

Approved Minutes
Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission (CCPRC)
Regular Commission Meeting
861 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC, 29412
Monday, April 18, 2022

Commission Members Present: Mr. Collin Bruner, Mr. Eduardo Curry, Mr. Brad Taggart, Ms. Michelle Brandt, Ms. Lisa King, Ms. Mattese Lecque, and Mr. Teddy Manos.

Staff Present: Mr. David Bennett, Mr. Kevin Bowie, Mr. Phil Macchia, Ms. Gina Ellis-Strother, Ms. Christine Volousky (via teleconference), Ms. Patty Newshutz, Ms. Renee Dickinson (via teleconference), Mr. Steve Hutton, Ms. Shanté Ellis, Ms. Marcie Chiappone, Ms. Lisa Knisley-White (via teleconference), Ms. Melissa Muse (via teleconference), Mr. John Massey, and Mr. Joel Warren.

Legal Counsel Not Present: Mr. Dwayne Green.

Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order and Welcome

A. Introduction of Guests and Notification to Media

The Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission met on Monday, April 18, 2022 at the CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC and virtually via www.charlestoncountyparks.com. 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.

II. Public Comments and Presentations

A. None

III. Approval of Minutes

A. (ACTION) Approval of March 14, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Ms. King seconded by Ms. Lecque, and approved by the Commission. (#057-2122)

B. (ACTION) Approval of April 5, 2022 Commission Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 Commission Personnel Committee Meeting was made by Ms. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Curry, and approved by the Commission. (#058-2122)

IV. Old Business

A. None

V. New Business

A. Planning and Development (P&D) Update

Mr. Bowie reviewed the following:

a. Lowcountry Cajun Festival

The Lowcountry Cajun Festival was hosted on April 9 with just over 8,000 attendees.

b. Folly Beach Pier Update

The work on the pier continues to progress well. He noted next year by late spring the project should be completed.

c. Wannamaker County Park's Park Center Building

The basic layout of the building has been determined. The project's completion timeline is Summer 2023.

d. Caw Caw Interpretive Center Trunk Repair

The repair work on the trunk is complete.

e. McLeod Plantation Project

There was a preliminary estimate of 60-70 cemetery sites. However after the agency's consultant (New South Associates), conducted visual surveys and soil probes the estimate is now 250-300 sites. The project's next steps include:

- digital mapping;
- ground penetrating radar;
- scent detection K-9s; and
- the collection of oral histories.

f. Grants

- IOP Beach Access – Accessible Boardwalk/Showers
 - i. Pending \$427,828 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) with a 50/50 match requirement.
 - ii. South Carolina Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (SCPRT) gave this project their regional significance designation.
- Shem Creek Boat Landing – Accessibility & Paving Improvements
 - i. Pending \$448,486 grant from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) the following split:
 1. 75% from the US Fish and Wildlife; and
 2. 25% from the Charleston County Water Recreation Fund.

B. Financial Report

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

a. (ACTION) Noisette Community Redevelopment TIF District- Resolution

Motion to authorize a resolution for the Commission to consent to the removal of four parcels from the Noisette Community Redevelopment Project Area (TIF) from the City of North Charleston and put the properties back on the tax rolls was made by Ms. Lecque, seconded by Mr. Taggart, and approved by the Commission. (#059-2122)

C. Commission Highlight: Community Recreation

Mr. Hutton introduced Mr. Massey, Assistant Director for Community Education. Mr. Massey reviewed his current role with the agency as directing races/runs and community recreation. He stated a portion of his community recreation related tasks are to maintain the agency's relationship with the Charleston County School District (CCSD) and oversee the recreation of unincorporated sections of the county. Mr. Massey introduced Joel Warren, Community Recreation Manager. Mr. Warren stated that there are seven full-time staff that make up the Community Recreation Team with over 150 years of combined professional experience. Each staff member is a Certified Youth Sports Administrator through the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS). All of the volunteer coaches are required to complete a background check and receive a NAYS Coaches Association Training Certificate. Mr. Warren stated that the Community Recreation Team helps the agency serve three main Charleston County unincorporated areas:

- McClellanville/Awendaw;
- Johns Island/Wadmalaw; and
- Hollywood/Ravenel (Edisto, Parkers Ferry, Adams Run, Willtown, Meggett, etc).

Mr. Warren noted that the target audience of the team is the underserved rural constituents of Charleston County. He noted they offer four types of service:

- special events;
- after-school programming;
- summer camps; and
- youth sports.

He noted they serve over 400 children per week in all seven rural elementary schools:

- St. James Santee Elementary (McClellanville);
- Angel Oak Elementary (Johns Island);
- Mount Zion Elementary (Johns Island);
- EL Frierson Elementary (Wadmalaw Island);
- EB Ellington Elementary (Ravenel);
- Minnie Hughes Elementary (Parkers Ferry); and
- Jane Edwards Elementary (Edisto Island).

They serve over 300 children per week with summer camp for ages ranging from 5-12. They also provide a Junior Counselor Program for ages 13-14. Most of the camps are offered jointly with CCSD. Summer camps include:

- CCSD Academic Programming: Monday-Thursday mornings;

- CCPRC Recreation Programming: Monday-Thursday afternoons and full-days on Friday; and
- field trips, CCPRC waterpark visits, portable pool program, etc.

The Portable Pool operates in 3-4 locations per season for a minimum of two weeks per site. This allows eight 30-minute lessons per child using the Starfish Aquatics curriculum. Lifeguard and swim instructors are provided by CCPRC's Safety and West County Aquatic Center staff. Several hundred children (ages 4-14) compete in the following rural recreation youth sports programs each year: football, basketball, cheerleading, dance, wrestling, soccer, track & field, volleyball, tennis, pickleball, archery, karate, etc. Open gym and weight rooms are accessible four nights each week.

Mr. Bruner noted that Mr. Warren's presentation highlights why all of the Commissioners decided to serve. He noted that it was great to hear that there has been vast improvements made along the years. Mr. Bruner reiterated that any ideas the staff have regarding future improvements would be welcome and supported.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. Regular Commission Meeting, Monday, May 16, 2022, 5:30pm at CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Collin Bruner, Chair



Shanté Ellis, Executive Administrative Manager