

## MARINA PARK REFERENDUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Marina Park Referendum Committee (MPRC), appointed by the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation (NBCPR), an advisory board, held Thursday, October 25, 2007, in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

### Members Present

Paul Nydam, Chairman  
Charles "Pat" Lafferty, Vice Chairman  
Susan Canada  
JiJi Connolly  
Martha Long  
Bill Powell  
Francis Reilly

### Liaison—Ex-Officio Members Present

Dick Gossett, NBCPR

### City of Titusville Staff Present

Joe Stone, Municipal Marina Manager

### Brevard County Staff Present

Don Lusk, Parks & Recreation Director  
Cheryl K. Page, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
Terry A. Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager  
Richard Tucci, Recreation Superintendent  
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator  
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

---

### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

All Committee members were present. Joe Stone was in attendance in the absence of Mark Leslie, City of Titusville liaison who was out of town.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Francis Reilly, seconded by Bill Powell, to approve the minutes of the Marina Park Referendum Committee meetings of June 18, 2007, and August 16, 2007.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

### III. STAFF REPORTS—None.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Marina Park Conceptual Plan and Estimated Construction Costs—Terry Lane drew attention to the Marina Park conceptual plan with three different types of shoreline, the priority list from the previous meeting and cost estimates by park element.

Rodney Honeycutt of Honeycutt & Associates stated he would briefly review the plan, show where things are with an explanation of why they are there, go over cost estimates, and then take questions.

Mr. Honeycutt reported there must be a lift station at the entrance of Marina Park to dispose of wastewater from the restrooms and it is located where it has always been [on the plan]. A canoe ramp with parking area, picnic area, and gazebo, are on the road towards the river and boat ramps. Continuing towards the river are eight boat

ramps that are limited by space for boats to maneuver. Some are 100 feet long and some are shorter at 50 feet. There is also parking, including handicap parking. In the corner there is some storm water for that area, a gazebo and walkways.

Mr. Honeycutt continued by saying, below the boat ramp area is a dog park with separate areas for large and small dogs. Restrooms are located near the parking for boat ramps, the dog park area and multipurpose field.

Mr. Honeycutt continued reporting that also shown along the shoreline is a splash park, kids' playground, pavilion with kitchen and restrooms, a gazebo with stage area, another gazebo area, and picnic areas.

At the other entrance, there is more parking by the two to three-acre multipurpose field, parking for one large lighted ball field that is 320 feet with 350 feet at the center. There are restrooms by the ball field and space for a portable concession. There is also parking for the large pavilion and riverfront. A dumpster is near the ball field that is camouflaged but easily accessible. Some landscaping is shown. Along the west side is the major storm water area for the facility.

Mr. Honeycutt noted three shoreline alternatives as: A concrete seawall with concrete walk and handrail at almost \$1 million, a second choice has three wooden docks and walkway at existing shoreline with only a few areas needing repair at \$95,000, and a third showing the existing shoreline as is with repairs at \$15,000.

Mr. Honeycutt indicated one thing to consider would be paving the drive aisles in the parking lot, but not the spaces that would be a reduction of \$40,000 from the \$356,810 shown. Landscaping and irrigation exceeds \$200,000 that would give a nice landscape.

Mr. Lane noted the North Brevard Referendum Prospective Projects matrix provided shows all projects committed with Marina at \$1.48 million from the Referendum. There is an enhancement column where additional amounts can be determined. Mr. Lane encouraged the Committee to master plan as if money isn't an object to show the best park, and then portions could be phased in as is being done with many projects. Mr. Lane gave an example of the Port St. John/Canaveral Groves (PSJ/CG) Referendum funding Fay Lake Wilderness Park (FLWP) as Phase I and today with another \$1,000,000, additional park elements of the master plan will be done as Phase II. Grant money and future grant funding is always a possibility.

Susan Canada stated the public has been waiting since 2000 for this project, and she thinks the public wants to see the boat ramps now before the Referendum money is gone. In response to her inquiry, Mr. Lane stated the only element not on the plan is the minor field. Mr. Honeycutt stated the skate park is included.

