

GREENVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
January 13, 2010

The Greenville Recreation and Parks Commission met on the above date at City Hall, Council Chambers. Chairman Steele officially called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The following members were present:

Mrs. Sandy Steele, Chair	Mr. Jerry Clark
Mr. Seth Shoneman	Mr. Bill All
Mrs. Sue Aldridge	Mr. Freddie Outterbridge

Council Member Marion Blackburn arrived at 5:45pm

Others in attendance included city staff members Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks; Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner; Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent; Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent; Randy Warren, Recreation Supervisor, Elm St. Gym/Recreation Center; and Laura Davenport, Administrative Secretary.

The December minutes were reviewed and no changes were proposed. A motion was made by Bill All and seconded by Seth Shoneman for the approval of the December minutes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Chairmen Steele, Gary Fenton, and Mark Gillespie are scheduled to meet with Steve Moler on 1/15 to review and discuss the PARTF application. The application is due 1/31/2010.
- City Council Planning Retreat is scheduled at Bradford Creek Golf Course (BCGC) on 1/29-30. The department will be sharing information about the operations of BCGC, is now overseen by Parks Superintendent Mark Gillespie. Mr. Fenton briefed the Commission on various issues associated with Bradford Creek operations.
- Theresa Holley, former Recreation Supervisor for Senior Programs, will be recognized at the City Council meeting on 1/14 for her 20+ years of employment with the City of Greenville.
- Other items to be addressed at the 1/14 City Council meeting include renaming of the City Pool to the "Greenville Community Pool," adoption of the Elm Street Master Plan, and acceptance of the Drew Steele Center contribution.
- ECU's RCLS Ralph Steele Visiting Lecture Series will present a lecture by Fran Mainella on Thursday, 1/28 at 3:30 pm. Ms. Mainella is a past Director of the National Park Service, as well as a past president of the National Recreation and Park Association.

Parks Superintendent's Report, Mark Gillespie

- Mark shared an update on staff activities:
 1. Parks staff is working on ballfield renovations and resodding.
 2. Continue to meet with the North of the River Focus Group regularly.
 3. Mapping has been developed to identify existing parks and areas where new parks are needed.

4. Tree planting on the Greenway is currently taking place in coordination with TRUNA.
- Discussion of Establishment of Golf Course Advisory Committee for BCGC – Mr. Gillespie discussed advertising at the course over the next 3 months for applicants for this Committee. The Recreation and Parks Commission will review and approve the members. Hopes to have in place by June.
 - Also plans to renovate the website for the golf course and better promote the facility. In February, Mr. Gillespie and Head Golf Pro Mike Cato will visit Mecklenburg County to review the County’s golf operations and marketing initiatives.
 - The Revenue Report showing BCGC will be given to Commissioners monthly. Jerry Clark asked, “How do we compare to other cities with golf Enterprise Funds?” Mark asked for a few months to pull that data together. Sue Aldridge asked, “Do high schools use BCGC?” Mark responded yes, but would need to investigate more. He noted that ECU men played at Ironwood.
 - **Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner**
 - Elm Street Park Master Plan –Shows that the east sector of the park is 100% “built out.” The west sector is 85% developed, and after the Drew Steele Center and park improvements are complete, would be 100% developed. No further new capital projects would be considered.
 - A summary of the Town Common Master Plan Conceptual Design was presented to the City staff and Steering Committee on 1/7. It will be presented to the Redevelopment Commission on 2/2. Council Member Marion Blackburn asked, “What appears on south side of 1st Street?” Lamarco responded they were envisioning ideas of mixed-use development; shops and restaurants with potential for apartments/housing on the upper levels. The consultant, ColeJenest and Stone, is working closely with Johnson, Johnson and Roy, consultants for the ECU Master Plan.
 - South Greenville Recreation Master Plan – Concept B was chosen which includes demolishing and replacing the existing recreation center, adding a new parking lot with ADA parking, new baseball field, sprayground, and re-orienting the multi-purpose field. Estimated cost 5.3 million. The facility is owned by the City of Greenville; however the school uses our facilities for PE classes.
 - Phil Carroll Property – this land was donated to the COG (185 acres on the Tar River) by Mr. Carroll. The City has partnered with NC A&T State University to develop a Master Plan for the land, starting in February. Soon, the students will visit the site, which is located on the north side of 5th Street near B’s BBQ.
 - Eppes HVAC Project – Construction will start in May and the completion date is 6/30. The gym will not be available during this time. Electrical upgrades will be completed July 2 – August 30 and while the gym will be available during this time, other areas of the facility will not.

Recreation Superintendent's Report, Shana Kriewall

- Adult/Youth Basketball in underway.
- Soccer registration is open.
- Christen Winstead has been promoted to the Senior Program Recreation Supervisor.
- Currently accepting applications to fill Christens' prior job with Special Populations.
- The Winter Brochures are out and have been distributed throughout the City.
- GAFC had 67 new memberships in 12/2009 due to the Membership Special.
- Extreme Park currently closing at dusk. The lights are non-functional, due to damage incurred as a result of a capital project at Eastern Elementary.

Recreation Supervisor's Report: Randy Warren, Elm St. Gym/Elm St. Center

- Randy provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Elm St. Gym/Elm St. Center and the services provided in and from them.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sue Aldridge moved to recommend that City Council accept the Drew Steele contribution under the conditions stipulated in the accompanying letter. The motion was seconded by Freddie Outterbridge. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Jerry Clark to recommend the City Council adopt the Elm Street Park Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Bill All. The motion carried unanimously.
3. The Special Populations baseball name has been changed to Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL). The program would officially separate from Little League and its Challenger program, but still operate at Elm Street Park. Mr. Fenton plans to meet with Little League representatives next week.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shoneman and seconded by Mrs. Sue Aldridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport
Administrative Secretary