated he believes that at the last meeting, the Committee adopted a procedure for limitation on presentations. Chairman Nydam stated that is flexible tonight in order to go in depth on all the details.

Mr. Nelson reported the County inherited the skate park from a City Council and YMCA decision. There are skate parks that are fully managed and fully supervised by paid staff and there is an entrance fee at high-end facilities. He requested letting staff continue to work to find a location, noting a decision doesn't have to be made tonight.

Francis Reilly inquired if the club has any sort of safety meetings or controls. Bill Grimes stated the purpose of the Coalition was to get the park built. Next was to advise whatever body controls it. Mr. Reilly noted that wherever they skate, skaters leave a footprint, and do damage all over the City. He suggested that if the Coalition is going to ask Parks and Recreation for a park, the Coalition needs to ask the skaters not to damage other property. Bill Grimes responded that the size is the major problem. Mr. Reilly observed it is a continual problem at Space View Park. He encouraged the skaters to get their own to not damage property. Bill Grimes stated he can do that but if an adequate place for skaters is not provided, you're basically asking them to skate elsewhere.

Bill Horner stated he spent some time looking at the plans and said they are the best drawings he has seen in two years. Chairman Nydam commended staff as well on the drawings. Mr. Horner noted the A&E is to be commended as well. The difference between Plan A & Plan B is stormwater. The overlooks are a great idea if possible. In response to Mr. Horner's inquiry about the difference between wet retention and dry retention elsewhere, Woody stated that basically the dry retention is fairly shallow and is only used to get the stormwater over to the wet retention, and can be used during dry periods. It is in the space between the ball fields and parking and it will percolate some. Mr. Horner stated he would like the cupola. Mr. Nelson countered that cost is a concern.

Bill Horner made a motion to direct staff and they can work with the A&E to come up with a design that moves the entire foot print north up to the fence line with the thought in mind of then designing boat access, boat trailer parking, etc., on the south end immediately adjacent to the marina. Chairman Nydam suggested waiting until hearing the other plans. Mr. Horner acquiesced. Pat inquired who owns the finger in the marina and about the Tiki bar. Mr. Nelson respond it is part of the Municipal Marina. Mark Leslie cited parking and competition with Pier as issues with the Tiki bar. Mr. Horner stated the Tiki bar is dead.

Pat Lafferty inquired as far as the direction of these fields, if any consideration was given to sunset and sunrise. Mr. Nelson responded affirmatively, to the greatest extent possible, but with a fan that will always exist. Also the site is rectangular rather than square which limits ability to rotate. Mr. Nelson stated there will always be one field in a four-field design with that problem and the minor field would have the concern.

V. NEW BUSINESS—None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Canada stated she agrees to move the park farther north and keep parking in south, but when parents take children it is difficult to watch them. She suggested keeping parking together for safety, as well as one entry from law enforcement standpoint. She stated she likes Walter Pine's plan and hopes to have a chance to look at that. She would like to see more covered picnic tables to the south along the Municipal Marina, noting people like to sit and look at the water. She noted the need to keep car lights off boats in the marina. As to skateboards, she stated these kids need a place where they can skateboard, but the area is overcrowded. She stated there weren't plans for Vectorworks or boats, and suggested keeping an open mind. Maybe more parents should be involved in the supervision, and suggested providing picnic tables for them. She stated groups can't be run out of their areas and not provide another place. She suggested giving them a place where they are not overcrowded. If you move everything up a bit on Plan B there would be room in the NE corner. She was also sure Mr. Pine could also find a place for the skate park in his plan. Chairman Nydam inquired as to security, if there would be a fence along the roadway. Mr. Nelson responded typically no; because it is vehicles not pedestrians access to be controlled and vehicles are usually stopped with curbing and trees. The fields are fenced. He noted chain link fence would be the last resort as it is not very attractive. Vegetation will be used for blocking.

Molly Farace stated she has concerns with Plans A & B. She stated concern about access for ambulances. Mr. Nelson responded that the problem is that full vehicle access throughout the site isn't possible. One of the sidewalks will be thicker for deliveries and could be used by emergency vehicles. There will be enough concrete to get to them. Ms. Farace reminded the Committee this land is for every citizen in Titusville to enjoy, boaters, skaters, and Little League.

Chairman Nydam requested the record reflect that Francis Reilly had to leave for an emergency.

Ms. Farace stated some like to sit by the river, and she is concerned there isn't much of a little sitting dock close to the water. Mr. Masson indicated there are three on the design. Ms. Farace stated she would like them a little closer to the water. Mr. Nelson noted the permitting issue, and the wall is about 4' in that area.

