

APPROVED MINUTES
CHARLESTON COUNTY PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
861 RIVERLAND DRIVE, CHARLESTON, SC, 29412
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

Commission Members Present: Mr. Eduardo Curry, Ms. Dale Aren, Ms. Lisa King, and Ms. Mattese Lecque

Commission Members Not Present: Mr. Collin Bruner, Mr. Teddy Manos, and Mr. Brad Taggart

Staff Present: Mr. David Bennett, Mr. Kevin Bowie, Mr. Charlie McManus, Mr. Phil Macchia, Ms. Gina Ellis-Strother, Ms. Renee Dickinson, Ms. Patty Newshutz, Mr. Tommy Hale (via teleconference), Ms. Christine Volousky (via teleconference), Ms. Jan Coulter (via teleconference), Ms. Marcie Chiappone, Lisa Knisley-White (via teleconference), Mr. Alec Pourmoghadam (via teleconference), Mr. Brendan Pugh (via teleconference), Ms. Brice Heath (via teleconference), and Ms. Kate Copeland (via teleconference)

Legal Counsel Present: None

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, July 19, 2021 at the CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC. Mr. Curry, Commission Vice Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Curry informed those present that notification of the meeting was sent to the local news media and others requesting notification

II. Public Comments and Presentations

Mr. Curry thanked agency staff for their hard work and dedication to bring joy to the public.

Ms. Aren inquired about the current erosion situation at the Caw Caw Interpretive Center property. Mr. Macchia stated staff are working to get a recommendation on how to best correct the situation. Mr. Bowie stated that the erosion started as a minor issue. Staff originally contacted a consultant and coordinated a site visit to investigate repair options. However, suddenly due to an influx of rain, the issue worsened. Staff will provide an update for the Commission soon.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. (ACTION) Approval of June 21, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Lecque, and approved by the Commission. (#001-2122)

IV. Old Business

A. None

V. New Business

A. Introduction of Interns

Mr. Bennett reviewed the agency internship program. Ms. Volousky and Ms. Dickinson introduced the summer interns:

- Ms. Kate Copeland – Community Recreation/Races & Runs
- Kendra De Graaf – Palmetto Islands County Park
- Ms. Brice Heath – James Island County Park
- Mr. Alec Pourmoghadam – Marketing Division
- Mr. Brendan Pugh – Wannamaker County Park

B. Planning and Development (P&D) Update

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

- **Publicly Advertised Bids**
 - Request for Proposals – Master Planning Services for the development of a “10-Year Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails (PROST) Master Plan” was posted on June 17, 2021 and will close on July 22, 2021.
- **Folly Beach Fishing Pier**
 - This project’s update was provided during the Commission Highlight portion of the meeting.
- **Sol Legare Boat Landing – Upland Improvements**
 - The upland improvements have been completed. Areas have been paved, ADA parking spaces and “Road Ends in Water” signage have been added.

a. (ACTION) Naming of Features at Old Towne Creek County Park

Mr. Bowie reviewed the history of the Old Town Creek County Park property. Emily Farrow had a wish in her trust to have the park named after her mother to honor her. However, to memorialize the family history, staff is recommending to name the main house the “Emily Simmons Ravenel House”. He stated that “Ashem” is a combination of “Ashby” and “Emily”. Staff believes that it would be more fitting and historically accurate to name the arboretum the “Ashem Arboretum”. Mr. Bennett reminded that the Commission is not legally bound to commit to the proposed naming of these facilities.

- Main House: Emily Simmons Ravenel House
- Arboretum: Ashem (Ashby and Emily Farrow) Arboretum

Motion to name the Old Towne Creek County Park’s main house the “Emily Simmons Ravenel House” and name the arboretum the “Ashem Arboretum” was made by Ms. Lecque, seconded by Ms. King, and approved by the Commission. (#002-2122)

b. (ACTION) Folly Beach Boat Landing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mr. Bowie stated the mayor of Folly Beach submitted a request in March 2020 to build and maintain a dock at their own cost and expense for the purpose of public water safety. Mr. Maachia stated that the agency would have access to this dock for training purposes.

Motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Folly Beach to allow a dock for city emergency water response equipment to be located at the Folly Boat Landing property was made by Ms. Aren, seconded by Ms. King, and approved by the Commission. (#003-2122)

C. Financial Report

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

a. (ACTION) Sol Legare Boat Landing Improvements – Change Order Request

Motion to approve a \$11,686.10 change order with Jon Guerry Taylor & Associates for consultant services for the Sol Legare Boat Landing Improvement Project with funds coming from the approved CIP Budget was made by Ms. Lecque, seconded by Ms. Aren, and approved by the Commission. (#004-2122)

b. (ACTION) Purchase of Storage Area Networks (SANs) and Hosts for IT

Motion to approve the purchase of replacement SANs and Hosts for Information Technologies in the amount of \$77,813.00 from eGroup under the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance with funds coming from the approved IT General Agency Budget was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Aren, and approved by the Commission. (#005-2122)

D. Commission Highlight: Folly Beach Pier Update

Commission reviewed the latest time-lapse video of the pier progress on the agency website; <https://www.ccprc.com/3366/Folly-Beach-Fishing-Pier-Replacement>.

Ms. Newshutz reviewed the following timeline milestones and reviewed the new or improved features of the pier. Ms. Dickinson presented samples of pier slices that will soon be sold to benefit the Charleston County Parks Foundation.

- Timeline Milestones:
 - September 2020 - Press Conference hosted.
 - October 19, 2020 - Pier closed to public for construction.
 - April 2021 - Crane trestle construction began.
 - May 1, 2021 - Turtle nesting season began.
 - May 13, 2021 - Operations to public and half of the parking lot opened.
 - May 2021 - Marine species watch began.
 - May-July 2021 - Construction of crane trestle out to diamond head began. Concrete pile tested for diamond head. Building pier components placed onshore.
 - **Project remains on schedule for completion in Spring 2023.**

- Folly Beach Pier new or improved features include:
 - roof replacement;
 - shade structure on the gift shop side of pier;
 - improved showers & changing stations; and
 - accessibility improvements or modifications (i.e. beach access, ramp to upper deck/pier level).

- The Legacy Core Value Committee will be preserving, authenticating, and coordinating the sale of pieces of the old Folly Beach Pier. All of the proceeds from the sales will benefit the Charleston County Parks Foundation. Cape Romain Contractors pulled select pilings. An online interest form was promoted for people who would like a piece of the pier – **4,457** filled it out! Dockmasters was contracted to produce 5000 pieces. A custom brand featuring the pier was created to authenticate each piece. Each piece will also include a serial number. Every piece is unique, some have patterns from the marine borers where others showcase the beauty of the tree rings. A pre-order e-mail will be sent to those who completed the interest form. Any pieces not sold through the pre-order will be sold at the piers.

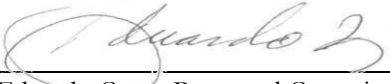
- Mr. Macchia stated that Pier 101 is a current tenant of the Folly Beach Fishing Pier and has a 10-year lease with 5-year renewable terms. Staff have met with Pier 101 to negotiate their next 5-year lease. Staff anticipate the restaurant will re-open in March 2022.

VII. Next Meeting

Regular Commission Meeting, Monday, August 16, 2021, 5:30 pm at CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Curry, Personnel Committee Chair



Marcie Chiappone, Executive Administrative Associate