



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Workshop Meeting – April 14, 1997 – 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL **ITEM 1**

Present: Bill Barnett, Mayor
Marjorie Prolman, Vice Mayor

Council Members:
John R. Nocera
Fred L. Sullivan
Fred Tarrant
Peter H. Van Arsdale

Absent: Bonnie R. MacKenzie

Also Present:

Dr. Richard Woodruff, City Manager
Kenneth Cuyler, City Attorney
Missy McKim, Planning Director
Virginia Neet, Deputy City Clerk
Don Wirth, Community Services Director
Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager
Ann Walker, Planner
Phil Buck, Parks and Parkways Supv.
Mary Margaret Gruzka, Recreation Supv.
David Lykins, Recreation Supervisor
Molly Reed, Recording Secretary

Werner Haardt
David Rice
Tom Taylor
Bette Young
June Lincoln
Peter Gerbosi
Barry Witt
Other interested citizens and visitors
Media:
Tara Beer, Naples Daily News
Frank Kinsman, WNOG
Dave Taylor, Continental Cablevision

ITEMS TO BE ADDED **ITEM 2**
None. (8:30 a.m.)

..... **ITEM 3**
REVIEW OF ITEMS ON 4/1/97 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (8:31 a.m.)

Item 5d (Consider a contract with Risk Management Associates) City Manager Richard Woodruff stated that this item would be withdrawn from the agenda. **Item 6 (Consider annexing a 3.27 acre parcel within the Wilderness PUD)** Vice Mayor Prolman requested updated elevations of the proposed hotel as well as other variations since First Reading. In response, City Attorney Cuyler advised that this information should be obtained during consideration on the following Wednesday. Council Member Tarrant requested the item not be on the agenda for reasons stated in the March 27, 1997 letter to Council from Attorney Alan Koslow. **Item 7 (Consider amending an approved development for the Bayfront Marketplace)** Vice Mayor Prolman requested that project elevations include relation to all surrounding buildings. **Item 9 (Consider an appeal of the February 25, 1997 Staff Action Committee decision to deny after-the-fact approval of exterior changes at 670-680 5th Avenue South)** Vice Mayor Prolman noted that relevant sections of the Overlay District Code were not included in the Ordinance.

..... **ITEM 4**
DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKING AT LOWDERMILK PARK (8:47 a.m.)

Dick Bourne, President of the Coquina Sands Homeowners Association, presented Council with the results of 12 parking surveys conducted at Lowdermilk Park by Coquina Sands residents March 23-30. (Copies of the survey results as well as overhead projections used are contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) The report concluded with three options. (Attachment 1) City Manager Richard Woodruff explained to Council that this is a policy issue and did not require a public hearing or an ordinance amendment

Council Member Nocera said he preferred Option 2, however, Council Member Sullivan said his choice was Option 3 because it would insure parking for City residents. Mayor Barnett and Council Member Tarrant said they preferred Option #3 also. Council Member Van Arsdale expressed concern that tourist tax collected would be a factor in limiting beach access and added that such action at Lowdermilk Park would impact remaining beaches by diverting cars to other locations. Vice Mayor Prolman noted that the Coquina Sands survey covered Easter week, which is the busiest time of the year, and said she did not agree with the notion of beach exclusivity. She added, however, that she would support a trial implementation of Option #3 for a year.

It was the consensus of Council to adopt Option 3 allocating the front two rows of parking (83 spaces) to City residents on a trial basis during the 97-98 winter season (11/1/97 - 5/1/98). Council Member Van Arsdale dissented.

Council Member Nocera asked that special events at Lowdermilk Park be handled separately from this decision and noted that he and Mr. Bourne had discussed "youth night" events at Lowdermilk during the summer months. Mr. Bourne assured Mr. Nocera that the Coquina Sands Homeowners Association has no objection to scheduled, supervised youth activities.