Ms. Farace stated that opening day will be a zoo with one way in and one way out, noting the traffic jams that will result. Chairman Nydam commented that safety would overrule congestion. Ms. Farace stated she likes Mr. Pine's drawing and asked the Committee to stay open and remember that the park is for all to enjoy for recreation only.

Thelma Roper stated that regarding the skateboard issue, her first thought was Chain of Lakes but she can see distance would be a problem. There was an area for future expansion in the NE at Chain of Lakes. She noted that eventually the parks will be connected with pathways. That would at that time take skaters off US 1. There are some smaller parks around town that aren't utilized as much which are fenced and could be designated for a skateboard park. Mr. Nelson stated he will take look at that.

As to the boat parking on Plans A & B, Ms. Roper suggested, if the fields were shifted to the north, using a parallel entrance and Y-ing off into the other drive might be a solution. She stated she was a little concerned about Plan A because of her conversations with DEP where providing parking for the marina itself on the park property could create an issue on the dedication and noted the need to look at that. Chairman Nydam inquired if it would be a problem if it was not labeled as marina parking. Mr. Nelson stated he will need to confirm if that is an issue.

Ms. Roper stated she likes Mr. Pine's plan better as it gives more open space for the public. She stated she has a really hard time with this being the Little League's park, but rather is a City park with the Little League housed there. It has been a City park through dedication. Everyone in the citizenry should be considered. She thinks the skate park would be a better solution in a small park not highly utilized.

Walter Pine commented on the Committee's diligence on following procedure whereby a gentlemen came up out of order and spoke, Mr. Grimes was placed on Committee when not an alternate, and calling on public comment alphabetically is discriminatory, and should be first come, first served.

Mr. Pine thinks the cart is so far before the horse, there isn't a horse. Typically priorities are established. He asked if the public benefit is the primary issue, secondary to that is it baseball, skating, fishing. There should be some standard for setting priorities. He asked where the environment fits in. He stated that certain priorities should be set ahead of time. He thinks public benefit should be at the top of the list. Twenty percent of the local population is disabled, and since the parking is at one end, about half the park is not accessible. He asked how a disabled person would get to the second story. He stated the law requires the second story to be accessible if constructed after 1991. The second story might have to be storage due to the cost for an elevator or lift. He asked what the alternate funding sources are and where compliance with the Florida Builder's code comes in. He spoke of the varying requirements for guard rail heights.

Mr. Pine spoke of ADA requirements and asked if the committee has considered that. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Horner as to how many handicap spots are needed, Mr. Pine stated it depends on how it is set up, five to 100 or two to a fan, with a minimum of one per 100 for an accessible van with an 8' width, 15' base. Woody stated the plan has one per 25. Mr. Pine stated that is not correct.

Chairman Nydam asked that the record reflect that JiJi Connolly had to leave.

Mr. Pine stated that as to plan in general, the Committee hasn't looked at the other plans available. He thinks it's a bad plan. There isn't a percolation test to consider what is needed for water retention. If the land slopes toward the water it may be necessary for more water retention or structures to prevent that water from running into the river. It appears there are sizes for the water retention but it is unknown if they are correct.

In regards to the way this meeting has been conducted, I don't know how many of you have been involved in debate or multiple presentations. The first presentation is always the most

memorable. The last five minutes of the meeting are also most memorable. People fight in major meetings over who gets to go first and who gets to go last. It is very important to have things considered equally. If modifications are accepted for a plan before the Committee knows what plan will be used is a waste of time, unless the Committee is already predisposed. He asked that the Committee give real consideration when he presents his plan. He would also like the Committee to do a little research or get the documentation so they know requirements for things like parking spaces. Mr. Horner, asked him to provide that to the Committee. Mr. Pine stated he thinks the County plan does not provide adequate public benefit.

Mr. Pine was asked to present his plan at this time. Mr. Horner inquired if there was to be any time limit on public presentations. When Chairman Nydam asked Mr. Pine how long he needed for his presentation, Mr. Pine responded 10 to 15 minutes for the presentation before questions.

