

St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes - January 31st, 2008

Present: Jeff Gladwell, John Johnston, Mike Eykyn, Ron Bailey, Kevin Walsh, Frank Stefan, Ron Koch, Tim Orvin, C.P. Mize, Katrina Wright, Jay Roberts.

Mr. Gladwell called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led the Commission in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of the November 2007 Minutes: Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the November 2007 and December 2007 Financial Reports and Balance Sheet: Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Eykyn. Motion carried unanimously.

Basketball Game Incident: Mr. Orvin reported that on Monday January 28th, during a 9-10 year old basketball game, and altercation had occurred between two parents of opposing teams; Mr. Mike Stallings and Mr. Larry Walker. Ms. Wright, Basketball Supervisor, stated that she was the one who filled out the incident report, and it was written based on what she saw. She stated she was made aware of two men arguing and attempted to handle the situation with the assistance of Mr. Roberts, coaches, parents and the scorekeeper. The situation escalated quickly into yelling and shoving. Mr. Roberts, Basketball Supervisor, stated that it was very upsetting that the staff could not get the two parents involved calmed down until the police arrived.

Mr. Stallings spoke on his behalf and did not want to point any fingers. He wanted to make it right with the kids, and stated that he was wrong. He wants to apologize to the team. He feels awful and is dealing with it. He wants to rectify it so that he may get back to watching his child play. He was upset by a couple of bad calls by the officials.

Mr. Walker stated that he feels silly; it should never have taken place. He also apologized and stated that his mother was there for the first time and had to witness the incident. He also wants to make it right.

Mr. Walker's wife was also in attendance and agreed with the statements made by Mr. Stallings and Mr. Walker. She stated things just blew up and should have never happened as they did.

Mr. Gladwell stated that in his 21 years on the board, the Commission has only had to ask two people to leave and not come back. Altercations such as this are not taken lightly. Mr. Bailey was concerned about what would have happened if the situation escalated further outside of the building and the possibility of kids getting hurt. Mr. Eykyn commented that this incident put staff in a bad situation. Mr. Johnston commented on the inability of officials to make 100% correct calls, that they will make mistakes. The kids are there to have fun and learn the principles of the game. Mr. Orvin went over the Disciplinary Guide. Mr. Walsh thanked the involved parties for coming in and for apologizing to each other, and stated that the Commission needs to follow through with its set Disciplinary Guide. Mr. Gladwell also thanked the involved parties and excused from the meeting.

FY 2006-07 Auditor's Report: Mr. Quirk from Wilson and Quirk, LLC appeared before the Commission to review the FY 06/07 Auditor's Report. Mr. Quirk stated that the auditing standards have increased tremendously and his firm has taken cost effective measures to keep the cost of the audit down. Mr. Quirk reviewed each section of the report beginning with the Statement of Net Assets, Statement of Activities, Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds, and finished with the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances. After reviewing the Auditor's report, Mr. Quirk moved on to the Management Letter, which included the SASS 112 letter.

Executive Session: At 8:40 PM Mr. Bailey made a motion to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Johnston and passed unanimously. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:04 PM, at which time, Mr. Johnston made a motion to suspend Mr. Stallings and Mr. Walker the next four basketball games, have them apologize to the opposite team at the last game of the season, and repeat the PAYS certification program in person. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walsh stated that he received a thank you letter from our attorney Mr. Cooper regarding the Holiday Party. He also stated that the General Assembly approved additional PARD funds, which are non-recurring, and St. Andrew's would be receiving about \$13,000. This money will be used to build a playground near the tennis courts. The apartments behind St. Andrew's Parks and Playground are planned to be redeveloped by Hampstead Partners, Inc. out of San Diego, CA. The development plans call for the purchase of St. Andrew's property where the maintenance shed resides. They are budgeted to offer \$200,000 for the property. Mr. Walsh believes a new maintenance building can be constructed behind the gym. He asked the Commission if they would entertain a proposal and the Commission agreed.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Koch stated that he is in the process of getting quotes for the fence project, and that quotes are due by Monday at 5:00 PM.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Stefan had nothing to add to his report, but did want to share the Assistant General Manager's report and Sales Maker's Report that were not included in the Commission packets. Ms. Mize was in attendance to give her report orally, but had to leave unexpectedly.

