

Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 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
Tara Dickerson
Andrea James
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Marta Aldinger
Tony Cooper
Kasey Wilson
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

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

Chair Green called for adoption of the agenda and Commissioner Furgess motioned to move Item 10 Executive Session to the top; second by Commissioner Mickens.

Mr. Brown stated that there are no items for Executive Session.

Commissioner Furgess withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Mickens stated that she has item for Executive Session and Chair Green stated that Executive Session will remain Item No. 10.

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 March 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and April 4, 2016 Special Call 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:

Mr. Sherman Goodwin stated that he resides in the New Castle subdivision near the new community center and he is requesting that the Board make a correction on the name of New Castle on the building as it stands. Mr. Goodwin stated that on the building it is shown as two words, New and Castle and Newcastle has always been one word since the founding of the community. Mr. Goodwin stated that he made the request at the opening ceremony and after several calls to the Executive Director, he has gotten different reasons for not doing it, one being the cost of \$6,000 to \$7,000. Mr. Goodwin stated that his last call to Mr. Brown did not go very well and feels that Mr. Brown was very unprofessional. Mr. Goodwin stated that Mr. Brown made a suggestion that the community raise the money and he feels that this is not their function as they are taxpayers and this building is funded by taxpayer money. Mr. Goodwin stated that they have been asking for months to get this corrected and Mr. Brown ended up telling him that he was not going to make the change so he is appealing to the Board to make the change on the building. Mr. Goodwin added that the building has inadequate parking, with eleven spaces and two dedicated to handicapped. Mr. Goodwin advised that he has documentation showing that the name has always been one word.

Chair Green advised Mr. Goodwin that the Board will follow up with him on the matter.

5. New Paths Development & Consulting: (Action)

Mr. John Lewis thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before them and explained that they are developers who are looking to develop a 34 unit townhome complex adjacent to the Ridgewood Community Center. Mr. Lewis stated that they are requesting an easement to reach the water and sewer on Linden Street (handout to Commissioners). Mr. Lewis stated that they have walked the property with Councilman Livingston and Kenya Bryant.

Commissioner Lewis asked for a response from the Administration regarding the request.

Mr. Crider stated that he would like to see the engineering and architectural drawings with legal documentation that gives easement to property before we make a decision as an Agency. Mr. Crider added that as far as the proposal, he does not see a problem because it is no disruption to any of our property or events held there.

Chair Green questioned Mr. Crider on his recommendation stating that he is saying that the Board should wait on documents requested and Mr. Crider advised yes, with our legal and their legal working out the easements and so forth.

6. Financial Report: (Information)

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

7. Bond Construction Updates: (Information)

Tony Cooper presented Bond Updates included in the Board's packet.

8. Executive Director Report: (Information)

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

Commissioner Lewis asked if we were still on schedule to finish the Pine Grove project by the end of April and Mr. Brown along with Mr. Crider answered yes.

9. Other Business

No other Business

Motion to go into Executive Session to share information, Commissioner Lewis asked to amend the motion to also address a personnel matter; second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Clark and Martin.

10. 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.

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

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

J. Marie Green

J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 16th day of May 2016.