

St. Andrew's Parish Parks and Playground Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes

September 21st, 2006

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Present: Jeff Gladwell, Mike Eykyn, Carol Etheridge, Kevin Walsh, Ron Koch, Frank Stefan

Call to Order: Mr. Gladwell called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

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

Approval of the August 24th, 2006 Minutes: Mr. Eykyn made a motion to approve to approve the August 24th, 2006 minutes which was seconded by Ms. Etheridge. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the July & August 2006 Financial Reports and Summary Balance Sheets: Ms. Etheridge made a motion to approve the financial reports and August 24th, 2006 minutes which was seconded by Mr. Eykyn. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walsh stated that he received a Freedom of Information request for the gender and race for the 10 highest paid employees and all department heads at St. Andrew's. Phil Burke requested to have a playground built on this side of Playground Road. He suggested to do the playground as a 9/11 memorial with two towers, fire trucks, police cars, etc. Mr. Walsh received negative response from the playground manufacturers about the two towers. This would be a good community project; get the police and fire departments involved. It would make a statement. Mr. Walsh will proceed with the initial stages of this project.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Koch stated that he would give an update on the pool renovations later in the meeting.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Stefan stated that Jim Smith, the new Buildings Maintenance Foreman, has been hired, along with Jason Walchle who replaces Kate Horton as one of the Membership Consultants.

Ms. Etheridge stated that she was at the M.U.S.C. Weight Management Center and her group was talking about personal training/staff knowledge at the local health clubs. Her instructor, Dwight, stated that most clubs just hire people and put them out on the floor. The only two places that he recommended to go due to this is M.U.S.C. or St. Andrew's Family Fitness *Plus!*

Unfinished Business

Annexations: None to report at this time.

501(C)3 – No update.

FFP Pool Renovation: Mr. Koch stated that the concrete pad had been removed, which was done after hours. He met with Delk plumbing and the cost to complete their part of the project will be \$12,600. This is to include sewage, water to fixtures, deck drains, showers, how water heater, and drinking fountain. The dehumidification system bill, which was originally quoted at \$324,000 for standard

delivery, was reduced by \$695 for the problems incurred during installation. The final bill was \$323,354.

Hall of Fame: The deadline for hall of fame application/nominations is October 1st and two have been received to date.

St. Andrew's Park at Hunt Club: Nothing has been heard from Mr. Russ Nester.

New Capital Financing Plan: No proposal as of yet. Mr. Walsh attended a session at the SCRPA State Conference and found that wetland trails must be approved by the Army Corp of Engineers.

Dixie Youth State Baseball Tournament: It is estimated that St. Andrew's profited \$30,000 from the tournament. This is based on fees, sponsorships, umpires, and some of the other basic revenues and expenses.

New Business

Reaffirmation of Equal Opportunity Statement: Mr. Walsh will review and submit changes to the statement that was provided by Ms. Etheridge.

Mr. Gladwell's brother-in-law, Jack Parham, was being presented with the Palmetto Award in Greenville tonight. This is the highest award given by the Governor of South Carolina. He was receiving this award for his work with Hospice.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned unanimously at 8:11 pm.