Mr. Horner requested a two to three minute break at about 8:20. The meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Pine asked those present to hold his plan with the Indian River to the right for reference for discussion. He reviewed the plan, stating the ball fields are on the western edge and when enlarged, the road provides up to 75 parking spaces. If the road were to be widened by 20', that can be doubled to 130-140 spaces. The largest ballfield is to the north, just above that is an aviary as high-rise crossover with circle walk instead of switchbacks for bikers and skaters. Central of that would be a wonderful place to display birds and would provide a place for rescued animals to be placed. Between property of Vectorworks and the park is a pedway that goes all the way around and can connect to the Space Walk of Fame. Mr. Pine stated he took a drawing done by the surveyor Kugelmann, so it should be to scale. Netting is needed on the back of the fields to protect traffic, which is not as major an expense as might be thought if not bought through Memphis Net and Twine. Mr. Pine stated there are fishermen here who would gladly volunteer to seam it. The concession, 40 feet by 65 feet which is larger than what is currently planned, blocks the travel path for the playground. All fields can be viewed regardless of disability. The road goes in at southwest. There are picnic tables there and a pavilion. Mr. Pine envisions non-specific parking area, except for boats and trailers which would have parking curbs. Mr. Pine stated his plan gives plenty of room for turns and parking. He stated that there are different ways to hold the grass. He showed picnic tables along the waterfront. Mr. Pine stated the playground should have a sand box on the water and the sand could be used for launching Fourth of July fireworks. Directly west is the pavilion and gazebo, then water retention and amphitheater. The design for water retention would provide a place to hold events when dry. The pavilion and gazebo being close together could accommodate weddings and other large events. The playground has an outer fence and safety poles would be placed outside of that. Mr. Pine stated he has picnic tables near the playground and that very few parks have picnic tables near the playgrounds where parents can watch the children from the picnic area. There is a pavilion at the northernmost edge and picnic tables along the ball fields. With non-specific parking, people can pull right up and picnic and watch games by the fields.

Mr. Pine mentioned he hadn't considered the skate park, but he thinks there should be sufficient room to accomplish all on his drawing. This would double, triple or quadruple the benefit of the use of the park. People would be able to fish from their cars. Mr. Pine doesn't see the need for a

non-porous surface. This would decrease the expense of the roadway which could be used for beneficial improvements. Mr. Pine recommended getting the City to sign over the property to the Referendum. He believes the County has the authority without the City's approval to do that based on the Interlocal Agreement and the fact that this was put on the Referendum. He thinks the City has comment authority, not veto authority. He suggested the Committee members take the plan use cutouts to play with it. In response to Mr. Horner's inquiry about parking, Mr. Pine stated it is along the western edge by widening Marina Road which is the only paved area. It would be non-specific grass parking throughout the park. He stated signs could be posted and the majority of people do what is right, so decisions shouldn't be based on the few who don't obey the law.

Chairman Nydam inquired if it has to be a paved surface. Mr. Nelson stated he would have to check the City code.

Mr. Horner asked Mr. Pine if he intends to refine his drawing a little bit with dimensions. Mr. Pine stated he doesn't have the engineering tools but he needs a survey to know the dimensions of the property. Mr. Horner noted that hasn't changed from Kugelmann's survey. Mr. Horner stated he has difficulty comparing Mr. Pine's plan with the other plans. Mr. Pine stated that the public is at a real disadvantage. He may just take one of the plans, cut it up and turn it around. Chairman Nydam stated the Committee just needs concepts. Mr. Pine stated some details such as ADA are needed.

Chairman Nydam asked Ted Beck if procedurally there would need to be new public comment on this plan. Mr. Nelson stated that obviously he has wasted the last 30 years of his career. There are some concepts the Committee needs to be aware of. He suggested if the Committee doesn't believe him, then pay somebody else, somewhere else to take a look at the plan. He believes the Committee will find there are some issues associated what has been presented in terms of functionality, the ability for cars to drive anywhere they want to. Mr. Nelson asked where Mr. Pine's handicap parking spaces are located. There are no sidewalks associated with those handicap spaces. Mr. Pine stated that since he is not spending County money he doesn't worry about it. Since Mr. Nelson is spending County money, he should be doing it. Mr. Nelson stated that the bottom line is there is a review process that all plans go through that will determine if there are the appropriate number of parking spaces. There are some functionality issues from a Little League perspective. For instance where the concession is compared to where the fields are, where foul balls are going to land. He stated he will find anyone the Committee wants who is a professional park planner, since he is not considered to be one, to take a look at Mr. Pine's plan. The County is getting ready to sell Rodes Park it looks like this. It doesn't work. People are hitting into the concession area, even with all the netting which is ugly and a problem.

Ted Beck stated that when it comes to NBCPR, the advisory board are not professionals. Staff is and has the expertise. They design the ball fields for various sports to specifications of what is required. When they come to the NBCPR, the advisory board knows all the specifications have been met by staff.

