

Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2009
6:00 p.m

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

RCRC Staff:

Lew Leopard
LaTash Adams
Robert Hickman
Bob Redfern
Cynthia Robinson
Leigh Cheatham
Ronnie Kinnett
Tony Cooper
Cornelia Watts
Tiyana White
Carmen Williams
Charlene Lyles
Sarah Pickney
Janet Heuer
David Stringer
Curt Wilson
Lee Allyson Gailliard
Linda Carter

Others:

James Bridgett, Parliamentarian/Consultant

1. Call to order

Chairman Delano Boulware called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Oath of office for New Board Member G. Todd Weiss

Commissioner G. Todd Weiss took oath at 6:05. Commissioner Weiss thanked everyone for there generosity.

3. Recognition of Sarah Pinckney's Retirement

Mr. Lewis Leopard congratulated Sarah Pinckney on her retirement and presented her a plaque. Sarah spoke briefly on her 14 years with the Richland County Recreation Commission. Mr. Lewis stated that he enjoyed working with Sarah and thanked her for her dedicated services. All other commissioners thanked her for her hard work and wished her well in her retirement. Chairman Boulware also thanked Sarah and wished her well.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Epps motioned to accept the Adoption of the Agenda, second by Commissioner Green. Commissioner Lewis requested that his reporting be moved from number 10 on the agenda to something earlier due to having a prior engagement. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Green, second by Commissioner Martin to approve minutes for regular scheduled meeting on February 23, 2009, a special called meeting on March 5, 2009, and a special called meeting on March 9, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Epps, second by Ms. Green. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Public Input

No one signed up to speak.

7. Chairman Boulware called on Commissioner Lewis to give his report.

8. Report from Adhoc Committee on Reviewing Fees & Scheduling for Athletics Leagues

Commissioner Lewis stated that there are not any changes to the current policy. Commissioner Lewis wanted to reassure the community that as a commission they are working to ensure equal and fair balance of the use of the athletic fields and facilities. Commissioner Epps asked about the concerns; Commissioner Lewis stated that some of the concerns are about the policy changes. Mr. Lewis stated that he is working with the patrons on how they can improve Commission policy. Mr. Leopard asked about waving fees for Meadowlake Park Mr. Redfern stated that at this point RCRC is not in position to wave activity fees.

Chairman Boulware stated that he met with Representative Anton Gunn. Mr. Gunn indicated that there are not enough fields for all the activities that are in process. Mr. Redfern stated that he is working toward getting the fields up to date for children and members of the public.

9. Financial Briefing

Curt Wilson issued a monthly report. He had spoken with the County Treasurer who believes that RCRC will have problem receiving the full funding for this fiscal year. However, the Treasurer is concerned for the next fiscal year if the economy tends to decline. Ms. Green stated that she has received a packet and will call Curt to discuss the issues/questions that she may have. Mr. Leopard indicated there will be an upcoming County Council meeting.

10. Status Report on the Bond Funds

Francenia Heizer, attorney for agency bond funding, gave updated information on availability on funds. Ross and Claire Associates prepared report that was issued. She discussed disbursement of funds from current to 2015. Heizer asked about working on the refinancing, which she indicated will be a 190 day process. Heizer also spoke briefly on the funds for the Linrick project.

Motion by Mr. Weiss, second by Rev. Epps. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Lewis left meeting at 6:52 pm for previous scheduled meeting.

11. Status report from the bond Subcommittee

Rev. Epps reported that the committee had ranked the first four submittal for management consultant. He made a motion to the Board to accept his report and authorize the committee to proceed with the process according to the state procurement code. Second by Ms. Green. Motion approved unanimously.

12. Grant Report

Janet Heuer asked Board to approve the match for two rewarded grants, Rosewald (\$6000.00) and Denny Terrace walking trail (\$1200.00). Mr. Leopard stated that work done at Rosenwald will be outsourced. **Motion by Ms. Green, second by Mr. Weiss. Motion approved 4 for and 1 against.**

13. Request from the RCRC Wellness Committee

Carmen Williams asked for approval on the Fun Day planned for May 15, 2009. She also discussed the Healthcare Program. Fun day is open to all employees of Richland County Recreation Commission. Ms. Green discussed briefly about the poor morale and how it could be improved. She wanted to know if the purpose for Fun Day is to help with the morale within the Richland County Recreation Commission.

Motion by Mr. Epps, second by Ms. Green. Motion approved unanimously.

14. Other Business

Cynthia Robinson spoke on the Team Times and the survey that was implemented for employees concerns. Ms. Green stated that she has not heard nor seen any changes after survey was completed. She stated that she did not think that the survey was effective because there are still many unresolved issues. Ms. Green suggested that one person, not a committee, review these outstanding issues. Chairman Boulware stated that committee should be made aware of concerns.

15. Recess

Mr. Epps moved to take a brief recess; seconded by Mr. Weiss. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Weiss moved to come out of the recess; seconded by Mr. Martin. The motion was approved unanimously.

16. Executive Session

Rev. Epps moved to go into executive session to discuss bond property purchases and contracting; seconded by Mr. Martin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Session

In attendance at the executive session was Kevin Garrison, attorney with Robinson, McFadden and Moore, Lewis Leopard, Bob Redfern, James Bridgett, Consultant/Parliamentarian.

Ms. Green moved to end the executive session; seconded by Mr. Weiss. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Chairman stated for the record that no action was taken during the executive session.

Rev. Epps moved to accept the staff's recommendation of option C and to provide signature authority to the Recreation Commission Chairman to sign the counter offer for the contract price for the upper portion only of 36.1 acres of uplands and 41.58 acres of wetlands; seconded by Ms. Green. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rev. Epps moved to allow staff to search for an alternate site and report back to the Board during the April regular meeting on their findings; seconded by Mr. Weiss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Green moved to authorize staff to issue a non-binding letter of intent for site #2 (96.5999 acres); seconded by Mr. Martin. The motion was approved unanimously.

17. Adjourn

Mr. Weiss moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Green. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Delano R. Boulware, Chairman

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