

St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission

Meeting Minutes –March 25th, 2010

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Public Hearing on the FY2010-2011 Budget: Mr. Walsh reviewed the highlights of the proposed budgetary changes with a visual presentation beginning at 6:30pm. No one from the general public attended the hearing.

Present: Mike Eykyn, Carol Etheridge, Susan Mayo, Kevin Walsh, Ron Koch, Frank Stefan

Call to Order: Mr. Eykyn called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Ms. Etheridge led the Commission in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of the February 24th, 2010 Minutes: Ms. Etheridge made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walsh stated that the Disabilities Board is cutting the funding for the special populations program. St. Andrew's is looking for alternative funding. Due to the difference in the fiscal year dates, St. Andrew's has received half of the budgeted grant figure, or just over \$3,000, to continue the program for the next six months. Mr. Walsh also reported that DHEC has changed some of its lifeguard requirements and we are looking for clarification through SCRPA. Mr. Walsh shared a copy of the camp brochure and pointed out the special Ponderosa Camp sticker on the front. Ponderosa camp is priced at only \$50 per week and Ms. Heath mailed a brochure to every household in the Ponderosa neighborhood. He also received a letter from the Charleston County School District thanking St. Andrew's for Mr. Spinn's participation with the Burke High School marketing and desktop publishing classes.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Koch stated that he also sent Ms. Annabelle Frasier from the Ponderosa Homeowners Association a number of camp brochures so that she would have them on hand to pass out, if needed. The Senior Center Committee will meet on April 14th at St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus at 9:30am. Mr. Koch sent out an invitation for each committee member to tour the facility prior to the meeting. There has been some resistance to the idea of using SAFFP, mostly due to the presence of children in the facility.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Stefan had nothing to add to his report.

Department Proposals

Get Paid to Get Fit: Ms. Etheridge made a motion to approve the proposal to "pay" new members \$1 for every month of their contract. In addition, members joining for two years will

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receive and extra two months on the end of their contract. Motion was seconded by Ms. Mayo and carried unanimously.

\$25 Health and Wellness Expo Offer: Ms. Etheridge made a motion to approve the proposal to offer a special rate of \$25 per month for six months for memberships sold at the wellness expo. This fee is only good for new members who sign up during the expo. Mr Stefan was also authorized to reduce the fee as low as \$19.99 if he determined it was necessary to compete with other health clubs present. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mayo and carried unanimously.

Private Swim Lesson Package: Ms. Mayo made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. A four lesson package would cost \$140 for members/PSD and \$180 for non-members/residents. An eight lesson package would cost \$240 for members/PSD and \$320 for non-members/residents. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Annexations: 225 Curtis Avenue (.30 acres), 240 Curtis Avenue (.23 acres), 248 Curtis Avenue (.23 acres), 1954 Boeing Avenue (.21 acres), 1525 Joan Street (.22 acres), 2011 Culver Avenue (.21 acres).

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: We still have not heard anything from Mr. Nester regarding our proposal to have Mr. Nester pay for the bid documents that would get us a firm figure on construction of the entrance road.

Capital Improvement Plan: No updates to the plan. The sign at Dogwood Park has been started, but the installer put it in on an angle, so the sign has to be taken down a re-installed. The Greenbelt Committee would like language showing that the park was purchased with Greenbelt funds to be included on the entrance sign.

New Business

FY 2010/11 Budget: The proposed budget for Parks and Playground General Fund for \$2,035,057 and Family Fitness Plus for \$1,184,198 was put into a motion for approval by Ms. Etheridge and was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously. The Parks and Playground budget will now go to Charleston County Council for final approval. The Family Fitness Plus budget does not require any additional approvals.

Commission Policy Review: None.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned unanimously at 7:58pm.