

St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 22nd, 2009

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Present: Mike Eykyn, John Johnston, Ron Bailey, Susan Mayo, Kevin Walsh, Ron Koch, Frank Stefan

Call to Order: Mr. Eykyn called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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

Welcome: Mr. Eykyn welcomed Mr. Jeff Gladwell to the meeting.

Approval of the September 24th, 2009 Minutes: Ms. Mayo made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walsh reported that PARD funds will not be available this year because they did not meet the minimum amount required for distribution formulas. The current year funds will roll-over to next year. Mr. Eykyn and Mr. Bailey have been re-appointed to the Commission. Mr. Walsh met with Mayor Riley regarding over seeding the fields at West Ashley Park. Mr. Walsh didn't feel it was acceptable to just paint the fields and gave his reasons why. Mayor Riley hadn't considered Mr. Walsh's reasons. The fields have been over seeded. Mr. Walsh also thanked the Commission for allowing him to attend the NRPA National Congress in Salt Lake City. The sessions were mediocre and the meetings he was required to attend as SCRPA President were horrible. The key note speech was fantastic – Futurist Jim Carrol. During the conference, he went to Park City and visited a skate park and indoor recreation center. This year's attendance at the conference was 8,000 compared to 12,000 last year. It was reasonable to fly and the hotels rates were good. Finally, Mr. Walsh stated that membership coordinator Jason Walchle's was no longer employed with St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus.

Executive Session: Mr. Johnston made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Motion carried unanimously at 8:15pm. The Commission came out of executive session at 8:27pm.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Koch stated that the 1998 Chevrolet pickup truck went out for bid in the state surplus system. He has received one call from someone in Tennessee. Bids close on the 30th. Also, Dr. McGinley will be receiving the SCRPA Government Officials Award at the SCRPA conference. She has been invited to the conference and is excited about it.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Stefan reported that he is in the process of hiring a Member Services Consultant.

Department Proposals

Underwater Hockey Tournament: As in past years, the Blockade Runners underwater hockey team would like to host their annual Memorial Day weekend tournament. Mr. Stefan proposed to give them

the same rental rates as the previous year were \$100/hr. pool fee for non-operating hours, and \$10 per person for each non-member player. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. After some discussion, Mr. Johnston made a motion to amend the proposal to charge \$100 per hour and \$15 per person which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. After further discussion, Mr. Johnston made another motion to amend the proposal and charge \$125 per hour and \$15 per non-member player which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. More discussion ensued and Mr. Johnston made another motion to amend the proposal and charge \$125 per hour and \$20 per non-member player for the weekend, which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. During final discussion, Ms. Mayo amended the proposal to also charge non-member spectators \$5 for the weekend which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Annexations: 2086 Green Park Ave. (.16 acres), 2915 Honeywell Ct. (.29 acres), 2772 Forest Dew Ct. (.11 acres), 1949 Ivy Hall Rd. (.22 acres), 1796 Greenmore Dr. (.39 acres).

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: Russ Nester and Will Connor met with Charlie Feather regarding the shared entrance. Mr. Walsh agrees with the concept but St. Andrew's will not be able to fund the project. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the "Agreeable on Concept" letter, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Improvement Plan: A resolution for equipment purchase was presented to the Commission to borrow \$40,000 at and APR of 3.43%. Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

NRPA National Congress: All registered participants should be ready to go.

New Business

Policy Review - Section 7, Policy 9: Fee and Charges: Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Mayo. Mr. Walsh proposed a change in policy that would allow the fitness center to operate under the same guidelines as Parks and Playgrounds in regards to setting fees for classes and special events. The proposal did not affect membership rates. After discussion motion failed with Mr. Bailey voting yea and Mr. Johnston and Ms. Mayo voting nay.

2009 Hall of Fame Applications: There was one application for this year's class. The Commission discussed the applicant and Mr. Johnston made a motion to hold the nominated over to next year. The motion failed for lack of a second. Ms. Mayo made a motion to induct Ricky Linker into the Hall of Fame, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Ms. Mayo yea, Mr. Bailey yea, Mr. Johnston abstained from voting. Motion carried.

St. Andrew's Parks Foundation: Ms. Mayo made a motion for St. Andrew's to donate \$500 to the Parks Foundation. Second from Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

NRPA: Mr. Johnston stated there are rumors of branches and sections within NRPA talking about leaving. There has been a lot of movement within the membership. Mr. Johnston does not support these changes. On a positive note, Mr. Bailey was elected to the board of the Citizen Branch. Mr. Bailey thanked the Commission for allowing him to go to the NRPA National Congress.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned unanimously at 8:27pm.