In response to Francis Reilly's inquiry about bocce ball, Mr. Honeycutt indicated that would be in the multipurpose area. Mr. Reilly noted bocce ball would be no larger than the horseshoe area and needs seating.

Martha Long inquired about the seawall and if EPA or SJRWMD would view it as good for the river and therefore might be a help for funding source. Mr. Honeycutt stated the advantage of the concrete seawall is life span and he doesn't see a seawall as being any more environmentally friendly.

In response to Ms. Long's inquiry about what drives the storm water plan, Mr. Honeycutt indicated it is the impervious area. In response to Ms. Long's inquiry about storm water grants, Mr. Lane noted there are grants for a lot of different things, and the County would pursue as many grants as possible.

Martha Long inquired about the distance between the parking for the boats and the seawall, which Mr. Honeycutt indicated is close to 100 feet.

Martha Long stated she agrees she doesn't like to see a phased park, but asked if there is a logical phase to this park. Mr. Honeycutt responded he heard the boat ramps are the first choice. Money could be saved on the seawall. The lift station, road and parking are required. It could be separated east and west at the dog park and the remaining area be multipurpose.

Mr. Lane noted that where the senior ball field is shown is now undeveloped area. He also stated that on phasing, he was only referring to the list. The NBCPR will review the Committee's recommendation and pass their recommendation to the City of Titusville and to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). A priority list would be helpful if funding is found in addition to the committed \$1.48 million.

In response to Martha Long's inquiry, Mr. Honeycutt stated the existing north field #3 at Marina could be left intact.

Susan Canada stated she is still against phasing. If grant money is there, fine. If it is not there, the Committee needs to know that now. She stated she doesn't think parking is needed along Marina Road and south of the dog park area. Easier entrance and exit is needed for boat ramp parking to allow for leaving the river safely during lightning storms. She also suggested the boat ramp parking being less confined to an area and bringing it around the south end of Marina Park.

Chairman Nydam disagreed, stating his preference for straight in and out, not driving in circles and that he thinks the design shown is perfect. Ms. Canada stated it could be done with another exit.

Francis Reilly stated he really likes the angled parking where it is now, saying straight back would require more road width, which Chairman Nydam noted would cost more. Susan Canada agreed they may be right then, and again suggested taking out the parking at the dog park so boaters can get in and out easily.

In response to Chairman Nydam's inquiry about parking near dog park, Mr. Honeycutt indicated the estimate is for paved parking, but money could be saved with grass parking and noted that parking area also services the canoe ramp. Susan Canada again stated she would like to see parking removed along the south side of the dog park, as there is parking on west side of the dog park.

Bill Powell stated angled parking is by far the best. He stated he thinks the conceptual design is very good for parking and the number of spaces. He doesn't think it will be overcrowded. He noted grass parking wouldn't be used much during the week.

Chairman Nydam stated he thinks Mr. Honeycutt did an excellent job on the whole design.

Susan Canada asked Bill Powell what he thinks about parking at the south side of the dog park. Mr. Powell suggested, taking part of the dog park area if a wider driveway is wanted. Mr. Honeycutt noted it is a 24-foot driveway. Mr. Powell suggested leaving the parking at the south side of the dog park in if there is money for it.

Martha Long stated she doesn't want to eliminate any parking for the community as she is concerned there is too little parking.

Joe Stone pointed out it looks like there are 43 boat trailer parking spaces, which he thinks is limited to 32 to 35 spaces by the Manatee Protection Plan.

Chairman Nydam noted Mr. Reilly wasn't present for the second vote that eliminated the support facility for the mooring fields at the previous meeting. Mr. Reilly stated the mooring field is going to happen; if the Committee wants to support it, that is fine.

Mr. Reilly asked Mr. Honeycutt what the possibility is of continuing the road to the east and north through the skateboard park and multipurpose field. Mr. Honeycutt responded that can be done, but it is this way because in the original plan, boat traffic was to be separate from other traffic. Mr. Reilly noted that would give an emergency way out and the road could be barricaded when not needed. Mr. Honeycutt commented it could be stabilized and sodded.

Susan Canada noted one reason parking is not throughout the park is for safety. She stated that even though she would like to see a roadway going through, she wouldn't want traffic near where the children play. She also stated that as to supporting the mooring field, Jim Herron said today some parking and support could be at Sand Point Park, but they prefer Marina Park. She noted Sand Point would put it closer to the CRA district and the pier concession.

