

St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes - February 28th, 2008

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Present: Commissioners Jeff Gladwell, John Johnston, Carol Etheridge, and staff Kevin Walsh, Ron Koch, and Frank Stefan

Public Hearing on FY 2008/09 Budget Call to Order: Mr. Gladwell called the Public Hearing to order at 7:10pm. There being no one present on either side the public hearing was adjourned.

Call to Order: Mr. Gladwell called the regular Commission meeting to order at 7:13pm.

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

Approval of the January 31st, 2008 Minutes: Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the January 31st, 2008 minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the January Financial Reports and Summary Balance Sheet: Ms. Etheridge made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walsh attended the second meeting of Charleston County Council's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Walsh was not happy to hear that PSD properties are being referred to as "Doughnut Holes," and the County's plan made it sound as if they are giving up on the PSD by deferring to the municipalities' existing comprehensive plans. Mr. Gladwell expressed that this might not be a bad idea.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Koch showed the new Optimist International Playground print that was hanging on the wall. The print was given to St. Andrew's Parks & Playground by the Optimist Club. The 9-10 boys and 9-10 girls basketball tournaments are currently being played at the gym; Channel 2 was there to cover some of the action. The staff has less than 40 standards to finish for National Accreditation. The deadline to submit is April 30th.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Stefan stated that the sauna door in the men's locker room has been replaced with a new door. Also, the hot water leak has been fixed.

Department Proposals

Membership Proposal: Mr. Stefan reviewed the "Win-Win" membership promotion proposal that was submitted by Mr. Spinn. For March and April, new members will have their choice of either a free month added to their memberships or free enrollment. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the proposal which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Annexations: 937 Benada Street (.51 acres), vacant lot on Marginal Road (9.54 acres) 501(c)-3: The application has been completed by Lindsey Cooper and signed off on and needs to be filed.

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: Will Connor, the surveyor, has not yet been to County Planning to have the revised plat of the property filed.

Ten Year Plan to Eliminate Tax Revenues: No update at this time.

Capital Improvement Plan: The entrance way to the Robert Wilson Gymnasium has been glassed; the interior doors at the gym have been installed and are working; some of the interior walls of the new concession stand have erected.

Greenbelt Funds: The 2.7 acre parcel on Dogwood was approved for purchase by County Council. Councilman Curtis Bostic suggested using funds from the Accommodations Tax to pay for the house on the property (\$155,000) and the Greenbelt Funds would pay for the land. Mr. Gladwell requested that a letter of thanks be drafted to Mr. Scott and the rest of County Council.

Recreation Land Trails (RLT) Grant Application: The grant application is approximately 75% complete. Mr. Koch needs to go and take more pictures, and has been working on including connectivity to other trails in the area. The grant application is due on March 21st.

New Business

Commission Policy Review:

Section 1, Policy 3: Mission and Vision. Ms. Etheridge made a motion to approve the policy which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Section 7, Policy 12: Records Retention and Destruction. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the policy which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget: Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the budget as submitted which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Rental Fees: Mr. Koch proposed to change the Facility Rental Policy (Section 7, Policy 2) which would eliminate the Robert Wilson Gymnasium basketball court and back multipurpose room from being rented. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned unanimously at 8:07pm.