



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall - City Council Chambers
200 West 5th Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> H. Robert Jones, Jr., Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darin White, Chair-Elect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Jacobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Boardman | <input checked="" 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 Outerbridge |

STAFF

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

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

Wesley Brown of The Daily Reflector.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made to approve the January 9, 2013 agenda as presented.

Motion: Terry Boardman

Second: Matt Smith

Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 14, 2012 minutes:

Motion: Terry Boardman

Second: Don Williams

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

A. Still in recovery period from shoulder surgery and making progress.

B. 2012 was quite a year for Recreation and Parks. Some accomplishment included completion of Phase I of the Drew Steele Center, completion of Stallings Stadium at Elm Street Park, restoration work at Guy Smith Stadium, visit to Greenville by Cal Ripken, Jr., groundbreaking and improvements at the Dream Park (which will be home to the City's first sprayground), and a wide variety of dynamic recreation programs across the City.

- C. Staff has been working hard on the Capital Improvements Plan. It is difficult for the City to identify capital money to fund projects.
- D. Community Pool; conflicts with baseball program - Creation and growth of the City's swim team, as well as the timing of swim programs has meant more evening use of the pool. Though growth is good, it has made the situation more evident and problematic. We have investigated the use of a protective netting (has to be about 80 feet high in order to be effective) and even then there is no 100% guarantee a foul ball will not get through. Netting to totally cover the pool is financially out of the question, even 80 feet of vertical netting is about \$41,000, plus engineering costs. Might be able to find half of that money by deferring purchase of some bleachers, but we are also looking at both groups (swimming and baseball) to modify schedules so they generally do not use the facilities simultaneously.
- E. Golf Convergence – JJ Keegan, the managing principal will present results of the Bradford Creek Golf Course operational assessment to City Council on Monday, January 14.
- F. City Council did not approve the purchase of the land adjacent to Bradford Creek Soccer Complex. Current lease of this land does not end until March 2013. Staff continues to meet, one possible option is to use the GUC property for parking and hire off duty police officers to help crossing the road; or split games between Saturday and Sunday. Considered shuttling families from Bradford Creek Golf Course or limit registration for the program which is not ideal. Will encourage families to carpool. There are often 32 teams (200-225 youngsters) playing at the same time, and when participants for the following game arrive before participants from the previous game have left, there can be as many as 64 teams on site simultaneously. Commissioner Boardman expressed his disagreement with Council's decision to not allow the purchase of the land, and recommended limiting the number of children who play there.
(Audrey Nealy arrived; 5:39PM.)
- G. City Council Annual Retreat is scheduled for 1/25-26 at Bradford Creek Public Golf Course.
- H. Now that phase I of the Drew Steele Center, a PARTF project, has been closed out, staff can begin considering what capital need might stand the best chance of being funded through the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund in 2014.

Discussion followed among Commissioners and Council Member regarding possible development on Town Common, Commissioners Outterbridge and Boardman expressed opposition to any private development on the property.

VII. STAFF REPORT

- A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent
 - 1. Recreation Update
 - a. Upcoming Events – Music classes at Eppes Recreation Center, basketball is in progress (adult and youth), seniors are going to see *Jekyll and Hyde* in Durham.
 - b. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Centers open on this day. Celebration at South Greenville Rec Center is in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and events are on 1/20-21. Career Fair on 1/20 at South Greenville, and on 1/21 Jackie Robinson Baseball will be displaying photographs from the last 20 years. Specialized Recreation is hosting Special Olympics basketball tournaments on 2/2 and on 2/9 Delta Sigma Theta will be hosting a Black History Health Fair at

Eppes; and the department is again partnering with the Black History Quiz Bowl, thus year at Lakeforest Elementary School 2/16, starting at 9 a.m. There are 14 teams this year (up from 9 in 2012) including one representing South Greenville

- c. Two new programs with Athletics – *Couch to 5k* Running Program and Adult Kickball.
- d. 2/13 - Annual Specialized Recreation Valentine Dance at C.M. Eppes Middle School.
- e. Some adjustments in facility hours have occurred, with the Sports Connection and Arts Center experiencing minor reductions and expansions/ modifications in hours at other facilities. New hours: South Greenville Recreation Center M-F 9AM - 8PM, Sat 12 - 4PM; The Sports Connection Fall/Winter/Spring M-F 2-9PM, Sat 10AM - 5PM, Sun 1-5PM and Summer (effective 6/1/13-9/30/13) M-F 12-7PM, Sat 10AM-5PM, Sun Closed; Drew Steele Center M-F 2-8PM, Sat 12-4PM; Jaycee Park Center for Arts & Crafts M-TH 8AM-8:30PM, F 8AM-5PM, Sat 12-4PM.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

1. Parks/Golf Course Update

- a. Schneider Electric has started with their Guaranteed Energy Performance Contract. Will be replacing dehumidifier at GAFC, which is a priority.

2. Capital Projects Update

- a. Dream Park – Bid for modular building has been awarded. Burney and Burney Construction will install the sprayground. Building slated to be completed at the end of March and sprayground in April.
- b. Eppes Recreation Center – Hite Associates is under contract for architectural renovations to become ADA compliant. Design work will be completed by early March, which includes complete plumbing renovations of kitchen and replacement of gym floor. Substantially complete by late July 2013.
- c. ADA Repairs and Maintenance Worksheet – Shared how ADA repairs will be addressed and tracked throughout parks and facilities
- d. Showed pictures of the EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems: AKA “Fake Stucco”) at GAFC. \$100,000 has been budgeted to address roof and EIFS repairs. Will have specifications in the next few weeks and will bid as soon as possible.
- e. Guy Smith Stadium – did not overseed with rye grass this year because didn’t have the man hours budgeted for winter mowing.
- f. Skatepark – Some skatelite surfacing replaced; staff checks on and replaces any worn rivets 4-5 times a year.
- g. Commissioner Boardman suggested instituting an “Adopt a Mile” program for the greenway. Staff will look into the possibilities.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Teen Center/Perkins Building

It has been challenging to keep the lease on the front burner. Organizations have called and there are about 15 on the list. Some organizations have dropped their interest. Challenges include current zoning, which ultimately require that an organization’s mission must be aligned with that of the City. Other issues include parking limitations, the proximity of the facility to residential homes, and ADA issues. If a lease cannot be secured, Commissioner Boardman recommends demolishing the building and adding a picnic shelter. Since it is called the “Perkins” Complex, Mr.

Boardman suggested looking into whether the Perkins Trust might consider providing a grant to help fund it.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Donald Williams – Enjoyed Department Christmas Luncheon – Amazed at what can be accomplished in a year. Suggested posting a summary of accomplishments in kiosks. Concerned and hopeful about the branding project; hopes they will consider the parks in branding the City. He's very proud of the park system.
- B. Audrey Nealy – will attend the Jackie Robinson Baseball League event on 1/21 at 1pm. Excited about the Community Black History Quiz Bowl.
- C. Deb Garfi – Happy New Year to everyone. Looking forward to a productive year on the Commission.
- D. Freddie Outterbridge – Happy New Year.
- E. Councilmember Kandie Smith – Happy New Year, thanks for the hard work you do.
- F. Darin White – Thanks for your work and excited about this coming year.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Terry Boardman

Second: Matt Smith

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura J. Davenport, Administrative Asst.