

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2016
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

Tara Dickerson
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Kasey Wilson
Jeffrey Brown
Erica Smalls
Keira Sessions
Demetria Goodwin
Tiyana White
Marta Aldinger
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 Clark.
Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Clark, Weeks and Martin.**

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the August 24, 2016 Special Call Board Meeting made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner

Weeks. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weeks, Martin and Clark.

4. Public Input:

Ms. Gene Blakely Parks read a letter requesting a waiver of fees to use the Adult Activity Center on Parklane Road every third Thursday from October 20, 2016 thru September 21, 2017 for monthly meetings of the Columbia Section of the National Council of Negro Women(a 501c3). Ms. Parks stated that the Council has been meeting in Classroom C for the past two years at no charge and before that they met at Meadowlake Park at no charge. The meeting was moved to Parklane for better parking and safety. The NCNW's mission is to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent and support for the families and communities. Ms. Parks asked for the waiver thru September 2017 after which they will find another place.

Chair Green referred request to Tara Dickerson and she explained that after Executive Director's review and staff recommendation, the request will be presented to Board for approval.

Mr. Hainsley Lewis, Lincolnshire Community, stated that it took the Community a long time to get a gym. Mr. Lewis stated that they selected a gym (with no meeting rooms/storage) similar to the gym at Denny Terrace because they thought at the time that they would always have the Community Center in the school. Mr. Lewis stated that when the young kids go to the gym they can't play because the big kids are playing basketball, volleyball, etc. Mr. Lewis requested that the two maintenance buildings on the property that are not needed, be removed and a Community Center built. Mr. Lewis added that they have a meeting room in the school (CSI) but they are at the mercy of the principal, who is very difficult to get along with. Mr. Lewis asked the Board if this is not the place to make this request, please give advice as to where to go because they definitely need a community center.

Commissioner Furgess stated that the request will be taken under advisement and they will get back with Mr. Lewis.

Ms. Sally Tryon, Board member of the Carolina School for Inquiry, and with her the Director, Ms. Victoria Dixon-Mokeba. Ms. Tryon stated that they are leasing the RCRC building on Fairfield Road in the Crane Creek community and they would like to inquire as to the possibility of the Carolina School of Inquiry purchasing the facility.

Chair Green referred to Tara Dickerson and Ms. Dickerson explained that this is a contractual matter and discussion of this matter will take place in Executive Session.

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. Request from Richland County EMS: (Action)

Mr. Bryan Crider presented request from Richland County EMS included in the Board's packet. Mr. Crider stated that Emergency Planner and Chief Meteorologist for Richland County, Ken Aucoin contacted RCRC requesting to put a 30 foot tower that monitors the weather at Crossroads, which is located at 378 and 601. The Richland County Weather Information Network Data System, known as RC WINDS is a high tech weather monitoring network used to better respond to emergency situations and now the is accessible to the public online at rewinds.com. Mr. Crider stated that they currently have 36 stations throughout Richland County and the only thing RCRC would provide is space for the tower and power for the USB collecting data.

Commissioner Furgess questioned the supply of power and Mr. Crider stated that it would only require a very minimal amount of power, maybe only 6 amps.

Chair Green questioned the duration, 24/7 and Mr. Crider stated yes and they would have a panel on the tower that they would have all their equipment stored and would not have access to any part of our building.

Commissioner Furgess questioned if the tower would interfere with any of our structure and Mr. Crider stated that it would not; he met with them on site to select a location.

Commissioner Clark questioned any safety concerns as to lightning and Mr. Crider advised that he did not ask about that but he would assume not since it is grounded.

Commissioner Furgess questioned fencing and Mr. Crider stated that he advised them that they would discuss fencing. Mr. Crider stated that they advised that there are sites that do not have any fencing but it would be our personal preference if we felt that we needed fencing.

Chair Green asked Mr. Crider for his recommendation and Mr. Crider stated that Property Management is comfortable with the request but he wanted to present to Board for feedback.

Chair Green questioned if there were any other RCRC facilities with the tower and Mr. Crider stated that currently there are none.

Ms. Tara Dickerson stated that there are currently no contracts for the towers that they have on sites and they said if the Board would like a contract for the tower and use of the facility that they would work something out.

Commissioner Furgess stated that he would like to see a contract to cover RCRC for the future and a fence for safety reasons concerning children.

Mr. Crider stated that he would work on it and report at next meeting.

(NO ACTION TAKEN)

8. Executive Director Report: (Information)

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

Ms. Dickerson presented three request for Waiver of Facility Fees from Building Better Communities, a non-profit organization; Odyssey Golf Foundation, a 501 c 3, and local public school district ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages).

Motion to approve Waiver of Facility Fees at St. Andrews Park, North Springs Park and Hopkins Park made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Weeks. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weeks, Clark and Martin.

9. Other Business

No other Business

Motion to go into Executive Session for 4 contractual items made by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Clark, Furgess, Martin and Weeks.

10. Executive Session

Commissioner Furgess stated that no actions were taken in Executive Session.

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

Motion by Chair Green to further look into CSI's situation and get back with them at next meeting, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved.

Motion by Chair Green to approve Eastover Park as an offsite shelter facility for Webber, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved.

Motion by Chair Green to sign The First Right of Refusal for Rimer Pond Road, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Marie Green". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 17th day of October 2016.