

Richland County Recreation Commission
Special Call Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 5, 2009
6:00 PM

Commissioners in Attendance:

Delano Boulware, Chairman
Wilbert Lewis, Vice Chairman
Rev. Charles Epps, Secretary
J. Marie Green, Commissioner
George Martin, Commissioner
Barbara Mickens, Commissioner
G. Todd Weiss, Commissioner

RCRC Staff:

Lew Leopard
LaTash Adams
Robert Hickman
Bob Redfern
Cynthia Robinson
Leigh Cheatham

Others:

James Bridgett, Parliamentarian/Consultant

1. Call to Order

Chairman Boulware called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM
Chairman Boulware welcomed new Board member G. Todd Weiss.
Commissioner Weiss was also welcomed by the other Board members.

2. Report of the Committee to review fees & scheduling for Athletic Leagues

Mr. Wilbert Lewis wants to communicate with everyone clearly that there is a fair and equitable use of the facilities in Richland County. Mr. Lewis indicated that the Commission had not made any changes to the agency policy; however they are looking forward to entertaining policy changes that need to be made to continue the quality of the services by Richland County Recreation Commission. Mr. Lewis gave out a handout from meeting he attended on March 4, 2009. Ms. Green asked if there would be time to ask questions at a later time due to her not being able to review document before the meeting. Mr. Lewis stated that there is time for more questions at a later date because this is just the beginning of this process. Chairman Boulware wanted to know about the time line for process will be based on the policies that are brought back to the Commission, however Ms. Mickens stated that June 1, 2009 is the deadline that she thought was brought forward. Bob Redfern stated that there some time to review policy. Mr. Redfern mentioned the article that was posted on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Mr. Redfern assured the Chairman that his staff has been working diligently to work

with tax payer and the issues that they are having. Redfern indicated that there 1 to 2 calls a week about financial issues. Redfern attached several email to the documentation that he gave out to exemplify the work of his employees. Boulware asked about the sled check for the leagues coaches. Redfern stated that because of inappropriate conduct, there is a 100% background check required. The coach is responsible for providing certification. Information has to be notarized. Boulware asked who's liable for the inappropriate behavior, and are they interfering with RCRC league programs in terms of what independent leagues are doing? Redfern indicated that coaches are required to have they're own insurance. RCRC also have insurance coverage. Redfern stated that there have been times that the RCRC leagues and the independent leagues have crossed, however Redfern and his staff are currently working on those issues. Ms. Green asked about 2 paragraphs, on second page of document. Documents show that the leagues are profiting about 2.8 million, however RCRC are only recouping about 41k. The booklet passed out by Redfern has correct amounts of fund receiving from leagues. Ms. Green asked if the cost to upkeep the field severely out number the how much RCRC is actually receiving from leagues. Mr. Lewis thanked Redfern for all the work that he has been doing, in return Redfern thanked his employees for there continuous support and help with this project. Mr. Martin asked if the tax payers have put there money into the facilities are they wanting ownership. Redfern stated that some of them do, however the tax payer that has donated funds to the facility can not expect to hold the company hostage because of that. Parks are not guaranteed to the person that has donated money to facilities.

Rev Epps asked what happens to the 2 million dollars that is made from some 14 leagues. Redfern stated that money is dispersed to coaches, staff, etc.

Mr. Bridgett asked if the leagues are profit or nonprofit organizations. Redfern stated that 501c3 is majority, and others are 501c4. Redfern stated that a copy of the coaches 1040 maybe required.

Lew Leopard stated that Commissioner Lewis recommended that the Board have better communication with Elected Officials on the issues. Chairman Boulware state that the Board should have better communication with the Officials. Mr. Leopard indicated that the officials wanted a copy of the minutes. Mr. Bridgett stated to Mr. Leopard that he should not give any minutes to officials if they have not been approved by the Board. Mr. Leopard informed the board that the he was contacted by Richland County government. They would like to have the annual budget meeting. The meeting will be held on March 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. with the county administrator at 2020 Hampton St. Mr. Leopard also stated that on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 10:00 orientation for Mr. Weiss will be held at the Adult Activity Center on Parklane.

Motion for recess by Ms. Mickens and second by Ms. Green

Motion to come out of recess made by Rev. Epps, second by Mr. Martin

Motion to go into Executive Session by Rev. Epps, and second by Mr. Lewis

3. Executive Session (No Action Taken)

Motion made to by Ms. Mickens to come out of Executive Session, second by Mr. Martin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Green, second by Ms. Mickens to authorize the RCRC Chairman to sign the Notice of Termination of License Agreement with Southern Region Industrial Realty, Inc , and provide notice to the general public that the current License area (Old Washington Park Site) shall no longer be utilized as a public park.

Additionally, authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed shot term license between the purchaser of the old park site, and RCRC for use of old site until construction commences during the fall of 2009.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Green, second by Ms. Mickens for 5 minute recess. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Green, second by Rev. Epps to come out of recess. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Rev Epps, second by Ms. Mickens to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Green, second by Rev Epps to come out of Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Boulware, Ms. Green, and Ms. Mickens requested that the record reflect they will seek legal opinion and representation concerning comments made about them (Chairman Boulware, Ms. Green and Ms. Mickens) to the Richland County Legislative Delegation.

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Motion was made by Ms. Green, second by Rev. Epps. The motion approved unanimously.


Delano R. Boulware, Chairman