

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2012
5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
G. Todd Weiss, Secretary
Wilbert Lewis
Weston A. Furgess, Jr.
C. Todd Latiff

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Kenya Bryant
Curt Wilson
Robert Allen
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to amend the agenda adding Executive Session after the Ad Hoc Committee update made by Commissioner Latiff and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Latiff, Mickens, Furgess, Lewis and Weiss.

3. Budget Presentations:

Mr. Curtis Wilson, Business Operations, distributed to Board and presented the RCRC Budget 2012-2013. Mr. Wilson stated that at the start of the process, RCRC was instructed by Council that funding requests should not exceed the amount

received in the current year 2011-2012; therefore this is the same budget with a supplemental sheet showing what we would spend, if we received anything above what we received last year. Mr. Wilson reported that we did get funded to the cap but we are still short considering items on the supplemental sheet and new facilities coming on line. Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Brown, along with his Team, have a plan to stretch budget dollars by temporarily utilizing current employees to run the new facilities as they come on line.

Mr. Robert Allen, Recreation Director, presented the LinRick Budget 2012-2013. Mr. Allen reported that this budget is about the same as the budget from last year (2011-2012). Mr. Allen added that one good thing to report is that LinRick is about \$70,000 ahead of where they were last year at this time and hopefully they should finish the year \$80,000 to \$90,000 ahead.

Motion to approve LinRick Golf Course budget 2012-2013 made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Latiff. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Latiff, Lewis, Mickens and Weiss.

4. Ad Hoc Committee Update:

Commissioner Weiss reported that in the last AD Hoc Committee meeting there was a discussion concerning the Kelly Mill Complex and the County's proposed soccer complex. Commissioner Weiss stated that to avoid duplication in the same area, the committee looked at the four proposed soccer fields at Kelly Mill and felt that baseball fields would better serve the community in light of the County's plans and the high demand for more baseball space. Commissioner Weiss stated that Kelly Mill could be a premier baseball facility and the fields would not be built on the same area as the proposed soccer fields, but maybe overlap one of the soccer fields. Commissioner Weiss reported that this change in plans needed to be presented to the Board because the change needs to go to County Council because it changes the scope of the Bond. Commissioner Weiss stated that he and Commissioner Furgess discussed the matter and concluded that the Board should vote to proceed to County Council and also consider that we need to spend an additional \$180,000 in just consultant fees to come up with another plan.

Commissioner Latiff commented that he doesn't disagree with the change but he was under the impression that the cost of building a baseball field compared to a soccer field is much more expensive.

Commissioner Weiss explained that the land that would be used for soccer needed so much grading and the land proposed for the baseball fields needs a lot less grading and dollar wise it came out cheaper on the initial review.

Commissioner Latiff stated that we are behind the curve with baseball and the demand well exceeds the supply of fields. Commissioner Weiss commented that in the northeast, there were so many kids; some had to be turned away.

Motion to draft a letter to County Council informing them of our intentions to change the scope of the Bond for Kelly Mill Projects specifically made by Commissioner Weiss and second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Furgess, Mickens, Lewis and Latiff.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter made by Commissioner Latiff and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Latiff, Lewis, Mickens, Weiss and Furgess.

5. Executive Session


Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Lewis, Furgess, Weiss, Mickens and Latiff.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Lewis and second by Commissioner Weiss. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Lewis, Mickens, Latiff and Furgess.

Commissioner Weiss stated that during Executive Session no decisions were made, not votes were cast.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 16th day of July 2012.