



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 10, 2010 @ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill All | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Jacobs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Clark | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Robert Jones, Jr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Steele |
| <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"/> John Barrow |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Foy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Shank | |

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

The meeting was 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

Recreation and Parks staff introduced to the Commission were Dean Foy, Parks Coordinator; Kathleen Shank, Recreation Manager at GAFC; and John Barrow, Recreation Assistant at GAFC.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the October 13, 2010 minutes:

Motion: Freddie Outterbridge

Second: Matt Smith

Motion approved.

III. BRIEFINGS

- A. **FROGGS** – Reconsideration of Greenway Priorities, Marianne Montgomery
Marianne Montgomery of FROGGS presented a PowerPoint presentation to provide information for updating the greenway priorities. The priority list includes:
1. South Tar River Phase III (Town Common west to Memorial Blvd)
 2. Schoolhouse Branch (Connect Phase 3 to PCMH)
 3. South Tar River Phase II (Completed section of S. Tar to Eastside Park)
 4. Tar River to Hardee Creek (S. Tar to Oxford Rd)



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A motion was made to approve the greenway priorities as presented.

Motion: Freddie Outterbridge

Second: Matt Smith

Motion approved.

B. Center City Basketball Complex Discussion, Carl Rees, Senior Planner Merrill Flood, Community Development Director, Chief Anderson, and Gary Fenton provided a presentation on a proposed Center City Basketball Complex. Discussion ensued after the presentation. No action was taken.

C. Pitt County Girls Softball League:
Jerry Law – President, Bo Batts – Executive Director and Melinda Nemo provided a presentation on the Pitt County Girls Softball League (PCGSL). PCGSL was commended by the Commission on their hard work and success. Mr. Law expressed the desire for GRPD to assist the PCGSL in any way possible. No action was taken.

IV. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

- A. Mr. Fenton commended Sue Aldridge, Chair for her presentation on the Department's 2010 accomplishments, to City Council on 11/08/2010.
- B. The Town Common Master Plan was adopted by City Council on 11/08/2010. Funds are not available at this time to proceed.

V. STAFF REPORT

A. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

- 1. Parks/Golf Course Update
 - a. Golf Course Revenues – Revenues are behind from where we would like it to be, but doing fairly well at 38% of the year's total revenue. Golf course revenue was down last month due to the severe rain that closed the course for a week. Staff will be looking at marketing ideas over the winter.
 - b. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Morrison toured Rocky Mount's facilities and were especially impressed with its Sports Complex. The Sports Complex has had a highly positive economic impact on Rocky Mount's economy.



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2. Greenfield Terrace Master Plan Update
Had a positive neighborhood meeting, 11/3, received many good comments. The next meeting is scheduled on 12/9 at 6:00 PM at the Barnes-Ebron-Taft Building. Plan to seek a development partnership with the Boys & Girls Club.
3. Eastside Park Master Plan
First public meeting with Rivers & Associates, 11/9, was a success with over 40 in attendance. The next public meeting is scheduled for 12/7 at 6:00 PM at St. Paul's Pentecostal Holiness Church.
4. Project Priorities – Mr. Gillespie expressed the need for creating a Commission subcommittee to identify project priorities for a possible bond referendum. Commissioners Matt Smith, Bill All, and Brian Jacobs volunteered for serving on this subcommittee. A recommendation on priorities will be reached prior to City Council's Annual Retreat in January.

B. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

1. Recreation Update
 - a. Researching offering youth baseball/softball tournaments. Need temporary fencing and portable mounds, but was not approved within budget. .
 - b. Hosted youth tournament at Boyd Lee Park but PCGSL had to bring their own fencing.
 - c. Drew Steele Center plans are still on schedule and looking to temporarily move programs at Elm St. Gym to other venues.
 - d. Dean Foy and Dennis Vestal submitted a grant for lighting an additional field at the Bradford Creek Soccer Complex.
 - e. Greenville Little Leagues will again host the 10-11 year old Tournament of State Champions in 2011.
 - f. Specialized Recreation Halloween Party had over 200 in attendance.
 - g. Recreation Supervisors Julianne Blackburn and Don Octigan attended Supervisors Management School in Oglebay, WV.
 - h. Seniors have been traveling to Pennsylvania, the NC State Fair, and Myrtle Beach, SC.
 - i. Senior Olympics Basketball had over 50 teams.
 - j. Annual Haunted House and Halloween Festival were held at South Greenville Recreation Center.



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- k. The City/GUC Fitness Walk sponsored by the Wellness Program had over 50 walkers.
- l. On 11/29 Jaycee Park will host the Pitt County Schools Physics Day.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Naming Trail at Greenfield Terrace
Shortly before the meeting the paperwork for naming the trail at Greenfield Terrace was received. Sue Aldridge, Chair, recommended tabling this item until the December meeting because of not receiving it in time for an appropriate review. The consensus of the Board was to table this item.
- B. Renaming Policy
A draft of the Renaming Policy was provided to all Commissioners. Mr. Fenton proposes having two (2) public hearings regarding proposed namings, one at the Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting and one at City Council. The Commission's public hearing can be posted on the website to allow comments in advance. Mr. Fenton would like Commission to consider approval at the December meeting to allow Commissioners time for review.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. **Don Williams** – No comment.
- B. **Matt Smith** – Thanked Mr. Fenton and Laura for assistance in the office.
- C. **Bill All** – No comment.
- D. **Freddie Outterbridge** – Commented on the work at Thomas Foreman Park and how nice it looked.
- E. **Sue Aldridge** – No comment.
- F. **R. Henry Jones, Jr.** – No comment.
- G. **Brian Jacobs** – No comment.
- H. **Sandy Steele** – No comment.
- I. **Marion Blackburn** – Asked for completion date of greenway and Mr. Gillespie responded with March 2011 as the scheduled completion.



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X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Freddie Outterbridge
Second: Don Williams
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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Administrative Secretary