



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 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 checked="" 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"/> Christopher Horrigan | <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

Chris Horrigan, new Parks Coordinator for River Park North and Hugh Cox from the Environmental Advisory Committee

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 14, 2012 minutes:

Motion: Sandy Steele
Second: Debra Jo Garfi
Motion approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

V. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

- A. Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation (CRSF) was in Greenville yesterday to kick off the improvements of the Sarah Vaughn Field of Dreams. Staff will bring legislation back to the Recreation and Parks Commission next month to allow for these improvements. GRPD is also in partnership with the CRSF through the Jackie Robinson Baseball League.
- B. Departments are asked to look at cutting budgets for next fiscal year due to consideration of revenue neutral tax rate while sports participation has grown immensely and special events have increased.
- C. Drew Steele Center progress continues. Ribbon cutting is in the planning process for the summer.

- D. Bradford Creek Public Golf Course - There was an agreement with City Council two years ago to give the course 2 years of operating without debt service, then review the operation to determine the future of the course. Options were to continue "as is," contract out the operation, or sell the course. Have been doing research on other golf courses to see what might be best for Bradford Creek. Tough part now is trying to project where we will be on June 30 and staff whether uncertainties regarding whether they will still have a job. Over the last few weeks play at the course has increased significantly.
- E. Terms of three Commission members will expire at the end of next month. Sandy Steele is completing her second full term and therefore cannot be reappointed. Commissioner Francine Taft and Commissioner Brian Jacobs are filling unexpired terms; were asked to let us know if they wish to be reappointed. As liaison to the Commission, Council Member Kandie Smith can let City Council know.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

- 1. Recreation Update
 - a. Check presentation for \$2,500 for fee assistance from America's Farmers at Eppes Recreation Center on 4/23 at 3PM.
 - b. GAFC secured its 2nd \$5,000 grant through USA Swimming's Make-A-Splash campaign.
 - c. Power of His Presence Ministries will again award GRPD a \$2,000 grant to provide summer swim training for youth in underserved populations.
 - d. PirateFest is this weekend, Friday 5-9 PM and Saturday 10AM - 8PM.
 - e. Exceptional Community Baseball League started this month.
 - f. Recreation Assistant Scott Lineberger and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Sienna.
 - g. GOLDA Advisory Group is working to get non-profit status.
 - h. Shared pictures of Cal Ripken, Jr. event.
 - i. Greenville Little League has opening ceremonies at 6PM on Friday, 4/13.
 - j. 5/12 Greenville 5k Rec Run at Boyd Lee Park
 - k. Special Olympics Spring Games are at JH Rose next Wednesday beginning at 10AM.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

- 1. Parks/Golf Update
 - a. Introduced Chris Horrigan, Parks Coordinator for River Park North. Mr. Horrigan addressed the Commission about his values and what he will bring to the RPN operation. Announced changes to RPN hours: effective 5/7 will be open seven days a week.
 - b. Carolina's Golf Foundation presented a grant for \$2,500 Bradford Creek Golf Course for the PAL Minority Golf Program.
 - c. Provided a report for all programs/events going on at Bradford Creek.

- d. Golf Advisory Committee - Mike Cato has received many applications and will pull together a list and will be getting to those who volunteered to serve on the committee. Appointments will be made at the May meeting, 3 positions available.
- e. Discussed Revenue Report for Bradford Creek Public Golf Course. Anticipate a good revenue month.
- f. Parks Maintenance has worked on efficiencies with schedules; 12 additional locations requiring maintenance have been taken on since 2005
- g. Dream Park - will create more manpower needs; in season, spray ground will require routine maintenance every other day.
- h. Maintenance Compound - JKF Architects are doing an assessment of the structural soundness of the out building, hope to have results next week. As of 7/1 there is funding for a new roof on the maintenance shop and hopefully on the out building.
- i. ADA Assessment - contracting underway, awaiting signatures.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Recreation & Parks Commission chair and vice-chair: Matt Smith, Debra Jo Garfi, and Donald Williams volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee and were appointed by Chairman Outterbridge.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fee Assistance Limitations

This topic will require more research. Mrs. Kriewall recommended additional study and that the issue be tabled indefinitely. Motion was made to table indefinitely.

Motion: Matt Smith
 Second: Robert Jones
 Motion approved.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None

X. COMMENTS

- A. Donald Williams -
- B. Debra Jo Garfi - enjoyed reading the Monthly Report - asked if next month there can be an update on the NRCPA Conference Planning.
- C. Darin White - Congratulated Scott Lineberger on his first baby. Commissioner White encouraged City residents to use the parks.
- D. Sandy Steele - Wants to keep the walking bridge over the Tar River in the spotlight. Thanked those who came to the Cal Ripken, Jr. event. Looking forward to the ribbon cutting for the Drew Steele Center.
- E. Kandie Smith – Asked for and received confirmation that Commissioners who are serving on the Nominating Committee can still be nominated to serve as Commission chair or vice chair.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Debra Jo Garfi
 Second: Matt Smith
 Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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