Discussion continued on an additional road.

Mr. Powell inquired if the lift station is there now, to which Mrs. Page responded she believes it is septic.

Mr. Reilly suggested continuing the road through the boat parking area and moving the dog park north.

Chairman Nydam suggested it might be cheaper to go straight across to the north parking for an emergency exit. Mr. Honeycutt, agreed it would be cheaper, but for emergency only. Mr. Lane noted if gated, it would be locked. Bill Powell inquired if the park will be gated, to which Mr. Lane responded, no, boat ramps have 24/7 access. However some of the restrooms and parts of park might be locked at night.

Martha Long inquired what is envisioned for the skate park. Mr. Lane responded, typically what was discussed was a 100x100 square slab, and then bring in metal and preformed street-course type equipment. There are many choices to build half pipes, etc. A contoured concrete bowl is much more expensive and flexibility would be lost. Ms. Long asked if this design would attract skate boarders. Mr. Lane reported some of the equipment being looked at is to recreate steps/handrails and things that attract skaters to the downtown area, replicating the cityscape.

Pat Lafferty stated he personally sees nothing wrong with the boat trailer parking as is and he doesn't want to see new roads made. He noted only boaters would be there if a storm approaches because others would have already left and he doesn't see a bottleneck with a 24-foot roadway. He suggested leaving parking the way it is and moving on to the next step.

It was noted public input would be heard before motions are made.

Bill Powell inquired if the Committee would be acceptable to have grass parking instead of all concrete or asphalt.

In response to Chairman Nydam's inquiry about having the seawall as a first priority for security, Mr. Honeycutt stated he is staying out of priorities, but the current seawall is good unless there is a major storm above a category 2.

Bill Powell inquired if the existing seawall could be capped by pouring concrete over it. Mr. Honeycutt stated he wouldn't see that as an option. Cheryl Page

reported repairs to strengthen the seawall were made with FEMA funds following the hurricanes of 2004.

#### Public Input

Ray Haskell gave his Titusville address and stated he also was present for the Indian River City Little League (IRCLL). He stated it is a great design and that he wants to be sure the needs of the Challenger children are met. He noted the big field is great, but some accommodation would be needed for the Challenger children. He noted Mr. Lane said the Challengers could use the multipurpose area. Mr. Haskell stated he wants to make sure not to cubby hole the Challengers.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Canada and Mr. Haskell about AAU starting, moveable mounds and bases that could accommodate AAU, Challengers and Little League. Also discussed was whether or not the Challengers need another field or if this field needs to be designed differently. Mr. Haskell suggested just leaving them at Sand Point Park, and money could be saved by eliminating the baseball fields at Marina and altering the fields at Sand Point.

Mr. Reilly inquired what arrangement staff has made for ball fields in other parks for the Challenger children. Mr. Lane explained Challengers were part of Titusville Little League (TLL) and now the IRCLL board has agreed to continue Challengers. Grass would be worn out on the grass infield of the senior field if the length between bases was changed frequently. If it is an all skin infield, there is a multipurpose field for Challengers up to seniors. Mr. Reilly inquired if there are fields at IRCLL for the Challengers. Mr. Haskell responded that historically the Challengers have played at 9 a.m. on Saturdays when they are fresh. Other leagues don't want to give up the 9 a.m. Saturday slot. They have continued at Sand Point until there is another proper safe place for them to play.

Mr. Reilly stated that since day one, the plan for Sand Point Park Referendum project has been to remove the ball fields. Mr. Haskell stated it will cause stress if there is only one field. Mr. Lane noted that currently Mims Little League (MLL) and IRCLL are alternating practice time at Sand Point Park and Challengers will be there again this year. He noted that on the matrix, there are requests from MLL and IRCLL to add fields on available land at each location. The Sand Point Park project is waiting on the Max Brewer bridge. Chain of

Lakes helps for softball and is available for Challengers and some smaller Little League groups.

Mr. Haskell reported they are trying to do baseball year round. One AAU team is starting this year and another one next year.

