

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
Wilbert Lewis
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Kenya Bryant
Tara Dickerson
Taurus Lewis
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Tony Cooper
Kasey Wilson
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and welcomed Mr. James E. Gray and his family to the meeting for a special presentation.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis.

Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Mickens, Clark and Martin.

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes with noted correction, from the March 3, 2016 Special Call Board Meeting and January 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Mickens, second by Commissioner Furgess. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Lewis, Clark, Martin and Weeks.

4. Public Input:

No public input.

5. Recognition of Mr. James E. Gray's Contributions to Killian Park:

Senator John Scott expressed that it was with honor and pleasure that he pay special tribute to a very good friend who he met more than twenty five years ago.

Senator Scott stated that Mr. Gray is being honored and recognized for his extraordinary service he has provided his community.

Senator Scott presented the Resolution.

Senator Scott stated that this Resolution will be archived in the history of South Carolina's S1021; this is a concurrent resolution not a House resolution.

Chair Green read the inscription under Mr. Gray's portrait and thanked Mr. Gray for his service and contributions. The portrait will be hung at Killian Park.

6. Financial Report: (Information)

Kasey Wilson, Financial Operations, reviewed financial reports included in the Board's packet.

7. Policy Updates: (Action)

David presented Policy No. 6010 After School Programs, Policy No. 025 Career Development, Policy No. 070 Employment of Relatives, Policy No. 6015 Summer Day Camps and Policy No. 6020 Summer Playground Program included in the Board's packet.

Commissioner Lewis commented that he is glad that he insisted on the review from the Ethics Commission and he's also appreciative of the Board supporting the motion to have it go back before the Ethics Commission and they evidently raised the same issues that he raised in terms of the particular aspects of the policy we were considering. Mr. Lewis added that reflecting back to the minutes of that meeting, he requested particularly that this policy be reviewed in light of the role of the Executive Director and was that brought to their attention that as one Board member, I was primarily concerned that the role of the Executive Director is addressed in whatever policy that we bring forth and put in place.

Mr. Stringer stated that yes, it was and it was the reason we were mainly looking at it and we have gone above and beyond in creating a new internal form, whenever a family member is hired or promoted, the form will be completed and reviewed by HR and also the Chief of Staff for approval.

Commissioner Lewis stated for clarity, what you are bringing back before the Board today, indicates that the Ethics Commission supports the language in the policy that talks about on page 1 of 2 Policy 070, "Richland County Recreation Commission employee directly supervises or manages".

Mr. Stringer responded yes they support that, they had no problem with that and it goes on to say not only directly but it also says manages.

Commissioner Lewis inquired, they were fine from the prospective that he asked in terms of the Executive Director being in that same role, that as long as we define that he is not the direct supervisor or manager, and they support this language. David answered yes, this conforms to the Ethics Act.

Motion to accept Policies 6010, 025, 070, 6015 and 6020 made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Martin, Weeks, Lewis and Clark.

8. Bond Construction Update: (Information)

Mr. Tony Cooper reviewed Bond Projects listed on the Bond Construction Updates included in the Board's packet.

Commissioner Furgess stated that a couple of years ago at Caughman Road, the community questioned the refurbishing of the tennis courts.

Mr. Cooper reported that under the Bond we did fencing replacement under that project but there were no plans for tennis court resurfacing. Commissioner Furgess asked if there were any plans in the future for the project and Tony stated at this point, not that he is aware of.

Mr. Bryant added that we did St. Andrews last year and looking at Parklane next.

Chair Green asked for a repeat regarding tennis courts.

Mr. Cooper stated that tennis courts were resurfaced at Parklane and Mr. Brown made a correction stating the courts were replaced at St. Andrews and in the near future we will replace the ones on Parklane.

Chair Green questioned if there were any future plans for Caughman Road and Mr. Brown stated that we would have to look at funding in the near future.

9. Construction Auction List: (Action)

Mr. Crider reviewed the handout of the Property Management Equipment and Vehicles for auction. Mr. Crider stated that per our policy, he is requesting to send to listed items to South Carolina Surplus Auction.

Motion to accept the recommendation of Administration for Property Management Equipment and Vehicles for auction made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Lewis, Clark, Martin, Mickens, Weeks and Furgess.

10. Executive Director Report: (Information-Handout)

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

Commissioner Lewis questioned a target date for the work to be finished at Pine Grove and Mr. Brown stated by the end of April.

11. Other Business:

Ms. Tara Dickerson recapped the 2014-15 Annual Report and The Team Times Newsletter.

Motion to go into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue made by Commissioner Mickens, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Martin, Lewis, Weeks and Clark.

12. Executive Session

Commissioner Furgess stated that no actions were taken in Executive Session.


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

Chair Green stated that no decisions were made in Executive Session and a Special Called Meeting has been scheduled for April 4, 2016 at 6:00pm to discuss personnel matter.

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

13. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 18th day of April 2016.