



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 8, 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 Outerbridge, Chair-Elect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bill All | <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Jacobs |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Lamarco Morrison | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura J. Davenport | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Octigan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Harris | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Lineberger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alonza Price |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Vestal | <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

Recreation and Parks staff introduced to the Commission were Alonza Price, Recreation Supervisor at Eppes Recreation Center and Ron Harris, Recreation Supervisor at the Sports Connection.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 10, 2010 minutes:

Motion: H. Robert Jones, Jr.

Second: Donald Williams

Motion approved.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF NAMING TRAIL AT GREENFIELD TERRACE

Reverend Kenneth Battle of New Covenant Community Church addressed the Commission regarding the proposed naming of the trail at Greenfield Terrace. Reverend Battle had submitted the application for naming the trail after Dr. Michael Dixon. Carolyn Glast, Secretary of the Greenfield Terrace Neighborhood Association also addressed the Commission. Ms. Glast stated that all 20 members of the Greenfield Terrace Neighborhood Association were in opposition of the proposal because they were not notified of the proposal in advance. They also stated that Dr. Dixon was not involved



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with the park so they did not think this naming was appropriate. Reverend Battle spoke again stating that he didn't want to name the trail after Dr. Dixon if the neighborhood was not supportive. The two agreed to meet to discuss the issue further and a motion was made to table this item until the next meeting

Motion: Freddie Outterbridge

Second: H. Robert Jones, Jr.

Motion approved.

V. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

A. The GRPD Monthly Reports are posted on the department's website at www.grpd.info.

B. On Monday, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (BPC) briefed City Council about their work. Mr. Fenton will ask BPC Chair Brad Beggs, to address the Recreation and Parks Commission at a future Commission meeting. The Greenville NC Urban Area MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is online and about 85% complete. Comments will be accepted through 12/31. The master plan can be seen at www.greenways.com/greenvillenc.com.

C. Playground improvements are being implemented at Kristin Drive. Staff are also looking into the possible renovation of the Kristin Drive basketball courts. This would require modifying our lease to include the site for the court. Staff will discuss plans with the neighborhood association.

D. The Executive Director of the Greenville Pitt County Convention and Visitors Bureau has invited the Recreation and Parks Commission to meet with the Executive Committee of the CVB Board. The CVB recognizes the economic impact that recreation and parks services and facilities can have on the community.

E. The Pitt County Veterans Council raised money to repay Greenville Recreation and Parks for the replacement of the Fallen Soldier Monument at Town Common. They will be recognized at tomorrow night's City Council meeting for their positive reaction to a negative situation.

F. Mr. Fenton wished everyone Happy Holidays and shared his appreciation for their assistance to the department in 2010.



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VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

1. Parks/Golf Course Update
 - a. Eastside Park Master Plan – Had a second public input meeting; 22 participants. One meeting remains. Six potential options were presented. Comments were received. The next meeting on 1/4/11 will include three park options based on public comments and comments by the stakeholder committee.
 - b. Greenfield Terrace Master Plan– A second public input meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night (12/9). There will be follow-up meetings on 1/6/11 and 1/26/11. The department continues to look at a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, located on property adjacent to the park.
 - c. Golf Course Advisory Committee – Met last week. Continue to focus on marketing plan and new initiatives. Outreach to the community is one of the things being implemented. Continue to seek a \$220,000 USGA Grant for a new training area.
2. Report on R&P Commission's Bond Sub-Committee - Commissioners Don Williams, Bill All, and Matt Smith met last week. The discussion included the review of potential bond projects and the priority of those projects. The sub-committee will meet again soon.
3. Capital Update
 - a. Eppes Recreation Center
Air conditioning and windows are in. Staff were also considering the installation of a new gym floor, but unfortunately long standing problems with the structure and roof may encumber the available funds. Water has been getting under the foundation and compromising the structure. Staff anticipate structural renovation will cost \$110,000. Some funds from a prior project are available, but specific numbers are not known at this time. Though not currently a dangerous situation, it needs to be addressed.



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B. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

1. Recreation Update
 - a. Closed out fall tennis programs. This week has been too cold for tennis.
 - b. Pitt County Special Olympics received a \$1,350 donation from Pitt Community College's Ambassadors.
 - c. Specialized Recreation Holiday Dance is on 12/15.
 - d. Staff are getting ready for holiday camps at Boyd Lee Park and Elm Street Gym, as well as basketball camp at South Greenville.
 - e. Currently 450 youth enrolled in GRPD basketball.
2. Don Octigan – Recreation Supervisor – Youth Athletics
Mr. Octigan provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the programs and services of Youth Athletics.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Renaming Policy

Director revised the Renaming Policy (established in 1979) per the request of the City Manager. This revised policy still proposes that where naming parks/facilities, priority be given to geographical location and geological features, and will go to City Council for approval. Naming proposals will be submitted on a "Proposal for Naming or Re-naming" application and will be posted on www.grpd.info for 30 days to allow for citizen input. The proposal will then go to the Recreation and Parks Commission. The Commission may approve, reject, or table the discussion. City Council requires a recommendation from the Recreation and Parks Commission before they consider the renaming. Sandy Steele suggested some changes/additions, and a motion was made to adopt the *Renaming Policy* as presented with the suggested changes.

Motion: Freddie Outterbridge

Second: Jerry Clark

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None



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X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Don Williams** – Mentioned that fossil collecting in Green Mill Run at Greensprings Park is popular. Suggested signage at Greensprings Park that provides interpretation explaining why fossils are present.
- B. Matt Smith** – No comment.
- C. Freddie Outterbridge** – Commended Laura Davenport on minutes.
- D. Sue Aldridge** – No comment.
- E. Jerry Clark** – No comment.
- F. R. Henry Jones, Jr.** – Expressed his support for a volunteer recognition program and wished the Board Happy Holidays.
- G. Sandy Steele** – Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- H. Marion Blackburn** – Thanked everyone for serving on the Board. She mentioned a problem with contamination of Town Creek, believed to be coming from groundwater associated with buried petroleum tanks in the downtown. She also mentioned there is a lot of silt in the Green Mill Run Greenway. She will discuss with Public Works.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Don Williams
Second: Matt Smith
Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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Administrative Secretary