



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2013 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall - City Council Chambers
200 West 5th Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Robert Jones, Jr., Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darin White, Chair-Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Smith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audrey G. Nealy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Boardman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freddie Outterbridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debra Jo Garfi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kandie Smith, City Council Liaison |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Williams | |

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 type="checkbox"/> Lamarco Morrison | <input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Vestal | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Octigan |

OTHER

Buz Moore, Buster Allen and Millie Chalk of Duke Energy Progress, Dr Jim Decker, ECU Student Casey Gutter, and Councilmember 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

Buz Moore, Buster Allen and Millie Chalk of Duke Progress Energy, Dr. Jim Decker from ECU, Councilmember Marion Blackburn, and ECU student Casey Gutter

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda amended to remove Christopher Horrigan's presentation due to a time conflict.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the February 13, 2010 minutes as presented.

Motion: Donald Williams

Second: Audrey Nealy

Motion carried.

Motion made to approve the March 13, 2010 minutes as presented.

Motion: Terry Boardman

Second: Donald Williams

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

VI. DUKE ENGERY PROGRESS, Buz Moore, Buster Allen and Millie Chalk

Buz Moore provided a PowerPoint presentation on the transmission line project at River Park North. New and larger power lines will be installed in the company's right of way within the park. In addition, "danger trees" – those that they feel would likely hit a power line or support tower were they to fall – will be cleared, including some that are outside of that right-of-way. Clearing will start within the next few weeks; hope to conclude in May.

VII. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

- A. Exceptional Community Baseball League – Opening Ceremonies this past week. New renovations in place.
- B. Greenville Little Leagues Opening Ceremonies take place on Friday evening at Elm Street Park (Stallings Stadium). The significant gift given by the Stallings Family will be recognized, 1.2 million dollars.
- C. Opening Ceremonies of Jackie Robinson Baseball League are on Saturday, 6/1. More information forthcoming.
- D. Dr. Beth-Wall Basset presented a briefing to Commission regarding the Community Gardening project a few months ago. Director continues to attend the monthly meetings of the West Greenville Community Garden Network because the purpose of this initiative – to provide a positive physical activity and promote nutrition and healthy living in Greenville – supports with the GRPD's mission. A Community Garden has already been established at Dream Park and another is being built at Thomas Foreman Park with raised beds.
- E. AMBUCKS is starting a local chapter in Greenville. Had a generous donation and all of the adaptive bikes have been funded. On 5/18 children with disabilities will be presented with their bikes.
- F. Teen Center/Perkins Building Lease – received over 30 inquiries, many withdrew after seeing the tenant responsibilities. By the Statement of Interest deadline, only received 5 submissions. The Review Committee will include Commissioner Smith, Councilmember Kandie Smith, and staff members. Commissioner Boardman asked Mr. Fenton to send out a list of those still interested in this lease. Councilmember Kandie Smith arrived at 5:51PM.
- G. Met with staff of various facilities regarding hired coaches using City facilities for coaching and there is a need for an established policy. Will bring a policy back to the Commission, hopefully in the May meeting. Darin White arrived at 5:55pm.
- H. Went to Raleigh with Recreation Supervisor Christen Winstead to meet with our elected state officials to encourage support of the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant, and retaining a dedicated source of funding for this program. The Governor's proposed budget calls for a reduction in the amount of money in the trust fund, but, more importantly, eliminates PARTF's dedicated source of funding. South Greenville could be a very viable PARTF project, and we certainly hope the program will remain intact.
- I. Last meeting we shared our list of capital projects. Commission requested staff present them in some sort of prioritized order. Staff ultimately grouped them as high, medium, and low. Would want Commission's thoughts and recommendations if a bond referendum becomes a reality.
- J. Having shoulder surgery again at the end of May.
- K. Commissioner Boardman asked about the history of the Golf Course Advisory Committee. The Committee meets every other month to offer their perspectives on course operations. It was felt the Advisory Committee should occasionally report on their work to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Commissioner Boardman also

requested that Interim Assistant City Manager Chris Padgett come to the next meeting and share what's been decided with the golf course. City is contemplating \$50,000 in capital improvements and a new part-time business person. Mr. Boardman asked who would be responsible for hiring this person, and Director Fenton responded "recreation and parks staff."

Matt Smith arrived at 6:24pm.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

1. Recreation Update

- a. Highlights – Employee Health Fair at Drew Steele Center with 40 vendors last week, PirateFest is Friday (5-8PM) and Saturday (10AM-7:00pm) – vendor opportunities need to be better publicized per Councilmember Kandie Smith. Eppes Gym is currently closed due to renovations, Senior Games are currently on-going, Special Olympics Spring Games will be held 4/17 at JH Rose High School beginning at 9AM, Support Team for Active Recreation beach trip coming up, 5k Rec Run is 5/11, Adult Kickball has started and is played on Sundays, Recreation Assistant Travis Clemons received the 2013 Person of the Year Award from the Moyewood Seniors, youth baseball and adult softball is beginning, GRPD's 10 & U all-star basketball team won the Statewide Athletics Committee Championship, Jackie Robinson Baseball League registration begins 4/27 with free physicals given at South Greenville.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

1. Parks/Golf Course Update

- a. Provided information on the Bradford Creek Public Golf Course Budget Report, weather affected days for December 2012 – March 2013, and a revenue report. Discussion ensued.

2. Capital Projects Update

- a. Dream Park – on schedule and on budget, beginning site preparation for Sprayground, opening 6/15.
- b. Eppes Recreation Center Renovations –Working on Center since FY 2009 and to date have spent \$672,000. Current project will bring that total to \$942,000, though there will still be a few additional needs to address. Shared a picture of the Eppes HS logo on the gym floor. Eppes Alumni Association has asked about naming the gym floor. Mr. Fenton thinks it is feasible, but would rather name the gym or court itself instead of each half of the floor. Will follow-up to see how it can be handled.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Nomination Committee for Rec/Park Commission

Audrey Nealy, Terry Boardman and Matt Smith were appointed to the Nomination Committee by Chairman Jones.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Capital Project Priorities

A PowerPoint presentation was shown last month regarding Capital Projects. Staff has considered these projects and placed them in one of three categories (A = Top Priority, B = Medium Priority, and C = Low Priority). Mr. Fenton emphasized there is nothing on the list that isn't important and most of these are existing facilities and ADA issues.

Included in the A Category is South Greenville Recreation Center which is the number one priority. Commissioner Boardman asked that Priority #1 be added to the agenda for May.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Boardman compared the extent of detail in the agreements between Pitt Greenville Soccer Association (PGSA) and First Christian Church which were provided in the agenda packet. He stated the PGSA agreement needs more work, that if we are going to have agreements with outside parties they should take on the same depth as the church agreement and the involved organizations be held accountable in the same manner we hold others accountable. Mr. Fenton agreed and stated GRPD is examining all departmental agreements.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Terry Boardman – soccer program is fantastic and doing well, well attended.
B. Freddie Outterbridge – glad to be back, missed last month, loves working with this group, time on the Commission is coming to an end.
C. Darin White – a joy to work with colleagues on Commission, thanks for showing respect to each other.
D. Audrey Nealy – Congrats to Travis Clemons, highlighted the upcoming 22nd season of Jackie Robinson Baseball League.
E. Donald Williams – eager to continue tenure if appointed.
F. Kandie Smith – thanks to the Commission for their hard work. Thanks to Freddie Outterbridge for his tenure. Wish the best to Gary for his surgery on 5/23.

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Donald Williams

Second: Audrey Nealy

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura J. Davenport, Administrative Asst.