Unfinished Business

Annexations: 2907 Foxhall Rd. (.3 acres), 2923 Foxhall Rd. (.32 acres), 140 McLernon Trace (30.12 acres), 2363 Ashley River Rd. (8.15 acres), 2089 Marshland Dr. (.95 acres), 2439 Thaxton St. (.44 acres).

501(c)-3: Mr. Gladwell, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Koch met with Mr. Lindsay Cooper and Mr. Russ Nester in regards to the 501(c)-3. Mr. Nester was agreeable to the concept, but asked for more details in the form of a proposal. Mr. Cooper will begin the process of applying for a 501(c)-3.

St. Andrew's Hall of Fame: Waiting on a picture of Robert Drose before ordering the new bronze plaques. Mr. Linker's picture has already been received. Ms. Drose's and Mr. Rucker's plaques have been hung along with the Hall of Fame lettering.

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: Mr. Walsh and Mr. Koch met with Connor Engineering. New property boundaries have been drawn which include the parking lot and eliminate and equal 2.6 acres off of the northern section of the property.

Ten Year Plan to Eliminate Tax Revenues: No report.

Capital Improvement Plan: Mr. Stefan presented the Commission with a resolution to approve a loan for \$36,000 which would be used to purchase four treadmills, two ellipticals, new netting for the pool area, furniture for the lounge area, and additional lighting for the cardio area. Mr. Eykyn

made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

Greenbelt Funds: After County Council Finance Committee approved our purchase of Dogwood Road, the Greenbelt Advisory Board complained that money was being used to purchase the house on the property. County Council deferred the project back to the Finance Committee, which will be meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 PM, to act on our proposal. This meeting will be followed by the Charleston County Council meeting on the same night.

New Business

Internet and Phone Service Provider: Mr. Walsh has received various quotes for new phone and internet service providers. The quotes have been narrowed down to two possibilities; Peterson Communications and Knology. Mr. Walsh proposed to put in a T1 line at SAPP and SAFFP through Peterson Communications and four individual phone lines with Knology service. By doing this, St. Andrew's would save \$500 per month. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the proposal, which was seconded by Mr. Eykyn. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Land Trails (RLT) Grant Application: Mr. Koch stated that he is working on a \$100,000 grant application through RLT which is due on March 21st, 2008.

Christmas/Holiday Events: Mr. Bailey made a motion to change the terminology of the Holliday Party to "Christmas Party." The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnston. After discussion, Mr. Bailey revoked his motion and Mr. Johnston revoked his second to the motion. Mr. Johnston made a motion to discontinue the December event. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Johnston suggested instead of having a "Holiday Party," to have a New Year's party.

Registration Numbers: Mr. Orvin shared the baseball, softball and soccer registrations numbers to date compared to last year.

FY 2008-09 Budget: Mr. Walsh distributed the proposed FY 08/09 budget to the Commission for its review, but was not asking for any action on it at this time. He stated that a public hearing needs to be conducted, and asked that it could be held at 6:30 PM prior to the February Commission meeting. The Commission agreed and the hearing will be set for February 28th at 6:30 PM.

Executive Session: Mr. Johnston, at 10:04 PM., made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 10:14 PM.

Lifetime Achievement Award: It was announced that Gary McJunkin received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Charleston Metro Sports Council.

NRPA CBM Board: Mr. Bailey stated that he was asked at the NRPA National Congress in Indianapolis to represent South Carolina on NRPA CBM Board. He has not heard anything further.

The Commission adjourned unanimously at 10:16 PM.