

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2013
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Kenya Bryant
Ronnie Kinnett
Tara Dickerson
Curtis Wilson
Taurus Lewis
John "E" Rutherford
Andrea Fripp
Tony Cooper
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

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

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Commissioner Weiss noted correction on page three, second to last paragraph.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2013 Regular Board Meeting with correction as noted per Commissioner Weiss made by Commissioner Latiff and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Lewis, Latiff, Weiss and Martin.

4. Public Input:

No Public Input

5. Financial Report: (Information)

Mr. Curt Wilson, Business Operations, reported that the projected cash balance for June 30th improved in May. The cash balance will be a top priority for management until we get through December of this year and if at all possible, we can put all major repairs and purchases off until we get our major funding in January.

The third reading of the budget will be Wednesday night. We will find out after the reading what money the County will be giving us next year and hopefully we will get a good report which will help with our cash situation going forward.

The rounds at LinRick were the best in five years, most of them were during the weekdays when the prices were lower and coupons used. Revenue was not that great but it was \$365 over last May; year to date the total revenue at LinRick is 1.4% over where it was this time last year.

Mr. Wilson stated that June is the last month of our fiscal year so close out will be delayed until August, allowing late arriving bills to get into the proper fiscal year.

Commissioner Weiss asked if the projection is for \$0 more taxes to come in for this fiscal year.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is correct because they gave us everything in May that wrapped up what they promised us for the year.

Chair Green asked if there was still a TAN issue.

Mr. Wilson stated that with close management, he thinks that we can get by that hurdle.

6. LinRick Budget: (Action)

Mr. John Rutherford, LinRick Golf Course, stated that LinRick did have a great month. Mr. Rutherford shared with the Board that he runs the junior golf program and visits a lot of golf courses, especially this time of the year and he has talked with a lot of people and golf is not doing that well right now. Mr. Rutherford stated that he thinks LinRick is doing a lot better than most in Columbia.

Mr. Rutherford reported that this years' budget is pretty much the same as last years' budget; we eliminated a full time maintenance position and replaced it with a lower pay scale full time Asst. Manager position at the Club House and the purchase of a new tractor.

Motion to approve the 2013-2014 LinRick Budget made by Commissioner Latiff and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Latiff, Martin, Lewis and Weiss.

7. Bond Construction Update: (Information)

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

Commissioner Weiss referenced Bluff Road Park, questioning if there was anything more that we can do to get LCM to get us the documents to close the job.

Mr. Brown stated that he is working on it and will take care of it.

8. Policy Updates: (Action)

Mr. Kenya Bryant, Assistant Executive Director, reported a change in Policy #165 Privileges and Discounts as follows: page 2, number 4, Use of Recreation Facilities – Remove the sentence Parks Meeting rooms are free based on space availability (for employees). Add there will be a 50% discount for employees to use a Recreation Center Meeting Room with a limit of two rentals per year and then full rates apply.

Commissioner Weiss asked if any thought went into the Commissioners paying 50%, same as the employees.

Mr. Brown pointed out that Commissioners only get one rental per year at 100%.

Motion to approve amendments to policy #165 Privileges and Discounts made by Commissioner Lewis and second by Commissioner Weiss. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Lewis, Martin, Mickens and Latiff.

9. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Mr. James Brown, Executive Director, reported Agency updates as listed on handout to Board. Mr. Brown advised that there are two contractual matters for Executive Session.

10. Other Business:

Ms. Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, representing the Carolina School for Inquiry at the Crane Creek location, stated that she wanted some answers to some questions. Ms. Dixon-Mokeba stated that they were entering into negotiations with RCRC and talking with Mr. Brown about obtaining property at Crane Creek for the Carolina School of Inquiry. We were doing a facility assessment to make sure we knew what we were getting into. Ms. Dixon-Mokeba added that they are a charter school through Richland School District One, with 126 students and she was talking to Mr. Brown and Mr. Bryant about leasing the property for \$1.00. Ms. Dixon-Mokeba stated that she did not have keys to all the buildings, so when some of the people arrived to assess the property, she asked the Office Manager if she could show them around and she did not. Ms. Dixon-Mokeba stated that she then emailed Mr. Brown and Mr. Bryant and asked if they could assist her in this process and the next day she received a letter saying that they were no longer going to enter into an agreement with us because another opportunity had presented itself. Ms. Dixon-Mokeba stated that they were curious as to what happened because there were plans for expanding, offering a child development center to help kids get ready for school. Ms. Dixon-Mokeba stated that they just don't know what happened and she has called and emailed but has not gotten a response and that is why she is here.

Chair Green asked Mr. Brown if he would like to respond.

Mr. Brown stated that he will discuss with the Board in Executive Session and will make a follow-up call to Ms. Dixon-Mokeba.

Commissioner Latiff asked if the facility assessment was being done by the school.

Ms. Dixon-Mokeba stated that if they were going to enter into a lease and take over all the overhead cost, then they wanted to know what they were getting into so they hired an outside source to come in and do a facility assessment, plumbing, HVAC, etc. so that we could do our due diligence as an organization before taking over everything and then they told me to cease the assessment. Ms. Dixon-Mokeba advised that they did incur some cost and they don't know what happened because there has been no response from the calls and emails.

Chair Green asked if they moved forward with a facility assessment and Ms. Dixon-Mokeba stated yes, that Mr. Brown and Mr. Bryant stated that they could and she explained that anything she does like that, she ask permission first.

Chair Green stated that Ms. Dixon-Mokeba could wait until after Executive Session and Commissioner Lewis asked if this was a contractual matter. Mr. Brown stated yes and this would be a third contractual item for Executive Session.

The Board thanked Ms. Dixon-Mokeba for coming.

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

11. Executive Session:

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

Commissioner Weiss stated that Executive Session ended at 7:00p.m., no votes were taken, only general discussion concerning three contractual matters.

Chair Green stated that the first item discussed referencing Ms. Dixon-Mokeba from the CSI School is referred back to Mr. Brown, Executive Director.

Motion to approve the Ad Hoc's Committee recommendations to enter into contract with two Architectural & Engineering firms, The Boudreaux Group and John Bowman Architects, for Phase Three Projects of the 2008 General Obligation Bond upon signature from the RCRC Commission Chair made by Commissioner Weiss and second by Commissioner Latiff. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Latiff, Martin, Mickens and Lewis.

Motion to approve the City of Columbia's request for an additional 35 foot storm drainage easement in Greenview Park for the purpose of stabilizing and maintaining the stream that runs along the property boundary line made by Commissioner Weiss, second by Commissioner Latiff. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Latiff, Lewis, Mickens and Martin.

12. Election of Officers:

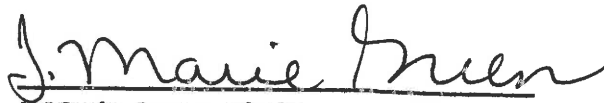
Chair Green called for the election of the Commission offices of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the term of 2013-2014.

Motion to elect officers currently in place for the next operating year made by Commissioner Lewis and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Lewis, Latiff, Mickens, Martin and Weiss.

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

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.


J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 15th day of July 2013.