

City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 @ 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 type="checkbox"/> Sandy Steele | <input type="checkbox"/> Francine Taft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debra Jo Garfi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marion Blackburn, 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"/> Dennis Vestal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Riddick | | |

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 None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the October 12, 2011 minutes:
Motion: Don Williams
Second: Darin White
Motion approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD None.

V. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

- A. Will retain the Public Comment period on the agenda for each meeting in case someone in attendance wishes to address the Commission.
- B. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent, will not be in attendance at this meeting because she is involved in a planning meeting for the next "Celebration of Black History" event. Dennis Vestal, Recreation Manager will be speaking on her behalf.
- C. Shana Kriewall and Mr. Fenton attended NRPA Congress in Atlanta, GA. Will provide Commissioners with copies of the brochure of Gold Medal winning parks

and recreation agencies. The Gold Medal is awarded for “excellence in parks and recreation management.”

- D. Agency Accreditation efforts continue, and there are many “hoops to jump through” to achieve it. However, the accreditation process provides examples of the most efficient and effective operational methods.
- E. Working on development of a commemorative plaque for the Beatrice Maye Park. In touch with Mrs. Maye’s daughter regarding the dedication, 12/10 at 11 AM.
- E. Working to develop a non-profit coalition of “friends-of-the-park type organizations. “Partners for Greenville Parks” will have a kick-off luncheon meeting on 11/28. The money used to host this luncheon represents memorial gifts provided by the friends and family of the late Pete Carraway.
- F. Work on the FY2013-14 budget continues. Recently met with the City Manager and the Director of Financial Services regarding capital needs.
- G. Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner, will discuss improvements for the Dream Park. This project goes to City Council Monday night to ask approval to apply for a \$250,000 PARTF Grant. It may be difficult to get the grant due to having an active PARTF project (the Drew Steele Center). However, if unsuccessful, we will re-apply in 2013.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Dennis Vestal, Recreation Manager for Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

- 1. Recreation Update
 - a. October was a busy month for special events including Play Day, Kidtastic Dog Show, Community Celebration of Black History and a BMX clinic for PAL participants.
 - b. Currently wrapping up Youth Flag Football and Future Stars Soccer.
 - c. This year is the 25th Anniversary of the Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center and there will be many special events taking place.
 - d. The *Greenville Gives* holiday celebration is on 12/2 at Five Points Plaza, 6-8 PM.
 - e. Greenville Rec Run and Kids Dash is scheduled for 5/12/2012.
- 2. Dennis Vestal, Athletics Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation of all of the athletic programs offered for adults.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

- 1. Parks/Golf Update
 - a. Had positive meeting with City Manager and Director of Financial Services and presented a five year capital plan.
 - b. The trail at Boyd Lee Park was built by volunteers, and not constructed to “industry standards.” Because of that it is subject to “wash outs” and sustained significant damage from Hurricane Irene.

- c. Howard Vainright, Parks Coordinator at River Park North is retiring 11/30. A retirement reception is scheduled for that day from 1-3 PM. The position remains open for applications. There have been over 100 applicants so far.
- 2. Capital Project Update, Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner
 - a. Drew Steele Center – Construction is on schedule. Demolition is 80% complete. Able to save significant dollars through lower than anticipated bids submitted by sub-contractors. During construction, visitors to the site will be required to wear protective gear.
 - b. Dream Park Master Plan – A second meeting was held 10/20 to review project goals and conceptual plans. Mr. Morrison is working with Jack and Jill Corporation of America for possible financial support towards a sprayground. Project elements and conceptual plans were shared with the Commission.
 - c. Greenfield Terrace Park – Phase I – Improvements to Vehicular/Pedestrian circulation are complete. Roadway is gravel, as adequate funding was not available for asphalt.

VII. NEW BUSINESS None

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS None

IX. COMMENTS

- A. Don Williams – noted the child abuse case in the media, suggesting care in assuring that nothing similar could happen within our programs.
- B. Darin White – thanked Councilwoman Marion Blackburn for her dedication to the Commission.
- C. Marion Blackburn – BMXFest Saturday at Five Points Plaza downtown. Competition starts at 11 AM and attendance is free.
- D. Freddie Outterbridge – Commended everyone for the good work they are doing.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Don Williams
 Second: Matt Smith
 Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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 Administrative Secretary