

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2015
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
Wilbert Lewis
George Martin
Barbara Mickens

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Kenya Bryant
Ronnie Kinnett
Tara Dickerson
Taurus Lewis
Andrea Fripp James
Kasey Wilson
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Tony Cooper
Cornelia Watts

Others in Attendance:

James E. Bridgett, Jr., Consultant/Parliamentarian

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 adding an action item after Number 7 made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Mickens, Furgess, Lewis and Martin.

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Mickens and second by Commissioner Furgess with a correction on Page 3.

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

4. Public Input:

No Public Input

5. Financial Report:

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

Ms. James reported that the Foundation is working on a grant with the USTA to assist with repair cost for tennis courts. The Foundation's second annual Sonic Night Out is April 2nd and 10% of purchases will be donated to the Foundation. Sonic Night Out will be at the Sonic on Hard Scrabble Road from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. Ms. James reported that Ms. Lisa Lewis, Executive Director for the Foundation, has formed a partnership with the Marcus Latimore Foundation and they are in the process of planning some events.

Commissioner Furgess questioned if a decision has been made on which tennis courts will be repaired. Mr. Brown stated that RCRC handles one big ticket item per year and Caughman Road is scheduled for this year. Mr. Brown added that later on this year or the first of next year we will get to the Richland County Tennis Center. Ms. James stated that with the grant it is a possibility that it will pay a maximum of 50% towards the cost of repair.

Commissioner Mickens asked if Mr. Brown is referring to fiscal year or calendar year and Mr. Brown stated calendar year.

6. Bond Construction Update: (Information)

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

Commissioner Furgess questioned if Councilman Jackson is aware of the situation concerning the mini parks in Lower Richland. Mr. Bryant stated that the Councilmen are aware and are in the process of finding other options. Mr. Tony Cooper stated that Councilman Jackson has agreed to take the funding for two of the mini parks and use it to develop the property at Caughman Road where we are building an athletic field, picnic shelter and irrigation. Commissioner Furgess suggested that we get the agreement in writing.

Chair Green noted the number of mini parks in the beginning, being four, and after the agreement to move funding from two of the parks to Caughman, leaving two parks to find land.

7. Request from SCE&G: (Action)

Mr. Kinnett presented to the Board a request from SCE&G for a Right of Way Easement to install and maintain electrical service to the new Perrin Thomas Community Center at 1010 Andrews Road, Columbia, SC.

Mr. Kinnett also presented a proposal to enter into an agreement with the City of Columbia Department of Utilities and Engineering for water and sanitary sewer service for Ridgewood Park at 805 Crest Street.

Motion to accept Staff's recommendation from SCE&G and City of Columbia made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Martin and Mickens.

8. Executive Director Report: (Information)

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

Chair Green commented on the new Employee Recognition Program and applauded the 19 employees recognized.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he did not have a question regarding the ED report but after attending another meeting today and knowing that RCRC works with a lot of children, he would like to know if staff receives any training regarding the identification and reporting of suspected abuse and neglect.

Mr. Taurus Lewis, Division Head Facility Operations, stated that DSS sends a representative on site to train RCRC staff and we are required to report any suspected abuse or neglect to DSS.

9. Other Business:

Ms. Kasey Wilson, Financial Operations, presented a demonstration of the on line registration site.

10. Executive Session

None

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

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

J. Marie Green

J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 20th day of April 2015.