

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2014
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Kenya Bryant
Ronnie Kinnett
Tara Dickerson
Taurus Lewis
David Stringer
Andrea Fripp James
Kasey Wilson
Tony Cooper
Demetria Goodwin
Connie Reaves
Andy Hastings
John Javis
Charlene Lyles
Charles Eubanks
Marcus Fogle
Brandolyn Blanding
Cornelia Watts

Others in Attendance:

James E. Bridgett, Jr., Consultant/Parliamentarian

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:59pm and welcomed any guest.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Weiss, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Weiss, Martin, Latiff and Mickens.

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Weiss with one correction in item 5, second by Commissioner Lewis. Minutes approved "as corrected" unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Mickens, Weiss, Latiff and Martin.

4. Public Input:

No Public Input

5. Financial Report: (Information)

Ms. Andrea James, Financial Operations, distributed and reviewed Cash Flow Report noting that we ended the month of January in good standing with all obligations met. Ms. James stated that at the last meeting the projections and formulas were questioned and she has removed the projections for the remainder of the year until she can rework the formulas to provide a more accurate projection of our cash position for future months. Ms. James reported that in the month of January OPEB was paid, the Finance Department made internal position changes to continue the efforts to become more structured and efficient, and the budget preparation has started. Ms. James stated that First Citizens Bank will be at our Quarterly Staff Meeting on March 12th to talk about their workplace banking.

Ms. James reported that LinRick numbers continue to be down due to the weather. Commissioner Latiff suggested a balance sheet for LinRick because of the negative income stream. Commissioner Lewis asked if any customer satisfaction surveys have been done at LinRick to find out what our customers are saying about their experiences at LinRick. Mr. Bryant stated that when he and Mr. Brown are out visiting LinRick and other facilities, there is only positive feedback and he and Mr. Lewis, Division Head, will work on getting out a survey. Mr. Brown added that we will also work on some promotions to get more people playing, but the biggest factor is the weather.

Ms. James reported that we received February tax revenue funding late today and not in time to be included on the handouts.

6. Bond Construction Update: (Information)

Mr. Ronnie Kinnett, Property Management, reviewed Bond Projects listed on the Bond Construction Updates included in the Board's package.

Commissioner Latiff asked for an estimate on the playground system for Kelly Mill. Mr. Kinnett stated about \$60,000 to \$70,000.

Chair Green asked if a lot of the residents attended the Gadsden community meeting and Mr. Kinnett stated that the meeting was well attended and very successful.

Commissioner Weiss thanked the Ad Hoc Committee, Mr. Brown and Mr. Bryant for their hard work at the last meeting. Commissioner Weiss explained that it was a very difficult process because there was a lot of cutting to be done which will be discussed later.

7. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Mr. James Brown reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout.

Mr. Brown congratulated Tara Dickerson and David Stringer on becoming Certified Park and Recreation Professionals through NRPA's CPRP exams. Mr. Brown added that Mr. Bryant, Ms. Sampson and Mr. Bob Hickman will also be taking the exam.

Mr. Brown congratulated Commissioner Barbara Mickens on her reappointment.

Commissioner Weiss stated that Mr. Tryon mentioned one light pole in the middle of soccer field at Polo that is leaning. Mr. Brown advised that he would handle it.

Commissioner Latiff asked if there was any damage from the snow and ice at any of the facilities. Mr. Kinnett stated that there was some limb, tree and fence damage, especially in Ballentine but our crews have finished the clean-up.

Mr. Brown added that a lighting system for Ballentine parking lot is in the works and almost completed.

Chair Green congratulated Ms. Dickerson and Mr. Stringer on their accomplishments and wished the other participants well. Chair Green thanked Mr. Brown and staff for the improvements that have taken place at all of the facilities throughout Richland County.

8. Other Business

None

Motion made by Commissioner Latiff to go into Executive Session to discuss one contractual item and two personnel items, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved

unanimously by all members present; Green, Latiff, Mickens, Martin, Furgess, Weiss and Lewis.

9. Executive Session:

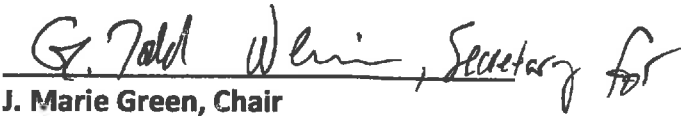
Motion made by Commissioner Latiff to uphold Management's decision in Case 1, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Latiff, Furgess, Mickens, Martin, Lewis and Weiss.

Motion made by Commissioner Weiss to uphold Management's decision in Case 2, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Lewis, Weiss, Martin, Mickens, Latiff and Furgess.

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

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.


G. Todd Wain, Secretary for
J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 17 day of March 2014.