Susan Canada, noting the kids are used to playing in a certain place and at 9 a.m., stated the need to make sure they can utilize this field or make one for them. If this field cannot be used for the Challenger children, she would like to add another field.

Francis Reilly inquired about Draa field. Mr. Lane reported it is currently under discussion with the School Board, the City of Titusville and Brevard County. The School Board has decided to stop maintenance as there is no more football there with each high school having fields. That area is being looked at for City storm water, improved bus parking for the School Board, and park amenities because of the location of Rails to Trails. In response to Bill Powell's inquiry about the potential sale of the property, Mr. Lane reported it was deeded from the City and County to the School Board for public purpose.

Pat Lafferty reported he has spent 13 years in Little League, coaching, managing, and on the board. He stated that large a field would see a lot less use than a 210 to 220-foot field and suggested if it is a grass infield, it should be scaled back to major/minor distance, not just for teams, but also for people coming by to play.

Mr. Lane reported there are requests from the local Christian schools to utilize both softball fields and senior baseball fields and there is a need for fields of all sizes.

Susan Canada noted that at one time the Committee talked about senior and minor fields and asked if there is a way to build another field, or if this field can be made to work with throw-down bases. Chairman Nydam proposed moving the dog park to expand the multipurpose field. Mr. Lane noted if there is also a major/minor field, it would help to have the fields side by side to share infrastructure.

Ms. Canada noted that when the Committee did the priority list, Mr. Haskell wasn't present and that the Referendum passed to have ball fields. She asked if the field can be modified to be major/minor. Mr. Lane agreed it could be done with a clay infield as in softball,

making it truly multipurpose. The bases can be moved based on the need/age group. Mr. Lane stated he doesn't know if AAU has a preference, but that National Little League is looking at grass for girls' fast pitch softball.

Mr. Haskell observed it is tough to make everybody happy.

Mr. Reilly noted there weren't enough children for TLL and he can't believe ball fields are going to be put on waterfront property where there aren't enough children for a league. He noted the other leagues have room for additional fields and suggested keeping the plan as it is.

Ms. Canada disagreed, saying if two fields are needed, this is what the community originally voted on. She commented there would still be waterfront use. Originally there were four fields, and then the plan went to two. She stated she would rely on Pat Lafferty and Ray Haskell who know more about the fields than she knows. It is fine if one will suffice.

Warren Piszarz and Jarred Holton spoke for a skateboard park, stating building stairs and sidewalks would keep kids from skateboarding on other public property. They volunteered to not only use the facility, but to help pick up trash and report vandalism immediately.

In response to Martha Long's inquiry, the young men thought there were between 80 to 100 other skateboarders. They noted they have to travel real far for a skate park and skateboarders are looking for obstacles to skate on. Ms. Long thanked them for coming and speaking. Mr. Reilly stated he likes the idea of the young men being eyes for protection and asked if they could start a club. They agreed they could and noted students are looking for community service hours and would like to help. Susan Canada stated it was very nice for the young men to come and complimented them on a beautiful job speaking. They agreed they like the proposed location for the skate park.

Chairman Nydam noted the list of items totals \$4.9 million and there is only \$1.4 million. Susan Canada mentioned funding sources including grants and the second Referendum.

Cheryl Page clarified it's not about phasing. There are other people vying for the \$18 million (Referendum dollars). For anything above the \$1.48 million from the original Referendum, a recommendation needs to be

made to the NBCPR, and they will make the next recommendation to the BOCC. The Referendum funding is through the BOCC. It's not about phasing, but more about setting priorities. Other people are coming to the NBCPR for funding. This Committee will have to request it, make a recommendation, and defend it.

Susan Canada mentioned grants for boating and asked about interest on the \$1.4 million. Mrs. Page explained grant money is usually matching and noted there are grant cycles that incur timing issues. It isn't a given there will be grant money when needed. Susan Canada said Commissioner Scarborough said there is interest on the money and not to worry as there is other money out there. Mrs. Page stated the Committee would be requesting additional funding from the 2006 Referendum.

Chairman Nydam asked Joe Stone about funding for the mooring field support facility, to which Mr. Stone replied they haven't gotten that far, but are anticipating using grant funding. Chairman Nydam suggested perhaps the building with restrooms could be a joint project. Susan Canada stated from what she was told by City staff, they don't want to share with the public because it might be destroyed. Ms. Long noted they also want a Laundromat.