Mr. Nelson stated the difficulty is that one plan is prepared by professional engineer and park staff, and the other plan is not. Mr. Nelson stated he would be willing to pay for Woody Rice to draw up Mr. Pine's plan, but when it comes to the BOCC, Mr. Nelson will tell them it is not a good plan.

Mr. Pine stated he will provide addresses of several fields in Melbourne that are built with this design. Mr. Masson requested Mr. Pine to provide a copy of what he is discussing. Mr. Pine stated there was clearly a predisposition shown towards the pre-prepared County plan. Chairman Nydam stated, no, there isn't. Mr. Horner took objection to what Mr. Pine just stated, because the Committee hasn't had time to predisposition as a Committee. The Committee has had only one meeting prior to this, and to say the Committee members came here predisposed to something they have only had since Friday, he thinks Mr. Pine's accusation is out of order and **Mr. Horner moved to adjourn. The motion died from last of a second.**

Mr. Pine stated he was saying that staff is clearly predisposed on the plan that currently exists, and if he had been able to finish his sentence, the Committee would have known he was talking about staff. Had "we" had the opportunity to sit in with conversation with staff, all this would have been ironed out, but "we" weren't entitled to those meetings. Mr. Nelson stated he is predisposed to the County's park design.

Rick Manning asked to comment on Mr. Pine's plan, stating one of the things suffered at Titusville Little League is a field that is too far from the concession. Concessions generate money for the Little League to operate. Mr. Pine's design doesn't lend itself to Little League and isn't an improvement over what the league has now. Mr. Pine asked if one of the league's priorities is creating revenue. Mr. Manning indicated, not so, he is trying to maintain a Little League. Part of that comes through the concession. Plan A& B is a proven design that has been used in many areas. Mr. Pine agreed with him. The prime directive of this Referendum for Marina Park was baseball. He understands the Municipal Marina wants more parking and the skateboard and the desire for more greenway and more pavilions. He is not close minded, and sees the need for more area for the Municipal Marina, or maybe a skateboard park, or more area for people to enjoy the waterfront. But personally, Mr. Pine's plan does not lend itself to baseball. Mr. Pine inquired what his plan does not do for baseball that the other plan does. Mr. Manning stated Mr. Pine's plan is not functional for a ball park in his opinion. The Little League needs a park where traveling teams can be invited and special events can be held for baseball. Mr. Manning noted the maintenance cost of 60 foot net. When asked the life span of the netting, Mr. Pine stated 15 years. Mr. Nelson disagreed. Mr. Pine stated Memphis has a net projected to last 25 years. Several people were talking at this point.

Peggy Lafferty, a board member of Titusville Little League, stated one would have to have been a member for the last 11 yrs to understand what the league wants at this point. The league wants a functional facility for the kids who play ball. Everyone in the room has their own agenda. She thought the agenda was for baseball fields at Marina, if there is room left over for a skate park, if more parking can be made for marina, fine and dandy. The question has frequently been asked "What was the Referendum voted on?" Now that Vectorworks seems to be put to the sideline, that isn't the war cry anymore. Now we want to deviate it for more picnic areas. Mrs. Lafferty noted there are other parks in the Referendum and asked why all the focus is on Marina. The

Referendum stated \$1.4 million to be spent on the ballfields that the league has waited for years and years for. She wants the attention and focus of this Committee to remember what the Referendum stated, and if there is a way to incorporate the others, fantastic. She stated the kids deserve the nice fields that others have and are getting from their Referendum money.

Chairman Nydam asked if Mrs. Lafferty has any ideas. She hopes common sense prevails, and has faith in the leadership of this County, City, and Parks and Recreation. The League has had maintenance issues, but has never doubted for one minute the ability of Parks and Recreation to upkeep and maintain, to know what is a functional facility. She encouraged the Committee to use the experience of those who use the parks and know what works and what the kids need. There is a reason why most parks are in a cloverleaf design and it works. It keeps the league enclosed and keeps all the participants within a circular area. The concession stand is great in the center, but not only that, the score booths can be centered from the same building, overlooking four fields. She hopes the Committee gives credence to those who use the parks and have experience. Mrs. Lafferty stated Mr. Pine has his priorities. Hers is the Little League. Having a plan such as Mr. Pine's stretched out is no better than what is presently at Sand Point and the Little League has suffered from that layout. Mr. Horner asked Mrs. Lafferty what she thinks of Plan A & B. Mrs. Lafferty stated she thinks it looks great, and doesn't care if it's moved north. Chairman Nydam asked what she thought about shifting north for access road to boats at the south. Mrs. Lafferty stated she is willing to negotiate, doesn't have a problem with moving to the north, but she noted she is not a designer.

