

## SAND POINT PARK REFERENDUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Sand Point Park Referendum Committee, appointed by the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation, meeting held Thursday, January 16, 2002, in the Brevard Room at the Brevard County Government Complex North in Titusville, Florida.

### Members Present

Francis Reilly, Chairman	Carl Jones
Alex Chamberlain	Judy Renaud
Bob Giffen	Heie Simonsen
Neta Harris	Wes Hoaglund (Ex-Officio)

### Members Absent

Jackie Gregory	Bill Pickens
Charlie Mars	Ken Thomas, Vice Chairman
Mary Ann Pace	Ken Carlson (Ex-Officio)

### A&E Present

Woody Rice, P.E., Honeycutt & Associates, Inc.

### County Staff Present

Charles S. Nelson, Parks & Recreation Director  
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator  
Cheryl K. Page, North Area Parks Operations Manager  
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

### City Staff Present

Mark Leslie, Marina Dock Master

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Francis Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes of the November 7, 2001, meeting were approved as written at the motion by Heie Simonsen, seconded by Bob Giffen.**

**AYE: Chamberlain, Giffen, Harris, Jones, Reilly, Renaud, Simonsen.**

**Nay: None** **7-0**

### III. STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Page reported Jackie Gregory had a schedule conflict with a meeting in Orlando; Mary Ann Pace had surgery recently; Ken Thomas had the flu. Chairman Reilly reported Charlie Mars was not well.

- Entrance—Directing traffic into the marina with direct access to Sand Point Park. There is still an entrance at south of park.
- Day docking—Marina folks were concerned about turning radiuses which would reduce the size of boats which could use the marina. Wes Hoaglund inquired about removing the finger docks. Mr. Rice stated that even 15' would make it too close.
- The fountain fun area on the point was moved down a little to be closer to parking to allow support parking. It also allowed another open spot for future expansion of Space Walk of Fame on the point.
- The building (pavilion) stayed the same.
- Parking resembles the present parking strategy but picked up 80-90 spaces. This will provide controlled parking, including straight in and parallel parking. Slanted parking would not allow enough buffer and landscaping. The entrance closest to the bridge will be closed. Walkways are 12'.
- Heie Simonsen inquired about an extension to the Upland building for Parks & Recreation. Mr. Nelson indicated staff will address the maintenance issue without taking prime space for maintenance purposes.

Chairman Reilly stated he would like to invite the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce to be present.

Mrs. Page reported Referendum committee members and others on the mailing list will be receiving the Referendum newsletter in next few weeks. The public can also check on Referendum projects on the website at [www.brevardparks.com](http://www.brevardparks.com).

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Nelson reported Woody Rice had a revised plan and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Rice.

Woody Rice stated last time he went over existing conditions and presented a concept plan which was discussed. After looking at minutes and sitting down with Titusville Marina folks he revised the plan and proceeded to review the changes.

- Carl Jones inquired where the bridge will come down to road level. Mr. Rice stated he hopes near the park. Mr. Hoaglund reported right now it comes down in the island. The City wants it to be just east of Ed Poe's parking which would give 10' vertical clearance at the river for the Walk of Fame. Grade would be 3.5%.
- Amphitheater support facilities were added which opened up the area. Chairman Reilly inquired if the amphitheater will be open at the back. Mr. Rice responded that will be decided in the design stage taking into consideration acoustics. Mr. Simonsen stated it should be aesthetically pleasing.
- Mr. Rice displayed the design style for rest rooms which is old Florida cracker style. Restrooms were added at amphitheater and playground, in addition to those already in pavilion and near the point.
- Playground was left near the amphitheater because of water safety concerns at the point.
- Fountain in lake—Style of water fountain can be determined during design stage.
- Judy Renaud inquired about screening to block view of boat area. Mr. Rice indicated landscaping should take care of that. The forested area will be kept.
- Drops at access were discussed.