Chairman Nydam communicated the Committee needs to decide what is needed or not needed and closed public input.

Mr. Lane commented that if some of the items are of less priority and eliminated, it could reduce the cost for some of the infrastructure. He explained the numbers in the third column on the matrix are requested amounts to be determined by the Committee.

Bill Powell suggested phasing or prioritizing the list to determine the amount for additional funding. Susan Canada suggested going through the list and deciding on seawall or alternatives.

---

**Motion by Susan Canada, seconded by Pat Lafferty, to go through the list and give an idea of how much money is short and exactly what is wanted on the list and modify the list.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None**

**Carried 7-0**

---

Discussion prior to the above vote included

- Likes idea of phasing (Nydam).
- Don't phase until cost is known (Canada).
- Phasing is taking the priority list and going down list as far as possible, then other money may be available through grants or from the BOCC. Maybe put ball field lighting later, take out concrete parking, and save money on the seawall. (Powell)
- Work on south end, leave existing ball field on the north end, leave boat ramps, and then do what else can be added. (Long) When asked, Mr. Honeycutt confirmed the south end could easily be phased.
- The priority is established. No one has come before the Committee asking for bocce, skate park, or dog park. If the skateboarders would form a club and the priority is #5, there might not be money for a skate park. Look at present priorities and as an example, baseball field with lights and boat ramps and parking area and skate park could be phase one. The public is getting upset about how long this has taken. Bring it to the NBCPR in phases if necessary to get something moving. We as adults are saying what the kids want. Not so sure we have to do that. Have school kids been surveyed for what they want in the park? (Gossett)
- Martha Long advised she hauls seven kids around all the time and knows what they want.
- The lights on field #2 were recently upgraded and staff can see if those poles could be reused from a 300-foot softball field. There is a request to put a splash park at COL. There are requests for a dog park. BARC is very active and vocal and want a dog park in North Brevard. There will be one at FLWP. (Lane)

The vote recorded above was taken at this point. Additional discussion included:

- Go down the list and start with the south end of the park as was mentioned earlier. (Nydam)
- The first thing on the priority list from the last meeting is the pavilion with kitchen and restroom because of the restroom. Pavilion with kitchen was #3 on priority list. (Lane)
- Change #1 to pavilion and restroom, then baseball field with lights, boat ramp and parking area, and skateboard park. (Canada)
- Infrastructure goes with items, so look at both sections at the same time. (Lane)
- Boat ramps are a must. (Nydam)

- Miscellaneous electric at the bottom of the cost list is for the whole area. Cost for boat ramps and parking area is combined. If all is done, must still have road, and lift station is needed if there is a restroom. Both would be only a portion of the site infrastructure cost. (Honeycutt)
- Look at lessening cost such as sod parking spaces, and do the \$15,000 seawall. (Canada)
- Maybe prioritize estimate list and anything more than \$1.48 million could be added to the enhancement request list. Mr. Honeycutt will attach infrastructure costs with it. Identify space for baseball field and additional funding might be found later. FLWP identified a location for a dog park, but it was not funded by PSJ/CG Referendum. The Committee might want to leave the riprap as it is and put the seawall lower on the priority list. (Lane)

---

---

**Motion by JiJi Connolly, seconded by Francis Reilly, to start off with the boat ramp and boat parking area as #1.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

---

**Motion by Martha Long, seconded by JiJi Connolly, for item #2 to be the isolated restrooms to go with the boat ramps.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

---

**Motion by Martha Long, seconded by Francis Reilly, for the skateboard park to be item #3.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: Lafferty** **Carried 6-1**

---

---

A motion was made by JiJi Connolly, seconded by Susan Canada, for the dog park to be #4. Discussion ensued and Ms. Connolly amended her motion for #4 to be the splash park and #5 to be the dog park for which the second held. Pat Lafferty objected to combining two elements in one motion, upon which Ms. Connolly withdrew her motion.

