

GREENVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
May 12, 2010

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

I. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sue Aldridge, Vice Chair
Mrs. Marion Blackburn
Mr. Freddie Outterbridge
Mr. Wilson McDowell

Mr. Bill All
Mr. Jimmy Bond
Mr. Jerry Clark
Mr. Seth Shoneman

Others in attendance included city staff members Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks; Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent; Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent; Todd Riddick, Recreation Manager; Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner, Julianne Blackburn, Recreation Supervisor, and Laura J. Davenport, Administrative Secretary.

II. MINUTES

The March minutes were reviewed and no changes were proposed. A motion was made by Jimmy Bond and seconded by Jerry Clark for the approval of the March minutes. Motion carried.

The April minutes were reviewed and no changes were proposed. A motion was made by Freddie Outterbridge and seconded by Bill All for the approval of the April minutes. Motion carried.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Drew Steele Center – PARTF Grant was approved. Thanked PARTF for deeming this project worthy, and particularly PARTF staffers Steve Moler, Dallis Tucker. He also thanked Commission Chair Sandy Steele. Mr. Fenton expressed appreciation for the local match and team effort of Mike, Sandy, and Drew Steele, Skip Holtz and staff involvement. The next steps involve an official offer and contract to sign from the Governor's office and meeting with Hite and Associates, PA for design. Lamarco will be very instrumental in the project and anticipate construction in the fall.
- B. Greensprings Park – Friday at 12 noon, Groundbreaking Ceremony for Phase II of the South Tar Greenway.
- C. Classification Study – Completed over 35 documents to meet today's deadline of the classification study. All City staff had input into this study.
- D. Badges for Baseball – The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation includes a "life skills" component in this program, which is being incorporated into the Jackie Robinson Baseball League. As part of the program, three league participants will earn one week at the Cal Ripken Baseball Camp in Aberdeen, MD.
- E. The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation also supports the Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL), which takes place on Saturdays and Sundays at Elm Street Park.
- F. Dr. Jimmie Grimsley will brief City Council Monday night regarding the Eastern North Carolina Basketball Tournament. He will let members know that the contract has

expired and no additional support was identified. This tournament has not had a big economic impact, but was certainly a “positive” for the Greenville community.

Following the Director’s Report, Council Member Blackburn mentioned that there could be some flexibility to assume debt and set an amount that would allow us to “jump start” some capital projects, and noted that older parks need attention and new parks are needed as well. Hope to find an amount within the budget - \$2-\$8 million to help jump start projects which are a recognized need in our neighborhoods.

IV. STAFF REPORT

A. Parks Superintendent’s Report, Mark Gillespie

1. Parks Maintenance is behind on work orders, due to spring pressures.
2. Completed Classification Study.
3. Bradford Creek Golf Course – New marketing plan is in place. I.T. Department has been instrumental with FORE! Reservation Point of Sale software. This program will be operational next week.
4. Improvements are also being made to the Pro Shop, new information board has been installed.
5. Continue to work with I.T. to develop new golf course website.
6. The groundbreaking ceremony for South Tar Greenway Phase II is scheduled for this Friday. The estimated completion date is early 2011.

B. Parks Planner, Lamarco Morrison

1. Drew Steele Center – The next steps include meeting with Hite and Associates, PA, complete a boundary and topographical survey, and proceed with design development and construction documents.
2. Eppes HVAC and Electrical Renovations – Signs are being posted regarding renovations. Asbestos abatement and window replacement are complete. Looking to add a new floor and have electrical work inspected.
3. Town Common Master Plan – The schematics are complete by ColeJenest and Stone. Plan to meet with them regarding some changes proposed by Steering Committee and City staff.
4. Phil Carroll Nature Preserve – On 5/3 he and the Director traveled to NC A&T to look at master plan proposals by members of park design class. GRPD will complete a park master plan from all of the proposals reviewed.
5. Skatepark – Fabrication of replacement ramp is 85% complete.
6. West Meadowbrook Park – New playground will be completed the second week in June and ready for play. Neos 360 unit is going to Greenfield Terrace.

C. Recreation Superintendent’s Report, Shana Kriewall

1. Seniors have been to Raleigh to see “*Wicked*,” also visited the Blue Ridge Parkway.
2. BMX and Skateboard classes held at Extreme Park.
3. Hershey Track & Field is underway.
4. *Beast of the East* Tournament had 105 teams this past weekend.
5. Greenville Rec Run 5k and Kids Dash is at Boyd Lee Park this Saturday.
6. 6/5 Jackie Robinson Opening Ceremonies and Community Pool opens.
7. 6/6 Sunday in the Park begins.
8. Shared Ronnie Purvis’s retirement picture; retiring with 33 years of service.

9. Julianne Blackburn, Recreation Supervisor of the Arts and Crafts Center, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the center and its services.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Corporate Membership Rate for Part-time GAFC Employees
 1. Recommendation for same proposal as in March to offer part-time GAFC employees the corporate membership rate of \$16/month. This proposal utilizes the existing corporate fee within the manual of fees. A motion was made by Jimmy Bond and seconded by Bill All for the part-time employees of GAFC have the right to purchase a GAFC membership at the corporate rate of \$16/month. Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nomination Committee Report - Jerry Clark announced that the committee nominated Sue Aldridge as Chair and Freddie Outterbridge as Vice-Chair.
- B. A motion was made by Jimmy Bond and seconded by Wilson McDowell to elect Sue Aldridge as Chair. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Jerry Clark and seconded by Seth Shoneman to elect Freddie Outterbridge as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.
- D. Outgoing members Jimmy Bond and Coach Wilson McDowell were recognized with a plaque for their years of service on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. COMMENTS

- A. Vice-Chair Aldridge expressed thanks to everyone for their help with the PARTF Grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Davenport

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