



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2014 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall - City Council Chambers
200 West 5th Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Debra Jo Garfi, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garrett Taylor, Chair-Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audrey G. Nealy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Jordan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler Clark | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kandie Smith, City Council Liaison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Jones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darin White |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Williams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jaimie Yahnker |

STAFF

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Fenton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Gillespie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura J. Davenport |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shana Kriewall | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Harris | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Vestal |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Lee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Riddick | |

OTHER

- Council Member 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 and the highlights of the discussion and actions are below the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to add "Renewal of Operating Agreement with First Christian Church" to the agenda under New Business.

Motion: Audrey Nealy
Second: Donald Williams
Motion carried unanimously among those present.

A motion was made to accept the September 9, 2014 agenda as amended.

Motion: Jaimie Yahnker
Second: Audrey Nealy
Motion carried unanimously among those present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the July 9, 2014 minutes as presented.

Motion: Donald Williams
Second: Audrey Nealy
Motion carried unanimously among those present.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A. J.C. Woodley of the Environmental Advisory Commission shared that he will be attending some of the Recreation and Parks Commission meetings and hoped that the two commissions could partner on projects in the future.

VI. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Gary Fenton)

- A. Bond Advisory Committee discussions continue regarding a possible bond referendum in the fall of 2015. The committee has been meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday's of the month. Staff has shared with the committee members their ideas for items that might go toward a \$10.5 million parks bond. A copy of proposed projects was provided to Commissioners.
- B. The first of hopefully many Volunteer Appreciation Picnics was held on 8/23 at River Park North for over 250 people, plus staff. Over 500 volunteers helped the department over the past year. It was a great event thanks to staff and corporate donors such as Longhorn Steakhouse, who provided lunch for the volunteers.
- C. The "alcohol in parks" policy was approved in part at Monday night's City Council meeting. City Council amended and adopted the policy and related ordinance, which excluded the Town Common from the policy and expanded the area of service for the Eppes Alumni to the whole Eppes Recreation Center, rather than just their leased area, since the facility would be closed to the public at the time of their events. The Town Common may be considered for inclusion at some point in the future.

VII. STAFF REPORT

A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

1. Recreation Update

- a. Ms. Kriewall shared a PPT of summer programs.
- b. Specialized Recreation event kicked off Fall programs last weekend; Open House at South Greenville had approximately 50 attendees; National Night Out included an event at Dream Park last month; Jackie Robinson Baseball League and Babe Ruth have concluded; South Greenville has a small after school group; South Greenville and Eppes have started a 30+ basketball league with eleven teams; a Walking Club for Seniors has started on Friday's at 8:00am at Greensprings Park; Exceptional Community Football League begins this weekend; fall programs have kicked off; Annual Splash and Dash Triathlon takes place 9/28 at GAFC; and staff will be attending the upcoming NCRPA Conference in Wilmington and NRPA Congress in Charlotte.
- c. Received a \$5,000 grant from Jack and Jill for computers at Eppes Recreation Center, and possibly more money for monitors, printers, etc. This will include a STEAM (Science, Technology, Education, Art, and Math) for area youth. A check presentation will take place next month at City Council.
- d. Ron Harris, Recreation Supervisor at the Sports Connection provided a PowerPoint Presentation of programs at the Sports Connection.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

1. Golf/Parks Update

- a. Due to the initial construction methods and materials used, the Extreme Park requires constant monitoring and maintenance. Rivets are typically replaced quarterly and the skatelite board is replaced semi-annually or annually. The original construction was low cost, but high maintenance costs make these materials non-sustainable in the long run. If we do get a bond passed, sustainable facilities need to be developed.
- b. John Lee provided a video of Footgolf for "The Short Course" at Bradford Creek Public Golf Course. This addition provides opportunities for Par 3 golf play, FootGolf play, and as a teaching facility for young, developing golfers. Staff have carefully investigated this concept to ensure it will not interfere with traditional golf play. All of the etiquettes of golf are the same as footgolf.

2. Capital Project Update
 - a. Facility Improvement Plan (FIP) – Moving ahead of schedule, \$630,000 total to spend. No funding for new projects, just improvements to existing facilities and equipment.
 - b. Elm Street Center Restroom Renovation – Demolition is complete, modernizing, ADA accessible, and should be complete in November.
 - c. HVAC Units – Cost estimate was \$77,000 for nine (9) units. Received a bid for \$59,000.
 - d. Jaycee Park roof replacement and tennis court replacement are also in motion.
3. Tar River Legacy Plan

Mr. Gillespie shared a video of public involvement during the development of the Tar River Legacy Plan. Commissioners received handouts. A draft of the Tar River Legacy Plan will be provided to the City of Greenville on 9/15. The Final Plan will be presented to City Council in November.
4. ADA Consultant Update - ADA Consulting contract will enable ADA assessment of City parks. Indoor facilities were assessed previously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Capital Recommendations – Town Common

A list of facility options were provided to the Commissioners (see attached for included projects). This information was provided to City Council and they would like for the Recreation and Parks Commission to come up with their top eight (8) projects and these will be provided to City Council. Each Commissioner was asked to provide a list of their top eight (8) projects (out of 20).
- B. Renewal of Operating Agreement with First Christian Church

The Operating Agreement for the First Christian Church baseball field is expiring. First Christian Church and GRPD would like to renew the agreement. GRPD will continue to provide field maintenance and mowing for use of the church baseball field. A motion was made to renew the operating agreement with First Christian Church.

Motion: Darin White
 Second: Don Williams

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Donald Williams – Many go to Greenville Mall to walk in the morning and this is a great benefit to the community and the city. Would like to give them some recognition for the facility they provide. It was a consensus among the Commission to provide them with some sort of recognition.
- B. Audrey Nealy – Thanked the Jack & Jill Foundation for the \$5,000 donation.
- C. Deb Jordan – For the Town Common improvements, feels port-a-jons could be screened with fencing or trees.
- D. Darin White – Sent prayers to 9/11 victims and families. Thanked City Council for their lengthy discussion on the alcohol policy and coming to a compromise. Thanked Commissioners for being engaged in what we are doing and our focus.
- E. Tyler Clark – Thanked speakers for their presentations tonight and the great ideas. Looking forward to all of the improvements in the future.
- F. Garrett Taylor – Thanked the department for the partnership with Jack & Jill. Need to plan a park tour with Mr. Fenton. Volunteer Appreciation Event was a great time. Hope to continue to be inclusive and everyone participate. Thanked everyone for their help with the Commission.
- G. Jaimie Yahnker – Continuing to learn the process of the Commission.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Darin White

Second: Deb Jordan

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura J. Davenport, Administrative Asst.
Recreation and Parks Department