---

---

**Motion by JiJi Connolly, seconded by Susan Canada, for splash park to be #4.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: Lafferty** **Carried 6-1**

---

---

---

---

**Motion by Susan Canada, seconded by JiJi Connolly, for item #5 to be the dog park.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

---

Discussion on the above motion included a friendly amendment by Martha Long, which was later withdrawn, for the dog park to be unfunded, area identified only. In response to questions, Mrs. Page indicated it would be unlikely for BARC to provide funding and that Mr. Lane would look for funding in the North Area budget. In response to an inquiry from Chairman Nydam, Mr. Honeycutt advised the cost includes fencing and artificial turf. Susan Canada mentioned there was a lot of new chain link found at Mockingbird and recommended that could be used to save money. Ms. Canada also stated she is looking at the safety issue and asked if dogs would still be allowed in Marina Park. Mr. Lane stated he gave Mr. Honeycutt the numbers and if regular grass was used, it would be a mud pit. If an area was designated without funding, because of boat ramps, dogs could be on a leash to the boat ramps. There are some issues, however, about allowing dogs there if there isn't an area for off leash.

---

---

**Motion by Francis Reilly, seconded by JiJi Connolly, for item #6 to go with the existing seawall at an approximate cost of \$15,000 for repairs.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

---

---

---

**Motion by Francis Reilly, seconded by Martha Long, for item #7 to be all parking areas be sod parking.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

---

Chuck Mays recommended including the sod parking with priority #1 that included boat ramp parking. **It was agreed all parking would be sod and roads would be paved.**

---

---

**Motion by Pat Lafferty, seconded by Susan Canada, for item #8 to be baseball field reduced to major/minor size.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: Long** **Carried 6-1**

---

---

Discussion on the above motion included:

- Churches use a large field and the other baseball complexes will be adding fields. (Long)
- More people would use a smaller field—families, picnics, etc., and this size is more amendable to that kind of use, which is also cheaper, takes less room, less infrastructure, and provides a place for Challengers. (Lafferty)
- The department policy in the past has been to support youth organizations with fields. Department use is first priority, recreation partners are second, and rentals such as churches and AAU come after that. The Challenger Division would be a recreation partner. There are layers of fields and uses. There is a joint use agreement with the School Board, so there may be an issue with high schools using a shorter ball field. (Page)
- Look at multi-use field for the smaller field. (Long)
- High schools can't use major/minor size. IRCLL has 2 senior fields and Mims has 1 such field. (Lafferty in response to question from Canada)
- Aware of only one church team playing at high school level in North Brevard. (Lafferty)
- National Little League has expanded the distance for a major/minor field to 225 feet.
- Mrs. Page recommended the Committee identify whether or not the baseball field is to be lighted.
- Lights on field #2 could be reused. Field #3 could be left as a lighted field. (Lane)

---

---

**Motion by Susan Canada, seconded by Bill Powell, for item #9 to be picnic structures with barbecues.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

---

---

---

**Motion by Francis Reilly, seconded by Bill Powell, for item #10 to be a secondary emergency road out of the boat parking area in the most economical way.**

**AYE: Canada, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: Connolly, Lafferty, Long** **Carried 4-3**

---

---

---

---

**Motion by JiJi Connolly, seconded by Pat Lafferty, for item #11 to be the playground.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell**

**NAY: Reilly** **Carried 6-1**

---

---

Bill Powell reported he was contacted by a staff member of the City of Titusville for a private conversation and turned them down. He stated he is not against mooring

fields but is against dedication of an acre of land at Marina Park for mooring field support facilities. He continued that in reading some of the latest literature about it, the City of Titusville does have the first lease on that land. The state attorney has designated boating is a recreational activity. This will have to be approved by the City of Titusville. In that discussion the City said they would pay for the lift station that costs \$500,000. He noted if an acre of land was dedicated, it would free up \$500,000 for the lift station. Martha Long questioned \$500,000 for a lift station.

Susan Canada reported she also was contacted by the City. She has been in discussion with State since about 2002 about the dedication for Marina Park that has certain stipulations that must be met. She noted this is a North Brevard Referendum that includes more than money from the City. Had there not been any other alternative for the City, Ms. Canada said she might look at this differently, but so far she has been told the mooring field will go at the north point of Sand Point Park. She stated if she were on a boat at Sand Point Park, she would want a rest room there and noted the proximity of the pier concession and the CRA district.

