

St. Andrew's Parish Parks and Playground Commission

May 2010 Meeting Minutes

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Present: Mike Eykyn, John Johnston, Susan Mayo, Kevin Walsh, Frank Stefan, Joddi Heath, and Eric Morton

Call to Order: Mr. Eykyn called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

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

Public Comment: Mike Smith, 13 Avondale Avenue, Charleston, SC 29407. Member of the PSD Commission. Spoke on his own behalf as a PSD resident at the Charleston County Council budget hearing of St. Andrew's Parks and Playground. Asked County Council to reduce the millage rate of St. Andrew's Parks and Playground. The PSD was challenged to cut their taxes by a former Parks and Playground Commissioner and they have responded. Mr. Smith asked the Commission to reduce its millage rate.

Christy Holderness, 1889 Ashley Hall Road. Has been talking about the budget with Mr. Smith. Knew St. Andrew's Parks was trying to reduce tax money over the next ten years, but when they combined sports with the City of Charleston, that 10 year plan seemed to "fly off the table."

Mr. Eykyn said the Commission would love to work with the PSD and reduce taxes if possible. St. Andrew's P&P has not raised its millage rate for the past 12 years. Mr. Eykyn stated the he would like to move forward and work together in future endeavors. Mr. Walsh stated that he welcomes questions and statements in person or by phone. Mr. Johnston feels both Commissions need to work together to provide the best possible services. We need to make a joint effort to reach the PSD residents. Mr. Walsh commended the PSD Commission on what they have done with reducing taxes.

Approval of the April 22nd, 2010 Minutes: Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the April 2010 Financial Reports and Summary Balance Sheet: Ms. Mayo made a motion to approve the reports, which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Presented a slideshow to the Commission of the Ponderosa Clean Up Day. Mr. Walsh then introduced Mr. Eric Morton who will be serving as the summer camp director. He then shared the winter 09-10 profit/loss report for West Ashley Youth Sports. Mr. Walsh also reported that we have narrowed the search a search for a new website designer down to two companies.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Koch was not in attendance.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Stefan stated that the health fair did not bring in as many people as expected, probably due to the beautiful weather. Staff is looking at conducting future health fairs during one of the later months of the year to avoid the nice weather. FFP received its new Concept 2 rowers.

Department Proposals

Special Populations Membership: Due to Charleston County cutting the special populations grant, Ms. Health proposed to sell membership to the seven participants who participate in the program on a regular basis. The fee charged for each person would cover 100% of Charles Little's hourly fee for the entire year. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously.

June FFP Membership Promotion: Mr. Stefan proposed to offer new members who purchase a single membership, paid in full, \$50 off and one free month. New family memberships which are paid in full would receive \$75 off and a free month. Mr. Stefan also proposed to do an internal promotion for current members. Current members who refer a new member will have his/her name placed into a drawing for \$1,000. Members who refer three new members will have their name entered five times. Ms. Mayo made a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Annexations Update: 2054 Dogwood Road (.35 acres), 2074 Dogwood Road (.35 acres), 1824 Banbury Road (.33 acres), 2235 Forest Lake Boulevard (.29 acres), 852 Orleans Road (1.36 acres).

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: Have not heard anything or pursued anything.

Capital Improvements Plan: We replaced the HVAC system at Ponderosa. The Concessions stand is now operational and serving hot dogs. The entrance sign has been install at Dogwood Park.

FY 2010-11 Budget: The next step in the process is the public hearing on June 1st at 6:30pm.

NRPA National Congress: Mr. Johnston, Mr. Bailey and Ms. Etheridge have expressed an interest in attending, but have not confirmed.

New Business

Commission Policy Review: None.

Ms. Mayo made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and staff re-organization. The Commission entered executive session unanimously at 8:33pm.

The Commission came out of executive session at 9:37pm.

Staff Re-organization: Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve a reorganization of staff to create a team approach. Second from Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned unanimously at 9:38.