Mark Leslie stated he wanted to clarify a couple of things. He was first put on the Committee because of the Tiki restaurant and is still on the Committee because of the Vectorworks issue. He stated he lives near Pineda Causeway and is on two launching ramp Referendum committees. One was pretty much lost because of the Manatee Protection Plan. He apologized if he was overly vociferous about the boating issue, but he is seeing boating being taken away in other areas. He knows this park is about the Little League. He stated he is backing off a little bit on the boating issue because the Committee needs to focus on the primary intent of the Referendum.

Mr. Horner stated he is not a boater, but if there is anything that is recreation, boating truly falls in that category. By moving the Little League north, not one iota of the plan for the Little League is affected. Chairman Nydam noted shifting to the north allows safety to children from boat traffic. Mr. Horner stated it also has the advantage of allowing boat access. Chairman Nydam mentioned it provides emergency exits as well. Mrs. Lafferty noted that if moved north, the distance from the parking lot to the far pavilion is decreased.

Mr. Leslie asked about moving the playground closer to the fields so parents can see kids in both areas if they wouldn't be hit by balls. Mr. Nelson stated he never wants a parent to feel they can turn a child loose because that is how kids get grabbed. They can't watch the game and watch their child on the playground. Staff can look to see if there is a better location. He would be more concerned about the senior field than the major field for foul balls. Staff will come back with some suggestions.

Mr. Horner complimented the Parks and Recreation staff and the A & E on the two sketches. He thinks the Committee has made a giant leap forward and it won't take a long time for the

Committee to make a decision. Chairman Nydam echoed Mr. Horner's comments, stating the City and County have done an excellent job in putting this together.

Mr. Nelson recapped, the Committee would like for staff to get with the A& E to move the fields to the north, create a southern roadway to isolate boating from Little League parking and from regular park parking, create a traffic flow which also creates additional parking spaces, look for a location for a skate park at Marina or elsewhere, identify a closer, safer place for the playground, and look at covered picnic tables.

Mark Leslie asked if that would be going too far north for the wishes of Council. Mr. Nelson referred back to the direction of BOCC to design a park around a best design and then see what is available.

Chairman Nydam stated it looks like Plan A would be most feasible for a skate park. Mr. Nelson stated he needs to see how much is needed for the roadway on the Marina side. Mr. Masson stated it is an estimate on the calculations. Woody Rice stated that the geo-tech report in next phase will determine flows, permeability rates, and dictate dry vs. wet retention, where the high water table is. Other factors are SJRWMD and City have different stormwater requirements so two standards must be met. This plan meets St. Johns standards as best as can be determined based on information on hand today, but meeting Titusville standards will make the stormwater areas larger.

Chairman Nydam asked about raising the entire park elevation. Mr. Rice stated the need to look at drainage and determine what is underground. To remove buried concrete or elevate needs to be determined. Stormwater ponds will have to be modeled and then will have to be tweaked. Mr. Rice needs to look at the conveyance system as to where it needs to go and as fast as it needs to go. Mr. Rice has yet to look at trash receptacles, trees, benches which comes at a later level of detail. Mr. Nelson stated this is typical for this level of design to look at how things will fit. The engineer then takes the concept, does all the calculations and does the geo-tech work. It can't be done conversely, as was suggested earlier in the meeting, because it isn't known where things will be. Mr. Rice noted there are different drilling requirements for stormwater ponds, parking area, and structures.

Susan Canada stated it sounds good to her.

Motion by Bill Horner, seconded by Tommy Grimes, for staff to move the fields to the north, create a southern roadway to isolate boating from Little League parking and from regular park parking, create a traffic flow which also creates additional parking spaces, look for a location for a skate park at Marina or elsewhere, identify a closer, safer place for the playground, and look at covered picnic tables.

AYE: Grimes, Horner, Lafferty, Manning, Nydam

NAY: None

Carried 5-0

The next meeting will focus on a single plan which includes the elements discussed and will be held on Monday, June 23, at 6 p.m. Mr. Nelson would like to get the plans out a week in advance with the agenda packet.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m. at the motion by Bill Horner, seconded by Pat Lafferty.
Respectfully submitted,

Paul Nydam, Chairman

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