---

**Motion by Martha Long, seconded by Susan Canada, that item #12 be the restrooms with the ball field.**  
**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**  
**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

---

**Motion by Martha Long, seconded by JiJi Connolly, for item #13 to be the gazebos.**  
**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**  
**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

---

**Motion by Martha Long, seconded by Susan Canada, for item #14 to be the pavilion with kitchen and restrooms.**  
**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**  
**NAY: None** **Carried 7-0**

---

Discussion included whether or not a kitchen is needed. Staff reported the rental of the Sand Point pavilion and kitchen at least one day of each weekend that produces revenue.

---

**Motion by Martha Long, seconded by JiJi Connolly, for item #15 to be the mini-performing stage.**  
**AYE: Connolly**  
**NAY: Canada, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell**  
**Reilly** **Failed 1-6**

---

During discussion Mrs. Page announced the department owns a portable stage which is not rented out but is used for department events.

Motion by Martha Long for docks on the seawall as #15 died due to lack of a second.

Motion by Martha Long for a concrete seawall as #15 died due to lack of a second.

In response to a comment about canoe ramps, Mr. Honeycutt stated it is included in the cost of the boat ramps. **Consensus was to keep the canoe ramps with the boat ramps.**

Mrs. Page noted the cost for the multipurpose field sod is included under infrastructure.

---

**Motion by Francis Reilly, seconded by Martha Long, for bocce ball area to be #15.**  
**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**  
**NAY: Lafferty** **Carried 6-1**

---

A motion was made by Francis Reilly to go on record to agree with the City to give them an acre of ground in the southwest portion of Marina Park for the mooring field support facility. Paul Nydam passed the gavel and seconded the motion for discussion. See of point of order below.

Susan Canada declared she couldn't support the motion just to be bought and sold for a lift station without a guarantee. Secondly, the City has use of their property and Sand Point Park. She also stated the need to support the CRA district and pier restaurant and she wants to wait until after talking to the City.

A point of order was declared due to a motion that carried in the previous meeting, to remove the mooring field support facility from the list.

---

---

**Motion by Bill Powell, seconded by Francis Reilly, to discuss the mooring fields.**

**AYE: Nydam, Reilly**

**Failed 2-5**

**NAY: Canada, Connolly, Long, Lafferty, Powell**

---

---

Prior to the above vote, the following discussion occurred:

- After a long discussion with the City of Titusville, he said no to a meeting. He is not against mooring fields. They said they would do restroom with showers and lift station in the neighborhood of \$500,000, for mooring fields. He is not for dedicating any land for the City of Titusville, but will support them for the mooring fields as there are other areas for them to do that. Would not meet with them, they cannot buy him, they cannot influence him, and he is not in favor of giving them the land at Marina Park. (Powell)
- Cost of lift station is in sanitary sewer on list at \$179,457.50 so \$500,000 includes much more than the lift station. (Lafferty)
- Noted the City said the restrooms would not be open to the public as the public destroys restrooms and it also includes a Laundromat. Have no problem with the mooring fields in the river, but as to the facilities, they have room at the present marina, also room at the north point of Sand Point. Put it closer to the CRA. Cannot see putting a facility in Marina Park that can't be used for the public. (Canada)
- The CRA district runs to Buffalo Road. Anyone wanting to use the showers can pay for them. The City is planning on putting the mooring area north to the entrance to the marina. They are willing to support us with cash on the utilities. (Reilly)
- This is supposed to be everyone's park. Is there a charge for the mooring things? Does this not have to be staffed as well? This money they are going to help us with is just verbal. (Connolly)
- When asked, Mr. Stone stated, as of right now there is no plan. He has not been a party to these conversations. City staff is trying to put together a plan to go to City Council on November 6.
- Right now discussion is on something that is hearsay and innuendo. Until the City wants to come forward with \$500,000, wait until they present something in writing to act upon. (Gossett)
- Susan Canada asked Joe Stone how many live aboards are at the municipal marina. Mr. Stone replied about 12 people live year round.
- What is the next step for this Committee? (Long)