Peter Gerbosi, 1708 Gulf Shore Boulevard, representing the Gulf Shore Property Owners Association, requested that the parking meters in two medians north of Lowdermilk Park be

reinstalled. City Manager Woodruff explained that the meters were removed because they were not cost-effective, and that beach stickers are issued to any taxpayer in Collier County, whether or not they are domiciled here.

.....**ITEM 5**
DISCUSSION REGARDING CULTURAL ARTS ACTIVITIES IN CAMBIER PARK
(9:24 a.m.)

City Manager Woodruff explained the difficulties encountered with turf maintenance in the park due to heavy use during craft and art shows, which create lanes of foot traffic between booths. Grass damage amounted to \$25,000 to \$30,000 this year, he added. Recreation Supervisor Mary Margaret Gruzka stated that shows begin in October and continue into May. Dr. Woodruff presented the 1997 Cambier Park outdoor usage schedule (Attachment 2) and presented three options to offset the maintenance expense to the City: 1) continue the current policy; 2) limit large art shows to one per month; or 3) ban all art and craft shows in 1997/98 season. Mayor Barnett noted that increasing the charges to users was also an option. Community Services Director Don Wirth pointed out that the park had reached maximum carrying capacity.

Council Member Van Arsdale expressed concern that the park may be used for commercial ventures. Council Member Nocera then noted that another option would be to transfer some of these activities to Fleishmann Park as well as to other park locations throughout the City and County. Council Member Sullivan concurred, adding that City staff should be given the ability to balance usage among all City parks to limit the impact on each. Vice Mayor Prolman said that the public should become familiar with using parks throughout the City and that usage should give City residents a preference.

Bette Young, 643 Fifth Avenue South, representing the Naples Art Association, said her group would have to further investigate Fleishmann Park before they would be willing to move their art shows there. She added that when the arts building is finished in Cambier Park, the shows would move out from that location into the park. Council Member Tarrant noted that the City's approval of the arts building was not contingent on the Naples Art Association being given permission to have art shows throughout the park. However, Mrs. Young pointed out that the association must maintain a certain level of cash flow in order to comply with its agreement with the City to place its facility in the park.

Barry Witt, Director of the Naples National Art Festival, observed that since Naples does not have an art museum, the art exhibit is one way to bring quality artwork into the community. He added that most local art festivals have become flea markets, selling a variety of products, whereas the Art Association prohibits retail selling. He offered to replace any grass damaged by the art show he represents, and said that since the show had traditionally been held at Cambier it would be adversely affected if moved to Fleishmann Park.

Council Member Tarrant asked about the feasibility of erecting tents on streets adjacent to the park, and Vice Mayor Prolman maintained that other sites were viable and should be used.

June Lincoln, 530 Coral Drive, suggested the City create pathways of bark mulch for use during the art shows, although moving more events to Fleishmann Park, she said, was a good idea.

Council Member Nocera stated that he preferred to hold the National Art Show in Cambier and move other art shows to alternate locations.

Council instructed Community Services Advisory Board and staff to work with the Naples Art Association and Naples Art Crafters to develop alternative sites for art shows during the next year and to report their findings to Council for approval.

.....**ITEM 6**
CAMBIER PARK PHASE I - REPORT ON SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS (10:23 a.m.)

City Manager Richard Woodruff stated that in order to add shuffleboard courts to the five already planned for Cambier Park, it would be necessary to eliminate another activity. Council discussed alternatives for locating a tournament complement of shuffleboard courts within the City or County.

Council directed City Manager Richard Woodruff to approach the County with an offer to contribute to the building of 20 to 24 shuffleboard courts at a County park facility.

CORRESPONDENCE and COMMUNICATIONS.....

Council Member Tarrant requested clarification of Mayor Barnett's April 1st memorandum to Council regarding limitations on topics of discussion at workshops. Mayor Barnett explained that workshops should not include discussion of upcoming regular meeting agenda items that involve petitioners.

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None

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10:40 a.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman
City Clerk

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Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: 5/7/97.