

St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 24th, 2007

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Present: Jeff Gladwell, John Johnston, Mike Eykyn, Kevin Walsh, Frank Stefan

Call to Order: Mr. Gladwell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mr. Johnston led the Commission in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gladwell welcomed Kristen Hankla, reporter for the Post & Courier, and former commission member Betty Graham to the meeting.

Approval of the May 3rd, 2007 meeting minutes: Mr. Eykyn made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the April financial reports and summary balance sheet: Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Eykyn. Mr. Johnston noted that the debit memberships at St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus are up, and asked Mr. Stefan why birthday party revenues are down. Mr. Stefan stated that this is the time of year when many parents want to do outdoor parties and pool parties at the fitness center slow down. Mr. Gladwell commended Mr. Stefan and his staff for a very successful April, and asked to pass it along to staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walsh handed out an information sheet on the recommendations for changing next year's baseball and softball league affiliations. Mr. Walsh has met with other area departments in regards to moving away from the Dixie Baseball organization and switching to another organization. St. Andrew's, City of Charleston, Mount Pleasant, Hanahan, and Goose Creek are all looking at making the switch to Cal Ripken. Mt. Pleasant and North Charleston may have problems switching because of political issues. Mr. Walsh also stated that we will change the pitching and base distances for fall baseball from 46/60 to 50/70. Brinker Field would be converted to handle both 50/70 and the current 54/80 distances. Finally, Mr. Walsh passed out housing information for the 2007 NRPA National Congress. Mr. Johnston, Ms. Etheridge and Mr. Bailey are eligible to go to the conference this year.

General Manager's Report – Mr. Stefan stated that the health fair on Saturday was very successful. It was a little more subdued than previous years since they did not hold it during the first weekend of January; the busiest sales time of the year. Two of the air conditioning units at the fitness center were vandalized and had the copper coils stolen. Police were called out to take a report and stated that 25 units in the North Charleston area had the same thing done. The cost to replace the two systems is \$6,900 and a claim will be submitted to our insurance company. Ms. Graham asked Mr. Stefan what happened to the instructor for the 8:30 AM water aerobics class. She was informed that He had taken a full-time job elsewhere. She also asked about the pictures of the ex-commissioners that were hanging at the fitness center. Mr. Stefan informed her that the

pictures had been removed because of their poor condition.

Unfinished Business

Annexations: parcel on Parnell Lane (2.17 acres), parcel on Belgrade Court (.36 acres). The City of Charleston tried to send a check for \$28,000 for taxes on annexed properties. They called and asked for the accounting department and spoke to Ms. Richardson. Ms. Richardson brought this to the attention of Mr. Walsh. He asked her to call them back and send all correspondence to our attorney Mr. Trent Kernodle, as they had been told in the past.

501(c)-3: No update at this time.

FFP Pool Renovations: Mr. Smith and Mr. Jonas have started working on the roof of the change rooms.

Hall of Fame: The bronze plaques came in and they look great! Staff is trying to set a date for the unveiling; waiting on Mr. Rucker. The plaques will be hung in the breezeway at P&P.

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: The Charleston County PRC Commission met on Monday and recommended \$276,000 for St. Andrew's. Mr. Walsh sent a revised request for \$900,000 but it was not entertained. Mr. Walsh will now request the same from County Council. The \$276,000 would be used to purchase the 120 acres of wetlands, which would allow for the trail system, but would not include the high ground that could be turned into the lake. Mr. Gladwell suggested buying the lake property and selling the dirt on the land to pay for the lot.

Soccer Club Agreement: Mr. Walsh spoke with Ms. Yarborough who agreed with Mark Cobb to allow St. Andrew's to use Drayton Hall. Mr. Cobb will be drafting the agreement.

Ten Year Plan: No report at this time.

FY 07-08: County Council held a public hearing on Tuesday and nobody was present to speak. The budget passed its second reading. The final reading is June 7th.

PSD Agreement: Mr. Eykyn reported that Mr. Spinn came up with some marketing ideas and put these ideas into a flyer for the PSD people. The PSD Commission has been given the flyer to add their information, but we have not yet seen their results.

Capital Improvement Plan: The specifications for various pieces of this plan are still being put together.

Ms. Graham: Asked if she could receive a new commission polo shirt.

New Business – None

Executive Session: Mr. Johnston made a motion to go into executive session at 7:25pm., which was seconded by Mr. Eykyn. Motion carried unanimously. The Commission came out of executive session at 7:42pm.

Adjourn: The Commission adjourned unanimously at 7:43pm.