- Still on discussion on acre of property; want to call the motion. (Reilly)
- Ms. Canada reported Jim Herron said today that they would not have to hire extra staff. She also stated she thinks the City wanting to meet with the Committee members individually is a terrible idea.
- Mr. Powell called for the question.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

In response to Martha Long's question as to the next step in the process. Mr. Lane indicated the associated infrastructure would be attached to each item on the new priority list to give dollar figures for new total. If this is where the Committee wants everything on the master plan with a smaller field that will increase green space in the middle, the list is reprioritized. Items in excess of the \$1.48 million in funding could be put in the requested column of matrix. Because nothing has changed except for the size of the ball field, Mr. Lane asked if it needs to come back to this Committee or if it could go directly to the NBCPR. The Committee members are welcome to attend the NBCPR meeting to voice opinions. The meeting announcement can include that Marina Park Referendum Committee members may be in attendance, or it could be a joint meeting. Any items in excess of \$1.48 can go on requested list.

Mrs. Page noted the Committee may want to know the dollar amount of what is brought back to decide what to recommend to the NBCPR or it can be decided tonight to send it all to the NBCPR. The total will be slightly less than \$4.987 million or the Committee can accept whatever the amount is and move it forward.

---

---

**Motion by Francis Reilly, seconded by Bill Powell, to move this new plan forward to the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation tonight.**

**AYE: Canada, Connolly, Lafferty, Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**

**NAY: None**

**Carried 7-0**

---

---

Discussion prior to the vote included:

- A million dollars has been taken out so am comfortable sending it forward. (Long)
- Would like to see what amount of interest is and have it added to the total. (Canada) The interest is going to the total interest amount of the 2000 Referendum and has not been divided up between the projects yet. (Page)
- Question for Don Lusk: Are we going to be reimbursed for the historical houses moved using

Referendum dollars and give it to Marina Park?  
(Canada) Chairman Nydam suggested that is administrative action and has nothing to do with the priority list.

Mrs. Page stated staff will notify the Committee when it will be on the NBCPR agenda. That could be November 8, at 5 p.m. Mrs. Page noted it could be a joint meeting, with Marina Park as the first item if the Committee desires action. Ms. Canada said to just bring it to them. Consensus was not to have a joint meeting.

JiJi Connolly left the meeting at this point.

#### VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Joan Wheeler, expressed concern about talk about rentals because this is special land and can't be rented out. She stated it has been refreshing to be at a meeting where people are concerned about what things cost. As far as them paying for the lift station, if they can't pay for the senior citizens' stormwater pond, how will they have money for restrooms for us? Because they don't have enough money they want to charge a fee so they can have fire stations. Ms. Wheeler continued by saying there was a comment by the liaison at City Council which Ms. Wheeler quoted as follows: "I attended the Parks and Rec. meeting." (Then, aside to Councilman Eigenmann) "I think you were out of town. And it was an interesting meeting, and one of the areas they talked about was the Marina Park, and their questions there were very, very similar to the questions here, and the accusations there were very similar to the accusations that have come to us. I tried to express that WE had not made a decision on it. Certainly the Parks and Rec. understood that. Not everybody did, unfortunately. They were somewhat vocal about it. I was disappointed to tell you." Ms. Wheeler stated that was said about the

meeting here. Certainly maybe the Parks and Rec. Department understood that, maybe the Parks and Rec. understands who "we" is. She stated she doesn't know who "we" is. She requested, "when you figure out who "we" is, please let me know."

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn by Pat Lafferty, seconded by Martha Long.**

**AYE: Canada, Lafferty Long, Nydam, Powell, Reilly**  
**NAY: None** **Carried 6-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Nydam, Chairman

jbi

#### Revised Priority List

1. Boat/canoe ramps, sod parking, paved roads
2. Restrooms for boat ramps
3. Skateboard Park
4. Splash Park
5. Dog Park
6. Existing seawall with approximately \$15,000/repairs
7. All parking areas to be sod parking
8. Baseball field reduced to major/minor size
9. Picnic structures with barbecues
10. Secondary emergency road from boat parking area in most economical way
11. Playground
12. Restrooms for ball field
13. Gazebos
14. Pavilion with kitchen and restrooms
15. Bocce ball area