

GREENVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
April 14, 2010

The Greenville Recreation and Parks Commission met on the above date at City Hall, Council Chambers. Chairman Steele officially called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The following members were present:

Mrs. Sandy Steele, Chair
Mrs. Marion Blackburn
Mr. Freddie Outterbridge
Mr. Wilson McDowell

Mr. Bill All

Others in attendance included city staff members Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks; Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent; Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent; Lewis Holloman, Recreation Supervisor; Laura J. Davenport, Administrative Secretary; and visitors from ECU Recreation and Leisure Studies class, Don Williams, Leroy James, Ben Johnson and others.

The March minutes were reviewed and no changes were proposed. The March minutes will be considered for approval at the May meeting, due to the lack of a quorum.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Special Olympics Spring Games were today at J.H. Rose. Ruffin McNeil, ECU Football Coach was there to support the games. Over 500 volunteers, Mayor Dunn, Council Member Calvin Mercer, Council Member Kandie Smith, and Council Member Marion Blackburn also participated.
- The Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Institute toured GRPD's facilities on Tuesday.
- Exceptional Baseball Community League (ECBL) Opening Ceremonies were this past Saturday at Elm Street Park. Since the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation has partnered with ECBL, the league has been expanded to three different age groups.
- This past Saturday GRPD hosted the Ports O' Call feature (previously International Fest) at the PirateFest. This charge was led by Shana Kriewall.
- Badges for Baseball – GRPD has also partnered with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation to provide the Badges for Baseball program, which will be incorporated into the Jackie Robinson Baseball League. This program will also teach life skill lessons on the field. Three kids from Greenville will be given the opportunity to participate in a training camp in Maryland. This grant was for \$15,000.
- Hastings Ford will be the corporate sponsor for this year's fireworks at Town Common.
- On 5/7 the first round of PARTF grants will be announced. The second round will be announced in July.
- Recreation/Parks goals and objective items were provided in the agenda packets. The Council goals relating to the GRPD this year are: 1 – Promote/Strengthen Economic Development Opportunities, 2 – Promote Sustainability/Livability of Old & New Neighborhoods, 3 – Enhance Diversity and Promote Inclusiveness, 4 – Enhance Cultural and Recreational Opportunities, and 5 - Promote Effective Partnerships.
- The April edition of US Airway's magazine includes a feature on the City of Greenville.

- Sandy Steele recognized Coach McDowell's return to the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting, after an absence due to illness.

Parks Superintendent's Report, Mark Gillespie

- Mr. Gillespie provided an update on Parks and they are in full swing for the spring/summer.
- Jaycee Park/Extreme Parks Light Status – The construction of the ramp is underway; ramp is currently being welded together. Should be ready for installation soon. The lights to the skatepark have been reconnected.
- Bike and Pedestrian Commission – Working to make Greenville more bicycle friendly. Parks is playing a large role on this commission, as is Public Works.
- Town Common Master Plan – Preliminary schematic plan is complete.
- Eppes Recreation Center – Windows have a made a huge difference in the appearance. New doors are arriving. HVAC work will start soon and the project remains on schedule.
- Playground renovations at West Meadowbrook Park begin next week.
- Greenfield Terrace – The bid has been awarded and work should begin in 1-2 weeks on the ¼ mile walking trail.
- Bradford Creek Golf Course – An application form for the Golf Advisory Committee was shared with Commission. This would be a standing committee of 9 people with a 3 year term. The purpose is to get citizen input. Mark would like the Recreation and Parks Commission to select the members. Member applications will be at BCGC, as well as advertised thru city sources on the website. Currently in the process of updating BCGC website.

Recreation Superintendent's Report, Shana Kriewall

- Shana announced that Matthew Johnson had been hired as the new Recreation Assistant at The Sports Connection. He begins 4/24.
- Greenville Little Leagues Opening Ceremonies are Friday night at 6pm
- Summer Camp Registration has begun.
- Greenville Off Leash Dog Area (GOLDA) Advisory Group is doing well with its new members.
- Lewis Holloman, Recreation Supervisor with Boyd Lee Park – Adult Athletics, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the center.

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of Nomination Committee – Chairman Steele asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee and received no response. She will appoint a Nomination Committee by the 5/12 Commission meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chairman Steele complimented Greenville for the community's efforts in providing programs for special populations. She mentioned a friend who had moved from the Durham area, who noted there are more opportunities here in Greenville for special needs children.
- Freddie Outterbridge asked for clarification on the renaming of West Meadowbrook Park. This vote will be held on the 5/12 meeting because there was not a quorum present.
- Bill All stated he was impressed with the dedication of players and parents at the Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL) on Saturday.
- Freddie Outterbridge informed Mark Gillespie of standing water at Andrew Best Freedom Park. Mr. Gillespie said he would check into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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