

City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2011 @ 5:30PM
City Hall – City Council Chambers
200 West Fifth Street



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Aldridge, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Freddie Outterbridge, Chair-Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Jacobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Clark | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Steele |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Robert Jones, Jr. | <input type="checkbox"/> Francine Taft |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Williams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marion Blackburn, City Council Liaison |

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"/> Ron Harris |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Vestal | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Octigan | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Shank |

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 April 13, 2011 minutes:

Motion: H. Robert Jones, Jr.

Second: Jerry Clark

Motion approved.

IV. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

- A. An invitation presented for the "Demolition Party" for the Drew Steele Center. Skip Holtz will be in town for this event. Open to anyone who would like to come. Invitations mailed today to those who have contributed to this effort.
- B. Greenville Rec Run taking place this weekend. Also ECBL will be playing at Clark-LeClair this Sunday instead of the Sarah Vaughn Field of Dreams
- C. On 6/11 Ribbon Cutting for Part II of the South Tar Greenway at 10am at Greensprings Park.

- D. Would like to schedule a tour of facilities for the Commission to get them acquainted with all of our facilities. Bus is reserved for 6/28-30, hope to do it one of those evenings beginning at 5:30pm. Will probably last around 3 hrs.
- E. 8/11-13, NCRPA 32nd Citizen Board Member State Forum in Greensboro. Information provided.
- F. Holiday Schedule – A Councilmember inquired about holiday schedule hours. The golf course is open every day except for Christmas. When children are out of school it's nice for them to be able to utilize one of our facilities. Staff is looking at a holiday schedule, which may not be the same from facility to facility.

V. STAFF REPORT

A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

- 1. Recreation Update
 - a. Elm Street Gym is now officially closed b/c of future demolition. Randy Warren's office is now in the Teen Center.
 - b. GAFC and South Greenville Spring Break Camps were successful.
 - c. Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Boyd Lee Park on 4/14.
 - d. 4/30 Annual Benefit for Special Olympics, thanked sponsors.
 - e. Presented pictures of the winners of a recent tournament.
 - f. Upcoming
 - 1. New summer playground program at Greenfield Terrace beginning 6/10. Cost is \$15 per child for the summer, transportation provided, and lunch provided by Pitt County Schools.
 - 2. Still taking registration for all summer camps.
 - 3. Junior Counselor Program ages 14-16, 6/13-17.
 - 4. Baseball Summer Camps are being offered.
 - 5. Greenville Rec Run at Boyd Lee Park this Saturday at 8am.
- 2. Ron Harris, Recreation Supervisor, The Sports Connection
Mr. Harris provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the programs of The Sports Connection.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

- 1. Bradford Creek Accessibility Audit, Dr. David P. Loy, CRT/CTRS
Dr. David Loy provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Bradford Creek Accessibility Audit. Dr. Loy reviewed the process, findings, and recommendations of the audit.

2. Parks/Golf Update
 - a. The difficult winter impacted revenues, but strong spring revenues have improved that picture. Hopefully this will carry over through the summer. The marketing efforts have helped.
 - b. Park Services Maintenance Center – Provided pictures of roofing issues. Some roof repair has provided a temporary fix to roof leakage, but the roof conditions are very poor.
 - c. Bike to Work Week is 5/15-22.
 - d. Kristin Drive Neighborhood meeting was last Thursday, 5/5. Goal was to attract residents and interested citizens to discuss options for the old tennis court. Decided on an expanded playground with a rubberized surface, an 8 foot fence to avoid basketballs from going onto the playground, and two ½ court basketball courts.

3. Bond Committee
 - a. Would like to reconvene the committee and revise the list of potential bond projects. Fall 2012 is the date when a Parks Bond may go to ballot. The capitol needs assessment needs to be completed prior to the Bond Committee meeting again. Mr. Gillespie would prefer to meet by the middle of next month. Matt Smith has volunteered to be on this Committee, others can let him know. Two new Commissioners may be interested in this committee.

4. Capital Project Update
 - a. Staff has done a great job of completing all projects, with the exception of the bridge at Evans Park due to design and permitting time requirements.
 - b. Community Pool fencing looks much better.

5. Eppes Recreation Center Update, Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner
Mr. Morrison provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting foundation/structural repairs of Eppes Recreation Center.

6. Mr. Morrison showed completed signs for the South Tar River Greenway. These will be placed on the greenway in the near future.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Briefing by Greenville Little Leagues on Elm Street Park Project, Mark Phillips
Mark Phillips provided a PowerPoint presentation on a stadium expansion project. A private family approached Greenville Little Leagues with next steps for improvement at Elm Street Little Leagues field and a stadium concept was developed. Rendered drawings of the proposal were provided. A motion was made to request approval for the new stadium and to request permanent naming

rights of the stadium, contingent upon completion of appropriate forms and necessary approvals.

Motion: Don Williams

Second: Matt Smith

Motion Carried.

B. Nomination Committee Report

Commissioner Jerry Clark announced that the committee nominated Freddie Outterbridge as Chair and H. Robert Jones as Vice-Chair.

C. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

1. A motion was made to elect Freddie Outterbridge as Chair and H. Robert Jones, Jr. as Vice-Chair.

Motion: Don Williams

Second: Matt Smith

Motion carried:

D. Coach's Appeal – Jackie Robinson Baseball League

Director Gary Fenton provided a history of the JRBL and the background check information.

Mr. Jeffrey Warren, a volunteer coach with the Jackie Robinson Baseball League presented his appeal based on an agreement he signed with the COG/GRPD on 7/19/2010. A motion was made to consider the agreement from last summer as not having a time ceiling and based on extenuating circumstances, looking favorably on his appeal and allowing him to continue coaching, naturally with the caveat of further infraction would result in immediate termination.

Motion: Matt Smith

Second: H. Robert Jones, Jr.

Motion carried.

Mr. Roderick Steven Staton also presented his appeal to the Commission. He does not have a prior agreement. Mr. Staton thought the background check was looking for "stuff" to keep him away from the children. A motion was made to reinstate as a coach of the Jackie Robinson Baseball League.

Motion: H. Robert Jones, Jr.

Second: Don Williams

Motion carried.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approval of Aggressive Dog Policy – Greenville Off Leash Dog Area

The Aggressive Dog Policy was reviewed noting changes. A motion was made to accept the Aggressive Dog Policy as presented.

Motion: Matt Smith
Second: Jerry Clark
Motion carried.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners
Outgoing members Jerry Clark and Sue Aldridge were recognized with a plaque for their years of service on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

IX. COMMENTS

- A. Don Williams – Nice article about an individual making exercise programs in church.
B. Freddie Outterbridge – Absent
C. Sue Aldridge – Been a pleasure to serve on the Board. Nice article in paper about Troy Smith.
D. H. Robert Jones, Jr. – No comments.
E. Francine Taft – Absent
F. Council Member Blackburn – Greenway Ribbon Cutting on 6/11 at 10am Greensprings Park and Greenville Rec Run this weekend.
G. Sandy Steele – Absent
H. Brian Jacobs – Appreciation for Sue and Jerry. Thanked volunteers for the willingness to serve.
I. Matt Smith – Appreciation for Sue and Jerry.
J. Jerry Clark – Enjoyed his terms on the Board. Continues to see the great results of the programs, which is a result of the staff that is assembled.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Don Williams
Second: Matt Smith
Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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Administrative Secretary