

**MIMS-SCOTTSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTER REFERENDUM COMMITTEE**  
Appointed by the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation (NBCPR)  
Minutes of Meeting of May 1, 2008, 6 p.m., in the Brevard Room of the  
Brevard County Government Center-North, Titusville, Florida

Committee Members Present

Lorene Shafer, Chairman  
Douglas Chamberlain  
Dr. Nicholas Rinaldi  
Marieanne Syverson

Committee Members Absent

Lee Bird—Out of town, death in family  
Robert Robbins—Working out of town  
Thelma Roper—Unable to attend, may resign

NBCPR Present

Gigi Henkel, Liaison  
Ted M. Beck  
Barry Gainer

Staff Present

Marsha Cantrell, Parks Support Manager  
Terry A. Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager  
Richard Tucci, Recreation Superintendent  
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Shafer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

As shown above.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Nicholas Rinaldi, seconded by Douglas Chamberlain, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2006.**

**AYE: Chamberlain, Rinaldi, Shafer, Syverson**

**NAY: None** **Carried 4-0**

**IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

Angelika Teynor, realtor, gave a presentation on 19+ acres of land (Marr property, 2 a,b on map/matrix) available for sale that could house a future community center, trailhead and library in a prime location on U.S. Highway 1 approximately 1 mile north of S.R. 46. The property is high, dry and accessible with approximately 1000 feet on U.S. Highway 1, and 700 feet along the trail. The property has been used for agriculture and the family would like to see a community center rather than something commercial. Appraisals have not been done as yet as that is usually done by the buyer.

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

Marsha Cantrell and Terry Lane presented an updated map and matrix of possible sites that was initially presented in meetings with the library.

Terry Lane reported on the Rails-to-Trails project with information in an email from Barbara Meyer. The property closed on December 31, 2007, for approximately \$16 million. Post closing issues are to be completed by June 30, 2008. Brevard and Volusia Counties will be managing the trail and will develop a

management plan over the next year. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has budgeted \$300,000 for PD&E study. The trail is part of a 260 mile river-to-sea loop trail out through Canaveral National Seashore and up into Volusia County. Ms. Meyer has also been working with FDOT to develop a trailhead, not equestrian, at Chain of Lakes. There is grant money for the A&E design and next year money is scheduled from FDOT for construction.

Mr. Lane reviewed:

- The project elements from the 2000 Referendum brochure total \$790,000 for acquisition of 10 acres, softball and soccer fields, pavilion, playground, benches, parking and restroom.
- Since the 2006 Referendum, committees have recommended to the NBCPR alterations and changes to projects.
- This Committee initially focused on properties from S.R. 46 north to Flounders Creek Road.
- Sewer service goes just short of Kelly Road and County water service goes to Lionel Road.
- Initially staff looked at the Salib property (7 a,b,c on map/matrix) however the Salibs were unable to accept appraisals obtained by the County and they never stated an asking price.
- A new library is no longer funded due to budget cuts last year.

Douglas Chamberlain noted there is enough acreage on the Marr property for the community center, equestrian trailhead, and eventual library, stating the longer the delay, the most likely nothing will be done. Staff reported last year they were looking at 10 acres for the community center, 5 acres for a library, and up to 5 acres for the equestrian trailhead.

Fred Kusterer, chairman of the Mims Community Group, stated their preference to call it the North Brevard Community Center. Discussion has been primarily about the Marr property and the group seems to think it would be a favorable location. There was no opposition from the Scottsmoor group where he spoke last Monday.

Staff answered questions from Marieanne Syverson regarding a deadline and objective for this meeting. Mr. Lane reported several people from the Mims-Scottsmoor area were present at the April 10 NBCPR meeting where he was directed to call a meeting of this Committee so a recommendation could be made. He noted favorable numbers on recent project bids.

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**Motion by Nicholas Rinaldi, seconded by Douglas Chamberlain, to move ahead on the Marr property, and further investigate it, because it could house the community center, trailhead and possible library projects if they stay alive.**

**AYE: Chamberlain, Rinaldi, Shafer, Syverson**

**NAY: None** **Carried 4-0**

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In response to an inquiry from Chairman Shafer, Ms. Syverson stated the community was in agreement to move forward.

It was determined this does not eliminate the other properties, but rather to seek pricing. The possibility of

federal funding and other grants for the trail was discussed. Staff continually looks for grants.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Lane gave an update on the Scottsmoor Meeting Hall on Magoon Avenue where it is anticipated work will start the week of May 19. The meeting hall is funded through the North Area Parks Operation budget, not the Referendum. In response to an inquiry from Jim Sloan, Mr. Lane indicated the meeting hall has a generator and will be an after-storm shelter.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS—None.

#### VIII. PUBLIC INPUT—None.

#### IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Lane stated he will present the Committee's recommendation to the NBCPR. Mr. Lane will contact the Committee when the next Committee meeting is needed.

#### X. ADJOURN—The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorene Shafer, Chairman

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