

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 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:

Tara Dickerson
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Marta Aldinger
Kasey Wilson
Erica Smalls
Kim Hall
Keira Sessions
Tiyana Henley
Debra Jacobs
Demetria Goodwin
Charles Eubanks
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed any special guest.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. 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 from the September 19, 2016 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Lewis, Clark, Martin and Weeks.

Commissioner Lewis requested corrections to prior minutes from August 24, 2016 Special Call Meeting and the June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Lewis noted that Commissioner Mickens seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session but she was not present at the August 24, 2016 meeting, Commissioner Furgess seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lewis noted that in the minutes from the June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting, it is recorded that a motion was made to keep the same officers for the coming year but it was not recorded who made that motion, Commissioner Furgess made the motion.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion that the previous minutes from the August 24, 2016 and June 20, 2016 meetings be amended to reflect corrections.

Chair Green stated that to approve the changes, we would have to consult with legal.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he would yield to a Parliamentarian if one was present.

Commissioner Furgess second the motion.

Chair Green stated that to her knowledge, once minutes have been approved that there are no corrections and she stands to be corrected, so therefore she will be asking for consultation on this issue.

Motion carried to make corrections to the minutes as follows: 1 abstained: Chair Green; 6 Yeas: Lewis, Furgess, Mickens, Martin, Weeks and Clark.

4. Public Input:

Ms. Judy Smith-Irvin, distributed information and thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to have a Senior Prom, an event that has been in place for about 5 years. Ms. Irvin stated that the seniors really enjoy the event and the Sponsors listed help make it a success. Ms. Irvin thanked the Board again and asked for continued support.

Chair Green referred to Ms. Tara Dickerson and Ms. Dickerson stated that she has been working with Ms. Irvin and the Request for Waiver of Facility Fees is on the Agenda.

Ms. Joana McCray, stated that she would like to add to Ms. Irvin's input and say that it has been a marvelous experience and that she loves the atmosphere here and hope that they can continue the spirit that they have with RCRC.

Mr. James Careton, stated that he is a senior citizen and part of the group and he is grateful for allowing the group to have this event. Mr. Careton thanked the Board again and asked that they consider their proposal giving them the opportunity to continue the experience.

Ms. Betty Scott, stated that she wanted to piggy back off the others and say that she truly enjoyed the event and helpful workers. Seniors from all over the community came together for a good time and a free dinner. Ms. Scott thanked the Board again and asked the Board to consider their proposal.

Mr. Thomas Irvin, thanked the Board for the use of the building. Mr. Irvin stated that the event is open to the community at no charge, the food is donated. Mr. Irvin asked the Board to please consider their request.

5. Financial Report: (Information)

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

6. Bond Construction Updates: (Information)

Mr. Bryan Crider presented Bond Updates included in the Board's packet.

7. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Ms. Tara Dickerson, Chief of Staff, reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout.

Motion to waive the fees for the nine organizations presented by staff made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Lewis, Furgess, Martin, Mickens, Clark and Weeks.

8. Other Business

No other Business

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 2 contractual and 2 personnel matters made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Clark and Martin.

9. Executive Session

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

Commissioner Furgess stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion to accept the legal advice regarding the sale of property and draft a long term lease with the Carolina School for Inquiry for the use of the Crane Creek Community building made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Mickens, Martin, Weeks and Clark.

Motion to offer the fair market price for the purchase of land on Garners Ferry Road for future recreational use made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Clark, Martin, Weeks and Mickens.

Motion to accept the decision of the Executive Director, James Brown, III, to retire effective October 14, 2016, said retirement superseding or voiding any obligation RCRC had to Mr. Brown under his employment agreement dated October 27, 2015 made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Mickens, Martin, Weeks and Clark.

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

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.


J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 21st day of November 2016.