

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2012
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Kenya Bryant
Curtis Wilson
Ronnie Kinnett
Tony Cooper
Cornelia Watts

Others in Attendance:

Francenia B. Heizer, Bond Attorney

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

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

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2012 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Lewis, Furgess, Mickens and Weiss.

4. Public Input:

Mr. Doctor Sims from the Gadsden community thanked RCRC for working with the community. Mr. Sims questioned if the old building will remain after the new building is constructed and he requested for the Gadsden community a gym, standard restrooms and access from Congaree Road to the park.

Chair Green directed the request to Mr. Brown, Executive Director.

Mr. Brown stated that in the bond there is a new community center and Mr. Kinnett added that the bond calls for \$1,500,000 for improvements which is slated to be a 6,000 square foot community center and it also mentions that it could be a possible joint venture with Richland School District One if they wanted to add another \$1,500,000 to move toward building a gymnasium.

Chair Green questioned the building and the port-a-johns. Mr. Kinnett stated that the design phase has not started and port-a-johns are in place.

Commissioner Lewis asked if someone from the administration, if not already, to work along with the community to hear the issues. Mr. Brown stated that he has met with the community and he will be happy to meet with Mr. Sims after the meeting.

Mr. Hainsley Lewis thanked the Director and Staff for the excellent effort put forth in helping get the Seventh Annual Crane Creek community back to school bash in motion. Mr. Lewis stated that it was very successful, not as big as the ones before because three other communities had back to school bashes that very day. Mr. Lewis reported that the next Crane Creek Back to School Bash will be held August 24, 2013 and he looks forward to the continued support of RCRC with special thanks to Mr. Brown.

Commissioner Lewis acknowledged the presence of two of his social work students from Columbia College.

5. Bond Resolution: (Action)

Ms. Frannie Heizer, Bond Attorney, presented the Resolution included in the Board's packet. Ms. Heizer stated that the Resolution would authorize the issuance and sale, of not to exceed \$13 million in General Obligation Bonds.

This would be the last borrowing available under the authority given by County Council back in 2008.

Ms. Heizer stated that she has worked with Mr. Brown and the Procurement Committee and even though there may still be a little bit of Bond proceeds left from the last issuance, two things are going on that would suggest that this would be an excellent time to issue bonds. First, the interest rates are historically low and second is that we want to be sure to be able to tell the County Auditor that we will have enough debt on the books to require that 3 Mils of taxes be levied and we would be in a position to send that sort of letter in preparation for the issuance of this debt.

Ms. Heizer recalled that one of the requirements of the Bond Program is that you stay under the 3 Mils of taxes and we have been able to do that very successfully so far and the Financial Advisor that is working on behalf of the Commission feels that with this last Bond issued that we will be able to guarantee that we stay under the 3 Mils.

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented made by Commissioner Weiss and second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Furgess, Lewis and Mickens.

6. Financial Report: (Information)

Mr. Curt Wilson reviewed Cash Flow Projection included in the Board's packet. Mr. Wilson reported other funding received: July \$60,000 reimbursement for money spent on the 21st Century Program; August \$16,000 for the use of Forest

Lake Park 21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Program Grant; and \$200 from the Foundation to help with the Eastover Park Gospel Fest. Mr. Wilson reported that the audit is 80% complete and targeted for October or November presentation. Mr. Wilson stated that the auditor would like to know if the Board is interested in a pre-meeting of the audit as was presented last year.

Mr. Wilson reported that LinRick started out with a good year, first two months are about 5.4% over the first two months of last year and they are better than they have been in the last three years.

Commissioners agreed to meet one hour prior to regular board meeting for the pre-audit presentation meeting.

7. Bond Construction Update: (Information)

Mr. Ronnie Kinnett reviewed the Bond Construction Updates included in the Board's packet.

Mr. Kenya Bryant added that the Kelly Mill Project has already been through the second reading at County Council.

8. Ad Hoc Committee Request: (Action)

Commissioner Weiss, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, reported that the committee met on August 16, 2012 and discussed many things going on in construction and he thanked Tony Cooper and Ronnie Kinnett for all they do with the committee. Commissioner Weiss stated that there are six members on the committee and there should really be an odd number, not that there has ever been a controversial vote, but an odd number would work better and by recommendation from the Staff Mr. Taurus Lewis, Division Head Facility Operations, be appointed as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the 2008 General Obligations Bond. Commissioner Weiss stated that he believes that Mr. Lewis could bring in a perspective that we don't currently have from a facilities point of view. Commissioner Weiss stated the current members of the committee for information; Frannie Heizer, Ronnie Kinnett, Bryan Crider, James Bridgett, Commissioner Furgess and Commissioner Weiss.

Motion to add Mr. Taurus Lewis to the Ad Hoc Committee made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Weiss and Lewis.

Commissioner Weiss stated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2012.

9. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Mr. James Brown, Executive Director, reported Agency Updates as listed on handout to Board.

Mr. Brown advised that Board meeting for October is scheduled for October 22, 2012 due to Commissioners attending the NRPA Conference on the regular scheduled date of October 15, 2012.

Mr. Brown reported that he has two requests for fee waivers. The first one is from United Hospice requesting to utilize the Adult Activity Center for monthly meetings on Saturdays for two hours. Mr. Brown stated that his recommendation would be to deny this request due to the fact that the AAC is closed on Saturdays and we would have to pay part time employees to come in to work. Mr. Brown stated that we will try to work with them for other accommodations. Mr. Brown stated that the second request is from A Beautiful Mind Tutoring Service requesting to use Friarsgate Park for free tutoring for at risk students in the Friarsgate area who needs help with their school work. Mr. Brown stated that it is his recommendation to allow the organization to use Friarsgate because we can accommodate them with the space and full time staff will already be at the park during operational hours.

10. Other Business:

Mr. Kenya Bryant reported receiving a proposal from The Greenway Group for replacing lights at our facilities with LED lights to become more energy efficient. Mr. Bryant stated that the Agency is considering the proposal and he invited the group to present and show their technology.

Mr. Sammie Taylor, from The Greenway Group, introduced the other members of his team; Mr. Michael McClain and Mr. Raymond Mars. Mr. Taylor stated that the Group's mission is primarily to help entities reduce their overall utility cost through energy efficient lighting. The Group demonstrated different lighting.

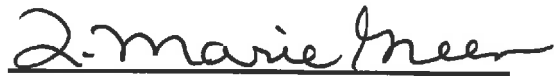
11. Executive Session:

No items for Executive Session

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

12. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 23rd day of October 2012.