

Mims-Scottsmoor Community Center Referendum Committee

Appointed by the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation (NBCPR)
Minutes of the Meeting of January 30, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the Mims-Scottsmoor Library

Committee Members Present

Lorene Shafer, Chairman

Lee Bird

Douglas Chamberlain

Robert Robbins

Committee Members Absent

Thelma Roper-Excused

NBCPR Liaison

Gigi Henkel

Staff Present

Terry A. Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager

Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lorene Shafer called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Terry Lane reported the resignations of Andy Root and Patty Franzetta who relocated to Connecticut. Thelma Roper's absence was excused.

Motion by Robert Robbins, seconded Lee Bird, to fill the seats vacated by Andy Root and Patty Franzetta.

AYE: Bird, Chamberlain, Robbins, Shafer

NAY: None

Carried 4-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lee Bird, seconded by Douglas Chamberlain, to approve the minutes of November 28, 2005.

AYE: Bird, Chamberlain, Robbins, Shafer

NAY: None

Carried 4-0

IV. STAFF REPORTS

Terry Lane read a memo from Chuck Nelson reporting Condev's continued desire to donate land adjacent to Parrish Park-Scottsmoor. Mr. Gardner requested Parks and Recreation staff prepare a preliminary sketch of a community center site on the south side of the existing park. It is hoped discussion will be concluded by the end of February. Based on that timing, Mr. Nelson would expect to have a site for the Committee to consider at the February meeting. The desirability of the south side was discussed. In response to an inquiry from Chairman Shafer, Mr. Lane recalled the discussion has been anywhere from the size of Parrish Park-Scottsmoor which is 16.95 acres down to about 7.5 acres. Chairman Shafer stated she has always found the Gardner family good

to work with. Mr. Bird inquired about land for drainage. Mr. Lane stated he hasn't had much discussion with Mr. Nelson about it, but believes if the park size is small, there could be some shared drainage with the development.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Potential Properties—Mr. Lane reviewed the discussion at last month's discussion about bringing a laptop to explore potential properties on the Property Appraiser's website. All the information on government owned lands is documented in the report which was provided by staff.

Chairman Shafer inquired if the proposed library would have to be separated from the community center. Mr. Lane stated he believes if it is a smaller parcel, it would probably house only the community center and associated infrastructure. Mr. Bird stated he understood this committee didn't even consider a library in their deliberations. Chairman Shafer stated yes and no.

Mr. Bird pointed out he didn't see any identified properties along the U.S. 1 corridor between the Mims fire station on the south and Parrish Park-Scottsmoor on the north. Discussion ensued.

Judy Inman provided a photo of Tampa Verbain which was mentioned at the previous meeting.

Mr. Bird stated the need to keep in mind a backup plan if property at Parrish Park-Scottsmoor doesn't work out, however the first choice would be a win-win situation. Mr. Robbins stated he doesn't see much choice for a second and third site.

Mr. Bird asked if Mr. Gardner would be willing or interested in meeting with this Committee. Mr. Lane reported he believes Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Gardner to attend, but the memo read earlier was provided instead. Mr. Bird stated he doesn't know why Mr. Gardner would need come before the Committee. Mr. Lane stated per the memo, staff is presenting Mr. Gardner with a plan, and he'll say yes or no to the plan. Gigi Henkel stated probably the less Mr. Gardner is bothered, the more time he will have to review the plan.

Robert Robbins asked if the money set aside for land acquisition could be used for the building. Mr. Lane stated he could not speak on money beyond the \$790,000 from the Referendum which is for land acquisition—10 acres, softball field, soccer field, 40x60 pavilion, playground, benches, parking, restrooms. Mr. Bird asked if the Referendum money can be carried forward for other uses on this project if the Referendum elements are there. Mr. Lane stated he believes the \$790,000 is identified for this project. Mrs. Henkel stated the Committee will be absolutely amazed at the cost of the building which Mr. Lane reported the cost for community centers being built to hurricane standards elsewhere in the County is nearing \$3.5 to \$4 million.

VI. NEW BUSINESS—None

VII. PUBLIC INPUT

In response to an inquiry from Dr. Nick Rinaldi, Mr. Lane stated the Parrish Park-Scottsmoor Referendum project is complete except for lighting of the softball field.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

February 20, 2006, 7 p.m., at Mims-Scottsmoor Library.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. at the motion by Lee Bird, seconded by Robert Robbins.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorene Shafer, Chairman

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