- In the stormwater lake a shelter in the center of the boardwalk was provided for model boaters.
- Mr. Simonsen inquired about stormwater. Mr. Rice indicated it is properly sized for a new park with these impervious surfaces. Because it is an existing park, he would not have to provide for present impervious surfaces. Stormwater cannot be provided at the point so there is the need to make adjustments for that. Mr. Simonsen asked if the stormwater could be reduced to provide more parking. Mr. Rice responded the committee could decide that. The slope is 5 to 1 so the retention area doesn't need to be fenced. The present outflow will be used and the ditch will be piped. Chairman Reilly inquired if this will provide for the bridge. Mr. Rice responded it will since he is treating it as a new park. Mr. Nelson stated the need to keep stormwater in the plan because of the bridge.
- In response to an inquiry from Judy Renaud, Mr. Rice reported there are about 200 parking spaces in the park. There is a 5-acre open area. Chairman Reilly mentioned walkways in the open area. Mr. Nelson indicated walkways in that area might limit activities and use will show where some may be needed. Mr. Simonsen stated walkways make a park more interesting. Mr. Rice suggested they could be put near the amphitheater. Mr. Simonsen stated that people won't use an area that is all grass and no shade. Mr. Nelson cautioned trees would limit the number of events. Mr. Rice reported he looked at the open area for the Indian River Festival.
- Mr. Rice noted the potential for benches, terracing at the amphitheater and benches near the water. Chairman Reilly inquired about covering the walkway on north of amphitheater with pullouts for benches with electricity as shade is needed for craft people.
- Mr. Rice reported there is seating in the amphitheater for 1000 in an open grassy area. The cost of seating was noted. The grade is 50 to 1 with side slopes at 12 to 1. The area is terraced in back with steps in the back. Mr. Hoaglund noted the seating area could be terraced in the future. Mrs. Renaud stated she likes leaving it simple and see what use is. The back is 6' high so with a raised stage, it may be possible to see some activities on the stage from outside the amphitheater. Mr. Nelson stated the park could be closed for that use for particular events.
- There is a 12' boardwalk around the pavilion and also extending over the rocks around the point.
- Alex Chamberlain inquired about the skateboard area. Mr. Rice stated he didn't feel it needed to stay in this park. Mr. Nelson reported staff hasn't seen the usage. Even with free admission it is getting limited use. Mr. Chamberlain stated he sees parking there, and 20 to 30 users when school is out. Mr. Rice reported he thinks another location will be identified for that use.
- Mr. Chamberlain asked if the ditch through the open area disappears. Mr. Rice reported drainage will be strategically placed to bring to the stormwater lake.
- Mr. Chamberlain reported maintenance trucks in the park run off walkways. Mr. Nelson stated staff will use Cushman-type vehicles in the grass areas.
- Mr. Chamberlain noted the boat ramps are rarely used. Several boaters on the committee indicated the ramps are used, even the shallow area by those who need that. Mr. Simonsen noted the ramp into the channel has a strong drop off at the end of the ramp. Some improvements are needed there.
- Dean Pettit would like to see a connection from Chain of Lakes to Sand Point and down to the downtown area. Mr. Rice stated he looked at that and found there are some challenges. One idea is if the Coquina crossing were closed and one opened at Buffalo, there could be a connection. There is no other great connection because of U.S. 1 and the railroad. Carl Jones inquired if VectorWorks own the property near Buffalo. Mr. Rice responded he thinks it is still City property.
- Dean Pettit would like to see a blues festival at Sand Point.
- Mr. Simonsen inquired of the radius from stage to edge. Mr. Rice stated it is about 350' to the back arc.
- Chairman Reilly inquired if there can be a small dock to launch model boats. Mr. Rice suggested that can be done at the gazebo. The boat club could have a key for access. With a 5 to 1 slope, a dock won't be needed.

- Chairman Reilly inquired about a courtesy dock south of the Valicenti Pavilion near the slip. Mr. Rice stated he can get with St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) regarding sea grasses and will need to go to the State to request it. The boardwalks are over stabilized rocks which gives feel of being over the water without impacting the water. Chairman Reilly reported FIND is putting in mooring fields, and is looking for dinghy docks to get to the facility. It was noted the depth of the water will restrict the size of boats. Mr. Nelson reported it can be looked at, but permitting may be a problem. Mr. Rice stated he will broach that with SJRWMD. It was determined there is a vertical seawall near the causeway.
- Mr. Simonsen and Chairman Reilly want the area where sailboats are launched improved. Boardwalk over riprap was discussed.

**Motion by Neta Harris, seconded by Heie Simonsen to accept the conceptual plan with the comments that were made.**

**AYE: Chamberlain, Giffen, Harris, Jones, Reilly, Renaud, Simonsen.**

**Nay: None** **7-0**

V. NEW BUSINESS

Cheryl Page reported 12 grass eating carp have been placed in the pond.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT–Received earlier in meeting.

As to the next meeting, Mr. Nelson indicated that will be determined.

Mr. Hoaglund announced the Space Walk of Fame Foundation is opening their museum at Miracle City Mall on Saturday at 1 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. at the motion by Robert Giffen, seconded by Judy Renaud.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Reilly, Chairman

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