

City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2012 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall – City Council Chambers
200 West Fifth Street



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freddie Outterbridge, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Robert Jones, Jr., Chair-Elect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Jacobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Steele | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Francine Taft |
| <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"/> Darin White |

STAFF

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

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

The meeting opened at 5:30 PM and the following items were addressed.
Agenda items are in bold print with the highlights of the discussion and actions below the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

R.J. Hemby, Chairperson of the Affordable Housing Loan Committee introduced himself from the audience. Marianne Montgomery, Co-Chair of FROGGS was also present for the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the December 14, 2011 minutes:
Motion: Darin White
Second: Don Williams
Motion approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A. Marianne Montgomery, Co-Chair of FROGGS, spoke to the Commission seeking their support for the City to identify \$200,000 in funding for Phase 3 of the Tar River Greenway to work in partnership with the \$900,000 grant that has been awarded by the federal government for the expansion.

V. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

- A. The new Winter/Spring 2012 brochure is published. These brochures are located in all GRPD facilities and various businesses throughout the community.
- B. Will ask to table the item of Operating Agreement with First Christian Church. They want other board members to take a look at the agreement. Would like to table until the 2/8 meeting.

- C. During the October 2011 meeting the Recreation and Parks Commission recommended City Council pass an ordinance which retains the authority for cities to prohibit, by the posting of signs, the carrying of a concealed handgun in certain areas of parks, such as playgrounds, athletic fields, and swimming pools. The City Council passed the local ordinance in November 2011. Council Member Max Joyner is asking for reconsideration regarding this ordinance. This item may be discussed at the City's Planning Retreat. Signs to be posted have been ordered and Commissioner Garfi mentioned she would still like to see the signs posted if a decision regarding reconsideration is delayed.
- D. The federal government has a \$900,000 grant to the City of Greenville to assist with the greenway extension from Pitt St to Moye Blvd (close to the hospital).
- E. Semi-annual All Staff meeting is scheduled for 1/24 at 12 noon at River Park North. Encouraged all Commissioners to attend if possible.
- F. Will be attending NCRPA's Annual Director's Meeting in Raleigh on 1/25-27.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

- 1. Recreation Update
 - a. Getting prepared for the summer with summer camps, brochure, budget and programming.
 - b. 2011 Recreation "Behind the Scenes" award was awarded to Recreation Supervisor Dee Crandol.
- 2. Todd Riddick, Recreation Manager for Centers and Programs
 - a. Todd provided a PowerPoint presentation on his job duties and responsibilities.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

- 1. Parks/Golf Update
 - a. 50% of revenue projection was met by 12/30/12 for Bradford Creek Golf Course.
 - b. River Park North – Parks Coordinator position, conducted interviews today and additional interviews on Friday. Interviewing 4 applicants (one in house applicant and 3 outside applicants).
 - c. Drew Steele Center – Walls are going up for expansion and the project is moving along rapidly.
 - d. Elm Street Stadium project is also underway.
 - e. Parks Division "Behind the Scenes" award was earned by Allen Schley, Greens Supervisor. The "Customer Service Award" was awarded to Parks Coordinator Dean Foy.
 - f. The Dream Park Master Plan was approved by City Council on 1/9. Submitting the PARTF Grant application at the end of January.
 - g. Council Member Kandie Smith asked about sunshades for the Eppes Recreation Center playground. There is approximately \$60,000 that has been requested in the CIP report for this project.
 - h. At the Eppes Recreation Center, money has been spent on stabilizing the foundation, electric work, and HVAC (which were all necessary). Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner is working on the new plumbing now. The CIP budget has requested money to

complete Eppes as priority number one. Eppes Recreation Center renovations are 85% complete. Council Member Kandie Smith suggested a partnership with Emerge to paint murals in the hallways at the Eppes Recreation Center.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bradford Creek Golf Course Advisory Committee – Establish Commission Liaison
The Bradford Creek Golf Course Advisory Committee has asked for a liaison from the Recreation and Parks Commission to serve on their committee. Initiatives of the advisory committee include expanding golf programs to minority youth and the PAL program, as well as looking at avenues for small grants. Commissioner Darin Smith volunteered to serve as the liaison. A motion was made to appoint Mr. White as the liaison to the Bradford Creek Golf Course Advisory Committee.
Motion: Robert Jones
Second: Debra Jo Garfi
Motion approved.
- B. Commissioner Steele asked for clarification on land for a park in the Countryside Estates area. Mark discussed the search process.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Operating Agreement with First Christian Church
A motion was made to table this item until the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting on 2/8.
Motion: Darin White
Second: Matt Smith
Abstained: Sandy Steele
Motion approved.
- B. South Tar Greenway Expansion – The Recreation and Parks Commission supports the commitment to identify money for the greenway expansion for the FY 2013-14. A motion was made that the Recreation and Parks Commission supports Phase 3 of the South Tar Greenway and the City identifying the required match.
Motion: Sandy Steele
Second: Darin White
Motion approved.

IX. COMMENTS

- A. Don Williams asked about water treatment for the sprayground that is proposed for the Dream Park. Mr. Gillespie explained it is required by law for water in all pools and spraygrounds to be filtered and chlorinated.
- B. Darin White congratulated Dean, Dee and Allen on their awards.
- C. Chairman Outterbridge asked that all Commissioners contact Laura Davenport, Administrative Assistant if they are unavailable to attend the Commission meeting, rather than she calling Commissioners to check on their attendance.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Sandy Steele

Second: Darin White

Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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Administrative Secretary