

NORTH BREVARD SENIOR CENTER REFERENDUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of the North Brevard Senior Center Referendum Committee, appointed by the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation, an advisory board, held Friday, February 8, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., at the North Brevard Senior Center.

Members Present

Gene Burden
Rachel Kusterer
Joseph Mangino
Eric Rhys

Members Absent

Ann Hodge
Wayne McCall
Harry Ross,
Scott Johnson, Ex-Officio (NBCPR)

A&E Present

Joe Morgan, KZF, Inc.

County Staff Present

Cheryl Page, North Area Parks Operations Manager
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator
Jill Hill, Recreation Leader

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cheryl Page called the meeting to order at approximately 1:02 p.m. and introduced staff to the committee. Committee members introduced themselves and explained why they wanted to be on the committee.

II. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Cheryl Page explained the Sunshine Law and the duties of the committee. Mrs. Page explained to all committee members present that they could not discuss this project together unless it was at a public meeting coordinated by Parks & Recreation because of the Sunshine Law. Mrs. Page also stated violation of the Sunshine Law is a criminal offense.

III. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Eric Rhys, seconded by Gene Burden, to elect Joseph Mangino as Chairman for the committee.

AYE: Burden, Kusterer, Mangino, Rhys

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

Motion by Eric Rhynes, seconded by Rachel Kusterer, to elect Gene Burden as Vice Chairman for the committee.

AYE: Burden, Kusterer, Mangino, Rhys

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2001

Motion by Gene Burden, seconded by Eric Rhys, to accept the minutes of August 15, 2001.

AYE: Burden, Kusterer, Mangino, Rhys

NAY: None

Carried: 4-0

V. STAFF REPORTS

Joseph Mangino inquired on the progress on the Chain of Lakes project. Cheryl Page stated that the conceptual plan has been approved and the A&E is currently doing the design. Mrs. Page gave all members the website address www.brevardparks.com to access further information and gave an update on all the playgrounds that are being renovated or added to parks.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Cheryl Page suggested the committee revisit the priority list for construction from the previous minutes. She further stated there had been discussion about expanding the meeting room. Joseph Mangino stated that all the projects will remain the same but the priority of the projects on the list have changed. He stated that the committee would like to see the restrooms expanded or an additional restroom put in the building. Mr. Mangino stated he would like to meet with the architect and that the committee would also like the stage completed as soon as possible after the restrooms. Mr. Mangino stated that it will also be very important to work construction around the functions that happen at the center. Cheryl Page stated that this shouldn't be a problem.

Joseph Mangino inquired when the property could be purchased. Cheryl Page stated that the property had already been purchased and was closed on January 4, 2002. Mr. Mangino stated that the committee would like to flatten approximately an acre of that property and add additional parking. Cheryl Page stated that her only concern was storm water retention in that area and it would have to be investigated.

Eric Ryhs inquired who was responsible for maintaining the retention area. Chuck Mays stated that the owner of the property may be responsible, but he was not sure. Joseph Mangino stated that whoever requires the retention area is responsible for maintaining the area. He further stated that if the requiring party does not maintain the area, the responsibility falls back on the owner of the property.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Gene Burden inquired about the time lines on the project and when construction will start. Cheryl Page stated the committee needed to decide on a plan and move from there. Chuck Mays stated he cannot give a time line at this stage. Mr. Mays stated that the project needs to go through the conceptual phase and then cost estimates.

Eric Rhys stated that an environmental impact statement is needed for the newly purchased property. Chuck Mays stated that Joe Morgan would look into that.

Joseph Mangino stated that the committee was not in a big rush to have construction completed and that they wanted the job done right.

Doug Brown inquired if he would be able to sit in on meeting with Joe Morgan and Joseph Mangino regarding the Senior Center. Cheryl Page stated that he could. It was decided that Mr. Morgan and Mr. Mangino would meet after this meeting today and do a walk through of the Senior Center.

The committee decided to have a regular meeting day of Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting date will be set after Joseph Mangino has met with Joe Morgan the architect.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mangino
Chairman

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