

St. Andrew's Parish Parks & Playground Commission

Meeting Minutes – September 24th, 2009
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Present: Mike Eykyn, John Johnston, Ron Bailey, Kevin Walsh, Ron Koch, Frank Stefan

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.

Approval of the August 27th, 2009 Minutes: Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walsh reported that a second TAN of the year was issued to St. Andrew's in the amount of \$100,000. The county sent out its tax projections for fiscal year 2009-10. The projections are \$20,000 less than what was projected in our budget, but the county always projects lower than we do. St. Andrew's is looking to switch its cell phone service to Verizon in December. St. Andrew's Parks & Playground has negotiated with the JCC for use of its gymnasium for the upcoming basketball season. In exchange, West Ashley Youth Sports would allow the JCC to enter one team per age group at no charge. Mr. Johnston made a motion to approve the MOU, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Walsh will be meeting with Mayor Joe Riley regarding the youth sports agreement between the City of Charleston and St. Andrew's Parks and Playground. It was agreed upon that the city would over-seed its baseball fields at West Ashley Park. The City parks department is refusing to over-seed the fields at West Ashley Park.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Koch stated that he is "kind of back." He is working from home, having a hard time sitting for extended periods, and is try to get back to a normal routine. He met with the Learn to Swim Initiative committee on September 23rd.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Stefan reported that 44 memberships were sold during the membership promotion September 14th – 20th, which amounts to \$42,000. In an effort to keep kids and staff in the Kidz Center at SAFFP, a flyer has been produced asking parents not to bring their sick child(ren) to the Kidz Center. Parents will be given an extension on their membership if they are not able to workout because of a child's illness. A hand sanitizer station has been installed in the Kidz Center.

Department Proposals: None

Unfinished Business

Annexations: Parcel on Rev. Joseph Heyward Rd. (.52 acres), 2105 Glendale Dr. (.43 acres), 2625 Lake Myrtle Dr. (.09 acres), 2091 Marsh Flower Ln. (.33 acres), 2110 Glen Oaks Ct. (.67 acres), 2089 Glendale Dr. (.43 acres), 2017 Wild Flower Ln. (.11 acres), 2655 Lake Myrtle Dr. (.1 acres), 1918 Green Park Ave. (.36 acres), 1970 Holiday St. (.22 acres), 1989 Beechnut St. (.19 acres), 1936 Sunnyvale Ave. (.23 acres).

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: Mr. Walsh received a drawing from Will Connor of a shared entryway for the park and the PSD fire department. St. Andrew's Parks only needs a paved apron for the entryway to the park, but a shared entrance for fire trucks would have to be paved. Mr. Walsh does not believe that the Playground should have to bear the additional financial burden for increased costs. Mr. Nester is supposed to contact Mr. Feather in regards to this.

Capital Improvement Plan: Mr. Stefan presented a \$40,000 financing plan for the annual equipment replacement plan. The Commission agreed to move forward with securing financing. Mr. Walsh stated that he will be closing down the BB&T custodial account from the \$250,000 revenue bond. To do so, a check for the remaining amount in the account will be made out to St. Andrew's Parks & Playground and then deposited into the First Citizens account.

NRPA National Congress: All flights have been booked, everyone is registered, and participants should have received their info packets.

New Business

Policy Review: None.

Go Green: Mr. Eykyn requested that monthly Commission packets not be printed out, put into folders and mailed out. In the future, he would like them emailed to the Commissioners, and if a Commissioner needs to make notes/highlight certain items, he/she can print it out at home. Mr. Eykyn also requested to have copies readily available at the Commission meeting.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned unanimously at 8:42pm.