

City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Jacobs | <input 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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Lamarco Morrison | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura J. Davenport | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sophie Duncan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Riddick | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Cato | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allen Schley |

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

Introductions included Sophie Duncan, Recreation Assistant.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 14, 2011 minutes:

- Motion: Don Williams
Second: H. Robert Jones, Jr.
Motion approved.

IV. BRIEFING OF AMENDMENT OF CONCEALED HANDGUN ORDINANCE, Attorney Dave Holec

Attorney Dave Holec provided background information to the Commission on General Assembly Session Law 2011-268 which retains the authority for cities to prohibit, by the posting of signs, the carrying of a concealed handgun in a city building and its appurtenant premises. The authority the City has to act on ordinances is mandated by the General Statute. Once this ordinance is approved, follow-up by Recreation and Parks will be needed to update all signs in parks and recreation facilities. If a new facility is added the ordinance will have to be updated to reflect the new facility. A motion was made to recommend to City Council to adopt the proposed ordinance and amend at a future date to include greenways, trails, and campgrounds.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Larry Murphy
Mr. Murphy addressed the Commission regarding his concerns for the South Greenville Recreation Center. He provided pictures of the facility and some of the areas of his concern (paint, size and look of restrooms, exterior, and parking).

VI. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

- A. Thanked Chairman Freddie Outterbridge for his presentation to City Council on Monday night. He also recognized staff member Mike Godwin for his success with the aquatics program and its high ratings from the US Water Fitness Association. Bradford Creek Manager Mike Cato and the Jr. Golf Team, as well as Leigh Montejo & Bosco will be recognized at the City Council meeting on 10/13.
- B. Fifteen staff members met today at the Convention and Visitors Bureau regarding logistical issues for the NCRPA Conference to be held in Greenville November 11-13, 2012. Next week there is another meeting with NCRPA staff. Hope to have the Drew Steele Center completed by the time of the conference to share this improvement with conference attendees. Also hope the Commission can be involved with the conference.
- C. Staff is currently involved in the development of the two year budget. Next item due is the Capital Requests on 10/21.
- D. Development of *Partners for Greenville Parks*, a 501(c)(3) coalition of "friends of the parks" type organizations, is underway. A mission statement has been created. A graduate student from ECU is heading up this effort. Considering a nine member board.
- E. Showed Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL) video.

VII. STAFF REPORT

- A. **Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent**
 1. Recreation Update
 - a. Play Day last weekend was nice with a good crowd. Provided a DJ, free hot dogs, kites, carnival games and blow up games.
 - b. Upcoming 10/15 – Kidtastic Dog Show & Disc Competition at 12:30PM at OLDA.
 - c. Upcoming 10/22 – Community Celebration of Black History at 10AM at Eppes Recreation Center. Free bus tickets for this event.

- d. Beverly Garrett, previous Administrative Secretary is retiring and her retirement party is 10/20 from 3-5PM at the City Hall Gallery.
- e. Youth Sports are busy with flag football and soccer; youth basketball registration has begun.
- f. Thanked Leigh Montejo and the GOLDA Board for all of their support for the efforts of the new dog park.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

- 1. Parks/Golf Update
 - a. All debris from parks and greenways (with the exception of the cross country trail at Boyd Lee Park) has been removed.
 - b. The roof damage from Hurricane Irene at the Bradford Creek Public Golf Course has been repaired (a new roof) and looks nice. Damage inside the clubhouse is currently being repaired.

- 2. Briefing on Draft CIP Worksheet

The draft CIP worksheet represents everything discussed over the last 1-2 years. Many citizens have expressed their concern about the condition of the department's facilities. Mr. Gillespie reviewed the first few priorities: Eppes Recreation Center (Phase 4), Parks Maintenance Center, Drew Steele Center, South Greenville Recreation Center, GAFC, and Boyd Lee Park.

- 3. Capital Project Update
 - a. Drew Steele Center – Construction has started and project is finally underway.
 - b. Greenfield Terrace Park – Phase I – Working on parking lot, sidewalks, and placing bollards.
 - c. Dream Park Master Plan – There is a public input meeting scheduled for 10/20 at 6PM at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

- 4. Mike Cato, Head Professional Golf Pro and Allen Schley, Greens Supervisor, Bradford Creek Public Golf Course

Mr. Cato and Mr. Schley provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the programs, services, and new maintenance equipment of the Bradford Creek Public Golf Course.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to City Council – PARTF Application

Mr. Fenton would like to pursue a PARTF Grant for the Dream Park in the amount of \$250,000. Currently there is no budget for the Dream Park and it is a worthy project of PARTF funding. The homeless shelter may also be a partner. Application has to be completed and submitted by 1/31/12. The City/GRPD would have to come up with an equivalent amount. A motion was made to apply for the NC PARTF Grant for Dream Park.

Motion: H. Robert Jones, Jr.
Second: Don Williams
Motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None

X. COMMENTS

- A. Don Williams – Noticed someone on the greenway this past Saturday with an overnight tent and building a fire.
- B. Freddie Outterbridge – Thanked Council Member Marion Blackburn for her dedication to the Recreation and Parks Commission and welcomed Rick Smiley to the meeting.
- C. Marion Blackburn – Mentioned the Open Forum at the Town Common on 10/15 at 11AM hosted by FROGGS and the Kidtastic Dog Show at the OLDA at 12:30PM.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Sandy Steele
Second: Darin White
Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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Administrative Secretary