



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 10, 2012 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall - City Council Chambers
200 West 5th Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Robert Jones, Jr., Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darin White, Chair-Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Jacobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Boardman | <input type="checkbox"/> Audrey G. Nealy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debra Jo Garfi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kandie Smith, City Council Liaison |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Williams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freddie Outterbridge |

STAFF

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Fenton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Gillespie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shana Kriewall |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Horrigan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura J. Davenport | <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Riddick |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marion Blackburn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lamarco Morrison | <input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Vestal |

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

The meeting opened at 5:30 PM and the following items were addressed:

Agenda items are in bold print and the highlights of the discussion and actions below the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Terry Boardman

Second: Freddie Outterbridge

Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 12, 2012 minutes:

Motion: Freddie Outterbridge

Second: Terry Boardman

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT via MARK GILLESPIE

A. Mr. Fenton is unable to be here tonight due to a dislocated shoulder.

B. Commended Chairman Jones for his annual presentation of GRPD to City Council on Monday night.

C. NCRPA Conference is quickly upon us taking place 11/11-13. Staff is working hard to prepare for the conference. Thanked staff and Dennis Vestal for the time and hard work put into the conference.

- D. Later on the agenda will be asked to consider recommending to City Council that they authorize staff to make an offer on the purchase of about 5 acres of land in the vicinity of Countryside Estates. Funds were placed in the Capital Budget specifically for the development of a future park to serve the youth and families of the area. City Council will ultimately decide whether or not to authorize the purchase and later determine when funds can be budgeted for development and then maintenance.

VII. STAFF REPORT

A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

1. Recreation Update

- a. GAFC had Splash n Dash kids triathlon with 175 youth registered and raised \$4,000 for Special Olympics, Zumbathon this past weekend, button chair for Breast Cancer at GAFC, Southside Senior Club has a Fashion Show this Friday at Eppes, seniors are traveling to the State Fair next week and to Asheville with a hot air balloon festival, 11/25 going to New York City, Eppes is having a Haunted House on Halloween, youth flag football at Eppes begins tomorrow, Arts & Crafts is in full swing at the art center, Special Olympics costume party, roller skating team is competing in High Point on 11/2, tackle football is continuing with a winning record, South Greenville is receiving wall art in the gym with spray paint art (kids love it), athletics is well underway for fall sports, and registering for basketball.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

1. Parks/Golf Course Update

- a. The Guaranteed Energy Performance contract was approved by City Council last night. A lot of capital work will be funded, such as the \$299,000 dehumidifier at the GAFC.
- b. Golf Course Advisory Committee met last Monday. Mike Cato's Jr. Golfers won their division in the state championship for the 7th time. The girls Jr. Golf won 3rd place in their division.

2. Capital Projects Update, Lamarco Morrison and Christopher Horrigan

- a. Guy Smith Stadium – Phase I includes structural repairs to the masonry, welding in the bleachers, and waterproofing. Phase II includes the decking improvements and painting.
- b. Eppes Recreation Center – Renovations include gym floor, painting and ADA improvements to the restrooms and kitchen (which will require architectural work).
- c. Dream Park Development – Currently at 50% of development, most work includes engineering drawings for the site. Currently bidding out the restroom and mechanical building and sprayground. About 2 weeks ahead of schedule.
- d. Christopher Horrigan shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Dream Park Natural Playground element. The project discussed the process of creating the natural playground and interaction with shareholders (children). Three elements would like to see in the play area is (1) challenge (physical or emotional/intellectual), (2) exploration, and (3) creation.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft RFP for Leasing of the Teen Center, Mark Gillespie

Mr. Gillespie discussed the draft RFP for Leasing the Teen Center. Mr. Boardman is concerned about the zoning.

- B. Acquisition of Property for Future Neighborhood Park, Mark Gillespie
A motion was made to recommend to City Council that they authorize staff to make an offer on the purchase of about 5 acres of land in the vicinity of Countryside Estates.
Motion: Matt Smith
Second: Debra Jo Garfi
Yes - 3 (Debra Jo Garfi, Freddie Outterbridge, Matt Smith)
Oppose - 4 (Don Williams, Darin White, Brian Jacobs, and Terry Boardman)
Motion did not carry (vote 3-4).

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Debra Jo Garfi – Look forward to annual conference. Asked the detailed budget report be included in packet.
B. Darin White – Men’s Health Fair on 11/10
C. Terry Boardman – We have a lot of facilities that are in need of work (money). Thinks there’s a core group of gyms (Eppes Recreation Center, Boyd Lee Park, GAFC, Drew Steele Center, South Greenville) – we have a 6th, spending \$120-\$140,000 at Sports Connection – need to take a look down the road if that facility is worth using that money. Very hesitant to put money in the Sports Connection. Terry asked the Commission to consider this allocation somewhere else in the system. Freddie Outterbridge recommended going back to the Pitt Co Board for help with S. Greenville.
D. Kandie Smith – Appreciate hard work and making decisions.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Debra Jo Garfi
Second: Freddie Outterbridge
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura J. Davenport, Administrative Asst.