

APPROVED MINUTES  
CHARLESTON COUNTY PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
861 RIVERLAND DRIVE, CHARLESTON, SC, 29412  
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

**Commission Members Present:** Mr. Collin Bruner, Ms. Dale Aren, Ms. Lisa King (via teleconference), Ms. Mattese Lecque, Mr. Teddy Manos (via teleconference), and Mr. Brad Taggart

**Commission Members Not Present:** Mr. Eduardo Curry

**Staff Present:** Mr. David Bennett, Mr. Kevin Bowie, Mr. Charlie McManus, Mr. Phil Macchia, Ms. Gina Ellis-Strother, Mr. Greg Elliott (via teleconference), Ms. Renee Dickinson (via teleconference), Ms. Patty Newshutz (via teleconference), Mr. Steve Hutton (via teleconference), Mr. Tommy Hale (via teleconference), Ms. Shanté Ellis, Ms. Marcie Chiappone, Lisa Knisley-White (via teleconference), Mr. Matt Rosebrock (via teleconference), Ms. Alison Foster (via teleconference), and Mr. Michael Bradley (via teleconference).

**Legal Counsel Present:** Mr. Dwayne Green

**Guests Present:** Mr. Thomas Pendarvis (via teleconference)

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

A. Introduction of Guests and Notification to Media

The Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission met on Monday, May 17, 2021 at the CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC. Mr. Bruner, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Bruner informed those present that notification of the meeting was sent to the local news media and others requesting notification.

Motion to move agenda item VD to item II and enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters was made by Ms. Lecque, seconded by Mr. Taggart, and approved by the Commission. (#044-2021)

**II. Executive Session (Legal Matters)**

Upon coming out of Executive Session, the Chair stated that legal matters had been discussed and no action was recommended to take.

**III. Public Comments and Presentations**

A. None

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. (ACTION) Approval of April 19, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Ms. Lecque, seconded by Ms. Aren, and approved by the Commission. (#045-2021)

**V. Old Business**

A. None

## VI. New Business

### A. Planning and Development (P&D) Update

Mr. Bowie presented an update on the following Commission approved Capital Projects:

- **Folly Beach Fishing Pier**
  - The Apron Gift Shop opened Thursday, May 13.
  - Pier 101 will not reopen until March 2022 due to COVID hospitality impacts and construction. During the closure, lessee would like to reinvest in renovations to the current building (i.e. floors, windows, paint, and food service equipment). They plan to pick up the 5-year contract renewal option.
- **Sol Legare Boat Landing – Upland Improvements**
  - A pending action item that was publicly advertised via an Invitation for Bid. Six firms responded. The lowest bidder was Truluck Construction for \$108,815. The project is funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Sport Fish Restoration Fund and Charleston County Water Recreation Fund. The scope of work includes ADA parking and connections, rumble strips and markings at the road ends, kiosk, fire hydrant relocation, parking area improvements, and paving the circular turn-around.
- **Willtown Community Center – Consulting Service**
  - A pending action item that was publicly advertised via a Request for Bid. Two firms responded. The best technical response was ESP Associates Inc. for \$90,600. The scope of work includes design development, permitting, and construction documents & administration.
- **Cooper River Marina Transient Dock Repairs Project – USFWS Grant**
  - USFWS has awarded CCPRC their Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) that is pending Commission approval for the maintenance of the transient dock. The grant is a 60/40 match with the grant supporting \$163,935 and CCPRC supporting \$110,665 to replace thru-rods, finger gusset brackets, and pile guides.
- **Johns Island County Park**
  - Dog park will host a Yappy Hour Style opening event the afternoon/evening of Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 pm with disc golf, 5K trail run, roving interpretation, and more.

### B. Financial Report

Mr. McManus presented and reviewed the checks over \$7500 and financial reports for the month of March. There were no further questions from the Commission.

#### a. (ACTION) Lease Agreement Extension for Executive Hall Property

Motion to approve a two-year lease extension with Martschink Realty Company for the Executive Hall Property for \$62,580 per year for two years with funds coming from the approved General Agency Budget was made by Ms. Lecque, seconded by Ms. Aren, and approved by the Commission. (#046-2021)

b. (ACTION) Sol Legare Boat Landing Phase II Upland Improvements Contract

Motion to enter into a contract with Truluck Construction, Inc., for Sol Legare Boat Landing Phase II Upland Improvements in the amount of \$108,815 with the funds coming from the approved CIP budget was made by Ms. Aren, seconded by Mr. Taggart, and approved by the Commission. (#047-2021)

c. (ACTION) West County Rural Recreation Site - Consultant Services for Willtown Community Center Contract

Motion to enter into a contract with ESP Associates Inc. in the amount of \$90,600 for consultant services for the West County Rural Recreation Site - Willtown Community Center with the funds coming from the approved CIP budget was made by Mr. Taggart, seconded by Ms. Aren, and approved by the Commission. (#048-2021)

d. (ACTION) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Grant Acceptance

Motion to accept a \$163,935 grant from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the Cooper River Marina Transient Dock Repairs Project with CCPRC's match of \$110,665 coming from the CIP Reserve Funds was made by Ms. Aren, seconded by Mr. Taggart, and approved by the Commission. (#049-2021)

C. Commission Highlight: West County Aquatic Center

Ms. Gina Ellis-Strother introduced Mr. Michael Bradley, Parks Manager, Ms. Alison Foster, Fitness & Wellness Manager, and Mr. Matt Rosebrock, Business Development Manager and thanked them for their contributions to the West County Aquatic Center's (WCAC) success. Mr. Bradley stated the Genesis Pool at the WCAC was built with the mission to save lives. He gave a brief 2021 facility overview and noted that swim lessons are being coordinated with the goal of community education and reducing drowning incidents. Ms. Foster stated that Starfish Swim Lessons and inclusive programs have been hosted. She stated that the Swim Club is in full swing and has received great public feedback. She also noted that fitness classes (i.e. H2O Moves and Balance & Flexibility) have been well received. She noted that the programs are building trust with the community and cultivating a swim culture. Mr. Rosebrock noted the importance and impacts of the Charleston County Parks Foundation Genesis Project. He noted that the program scholarships are impacting the community's buy in to the facility and the projects mission. Mr. Bradley noted the following future programs:

- scholarship only classes;
- swim team;
- swim meets;
- community events; and
- junior lifeguard.

## VII. Next Meeting

Regular Commission Meeting, Monday, June 21, 2021, 5:30 pm at CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.



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Collin Bruner, Chair



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Marcie Chiappone, Executive Administrative Associate