

City of Greenville  
**Recreation and Parks Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 9, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freddie Outterbridge, Chair-Elect      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Jacobs                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Smith                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Clark          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Steele                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Robert Jones, Jr. | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Shana Kriewall            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamarco Morrison       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura J. Davenport | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Shank |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debra Vick  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Howard Vainright   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Godwin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Riddick       |  |

**MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:**

The meeting opened at 5:30 PM and the following items were discussed.

*Agenda items are in bold print with the highlights of the discussion and actions below the agenda item.*

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Debra Vick, Clerk/Typist II was introduced to the Commission. Mrs. Francine Taft was also welcomed as a new commissioner.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the February 9, 2011 minutes:

Motion: Freddie Outterbridge

Second: Matt Smith

Motion approved.

**IV. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

A. Mr. Fenton shared that Angela Parker of GOLDA would be presenting a draft of the Aggressive Canine Policy tonight.

B. GRPD continues to look into a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club regarding improvements to Greenfield Terrace Park. GRPD will help them advertise one of their fundraisers, "Jumping for Jacksons." Flyers will be sent to each recreation facility to post.

- C. The new summer brochure was distributed today. It is smaller due to deleting the facility information pages. Marketing Coordinator Jeremy Smith is working on a facilities guide which will provide detailed information on each facility. This guide should be ready by the end of May. The facility guide will be published every two years.
- D. On Friday, Mr. Fenton will be sending a briefing letter to Council Members regarding the history and involvement of the Drew Steele Center, in preparation for legislation going to City Council on 4/11.
- E. Mr. Fenton has been working on many projects over the last month; getting ready for the NRPA Legislative Forum in Washington, DC, and working on projections for the end of this FY.
- F. Mr. Fenton has been working on Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation grant applications, in support of the Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL) and the Badges for Baseball/Jackie Robinson League. Last year seven players within the Badges for Baseball program were sent to the Cal Ripken Baseball Camp and we hope to send some ball players this year. ECBL's numbers have grown tremendously from previous years, mostly due to grant money that enabled raising the programs age limit.

**V. STAFF REPORT**

**A. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent**

- 1. Parks/Golf Course Update
  - a. Attended a Natural Playground Seminar conducted by Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation. He shared information and pictures regarding the seminar.
  - b. Bradford Creek Public Golf Course continues to work on Phase II of the Marketing Plan. Staff are currently putting together brochures and high quality marketing tools to promote the course. A special ECU student discount offer has resulted in 220 student visits in the past month.
  - c. Bradford Creek's February revenues exceeded the goal. Bad weather in December/January kept revenues extremely low. Hope some of the increase in business has been due to outreach efforts.
  - d. Darryl Smith of the Bradford Creek Advisory Committee made a presentation to City Council to explain the Advisory Committee's purpose. Mr. Gillespie is pleased with the committee and their efforts, stating they are very engaged.

2. Capital Update
  - a. Eppes Structural Repairs – This project will start perhaps as early as next week. This project will expend the allocated funds.
3. Howard Vainright, Parks Coordinator, River Park North - Mr. Vainright provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the programs of River Park North.

**B. Kathleen Shank, GAFC Recreation Manager, reporting for Recreation Superintendent Shana Kriewall**

1. Recreation Update
  - a. Staff attended training by Michael Kirschman at River Park North.
  - b. April Events
    - i. 4/2 ECBL Opening Ceremonies, Sarah Vaughn Field of Dreams
    - ii. 4/2 KidsFest, 10am-2pm at Greenville Convention Center for birth to 5 year olds
    - iii. 4/6 Special Olympics Spring Games at JH Rose High School from 9am-2pm. The rain date is 4/13.
2. Angela Parker, GOLDA President, Friends of the Greenville Off Leash Dog Area – Mrs. Parker provided information highlighting the Greenville Off Leash Dog Area.
  - a. Provided a draft copy of the Aggressive Canine Policy for GOLDA. Conversation ensued. This issue will be brought back to the next Commission meeting.
3. Mike Godwin, Aquatics Supervisor, Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center – Mr. Godwin provided information highlighting the aquatics programs at GAFC.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. None.

**X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- A. **Don Williams** – Stated he was shocked by the results of the City employee health assessment. And hopes our Wellness Program can have an impact on City employees.
- B. **Matt Smith** – Liked our support for the Jumping for Jacksons fundraiser.
- C. **Freddie Outterbridge** – Enjoyed the presentations. Stated there are dog issues at River Park North that need to be addressed.
- D. **Sue Aldridge** – None.

- E. **R. Henry Jones, Jr.** – Thanked Mr. Fenton for working on the Cal Ripken, Jr. Foundation grant.
- F. **Jerry Clark** – Presentations are informative and staff is impressive.
- G. **Francine Taft** – None.
- H. **Marion Blackburn** – Expressed a warm welcome to Mrs. Francine Taft. Mentioned PirateFest on 4/9 and 5k Rec Run on 5/22.
- I. **Sandy Steele** – Would like the Jackie Robinson League to present to the Commission, thankful for the presentations, and encouraged anyone who had questions about the Drew Steele Center to call her.

**XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Robert Jones, Jr.  
Second: Freddie Outterbridge  
Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laura J. Davenport*

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Administrative Secretary