

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2003
PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE
2:30 P.M.**

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Orethia White, Vice Chair
Corinne Hagood
James A. Vicar
Allan Stern

Absent: Thomas Mobley
William Brown
Michael Manesiotis

PALS Staff: John Miller, Jr., Acting Division Head, Division of Parks and Leisure
Joe Penale, Acting Deputy Division Head, Superintendent SOB
William Sprague, PALS Aquatics Supervisor
Norma Baker, Assistant to the Division Head, Division of Parks and Leisure

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2, 2003 AGENDA

Ms. White motioned to approve October 2, 2003 agenda.

Mr. Stern seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2003 MINUTES

Ms. White motioned to approve September 4, 2003 minutes.

Mr. Stern seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Mr. Vicar abstained because of absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PRESENTATION BY BEAUFORT COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Anthony Criscitiello, Division Head, Planning, introduced guests:

Bob Studhard, Pathways Connect
Carol Heitman, Greater Bluffton Pathway
Collin Kinton, Engineer/Planner

Mr. Criscitiello explained the planning committee goal is to combine Beaufort County's, Northern and Southern pathways. He introduced John Holloway to present plan to Board.

Presentation by John Holloway, Natural Resources Planner:

Mr. Holloway displayed maps of Northern Beaufort and Southern Beaufort County. Maps showed how Northern and Southern Beaufort County pathways would join. PALS Board received copies for review. Plan to join pathways began two years ago.

Planning priorities are to connect Northern Beaufort County rail line from Port Royal to Yemassee, waterline from Parris Island to Burton Wells and Highway 21 from St. Helena Island to Hunting Island.

Southern Beaufort County priority is to connect Town of Bluffton to Palmetto Bluff and Town of Hilton Head Island to Pinckney Island. Currently, Hilton Head Island has 50 miles of trails. Mr. Holloway asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Vicar asked what the time line is for endorsement. Mr. Criscitiello stated PALS Board could take as much time as necessary. Mr. Vicar stated he believes staff has already completed the research and has confidence in the plans.

Mr. Stern asked about Old Joy Road dispute. Ms. Heitman stated 91% population was in favor of Old Joy Road trail. Greater Bluffton Pathways designed a loop around Chad Landing keeping all concerned citizens pleased.

Mr. Criscitiello stated staff would like to apply for grants and having the plan endorsed is a large part of receiving a grant. Mr. Stern stated he agrees with Mr. Vicar regarding accurate staff research.

Mr. Vicar motioned to endorse Plan for North and South of Broad River as submitted. Mr. Stern seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Mr. Criscitiello thanked the PALS Board and John Miller, Jr. for his efforts with the Beaufort County Trails and Blueways Plan.

BURTON WELLS UPDATE

Mr. Miller gave Mr. Boehm a tour of Burton Wells Complex Thursday, October 2, 2003.

Main Road is scheduled for paving in the next two weeks.

Light poles on Soccer Field are going up now.

Baseball complex sidewalks are complete.

Baseball fields are being prepared for clay. Two weeks after clay, sod will be placed. Fields should be complete Thursday, October 23, 2003.

Soccer Concession Building masonry is almost complete. Roof construction will begin next week.

Headquarters Building inside offices are painted. Windows and doors are installed.

Electricity should be turned on Thursday, October 2, 2003 and HVAC will be tested.

Mr. Vicar asked if all this is finished, why not an earlier move date. Mr. Miller stated, January is possible, however, March is definite. Mr. Vicar stated he would like Thursday, February 5, 2004 meeting to be held at Burton Wells. Mr. Vicar stated he has been on PALS Board 12 years and would like to have his last meeting at the new Burton Wells Complex.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Hagood stated the Program Committee met Thursday, September 4, 2003 and gave their list of recommendations for Adult and Senior Programs;

- Adult day care (several hours to give caregivers a break).
- Free health screenings such as diabetes and blood pressure.
- Senior Health and wellness awareness program.
- Low impact aerobics and yoga (with a doctor's note).
- Home economics demonstrations with tasting and heart-healthy recipes.
- Sewing, crafts, card and table games.
- Combine seniors with children for book reading and homework helping.
- Day trips.
- Bowling league organization and Tennis.
- Senior Olympics.

Mr. Vicar asked what funds would be used to support new programs. Ms. Hagood stated some programs are self-supporting. Mr. Miller suggested list of proposals be forwarded to staff. Mr. Vicar requested Board be briefed on recommendations. Mr. Middleton asked staff to inform Board what is being done and what can be done.

Mr. Stern requested an update on Finance Committee recommendations from Thursday, September 4, 2003 meeting. Mr. Miller stated it would go before Public Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 14, 2003.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

PALS sponsored Citadel Soccer Camp with 40 participants Tuesday, September 23 through Thursday, September 25, 2003; cost was \$60.00 per participants ages seven through fifteen.

PALS have two adult women's soccer teams. Games are Friday nights.

Construction at Dale Center is going well. Contractors are working on inside framing. Bricks have been delivered.

Outside slab is being poured for Scott Center. Construction began the week of September 22, 2003.

Greene Street and Mink Point Gym Floors have been replaced and lined; the gyms will open to the public during week of October 6, 2003.

Greene Street Gym Bleacher reconditioning will begin the week of October 6, 2003.

Camp St. Mary's is closed. Public Works will demolish dangerous buildings. PALS are moving forward with master plan. Citizens are concerned about Dock; there are no lights, security or supervision.

CIP Project status requested by Mr. Mobley during Thursday, September 5, 2003 Board meeting information is included in Board packet. Mr. Miller offered to answer any questions, comments or location of projects. No questions asked.

Information on prayers at public meetings is located in Board packet for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Vicar inquired about request to re-name Coosaw Community Center. Mr. Miller stated it was forwarded to Coosaw Community Association. Letters are in Board packets for informational purposes. President of the Association will conduct meeting, discuss re-naming the center and inform PALS of their decision.

Mr. Vicar thanked the Board for the card sent while he was ill.

Mr. Vicar stated McCracken Stadium concession stand/press box needs demolished. Bluffton Bulldogs requested permission to do so from the school board and PALS.

Mr. Vicar also stated there is a piece of land available behind Beaufort Middle School football field. PALS may want to inquire about land for a new park. Land has septic system and electricity. Mr. Vicar is in charge of getting it cleaned and repaired.

Mr. Vicars' term on PALS Board expires February 2004. The at-large seat he fills is a rotating North and South of Broad seat. The next representative should come from South of Broad. The Board may want to begin looking for interested, active party to fill his seat. Mr. Boehm suggested involving County Council members. Mr. Boehm stated research would be done to find specifics on how to fill Mr. Vicars seat.

Mr. Boehm stated if board members have not yet been called, they might be in reference to Camp St. Mary's by Mr. Jerry Reeves. Mr. Boehm suggested beginning demolition of the buildings as soon as possible. Buildings are a danger to the public. Public Works will lock buildings and check for lead paint and asbestos.

PALS want to keep the dock open. It is a good and busy dock. Trash cans will be put out and dock hours will be posted to ensure liability coverage.

Mr. Vicar made a motion PALS Board agree with and endorse Public Works demolition of unsafe buildings at Camp St. Mary's. Ms. Hagood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, November 6, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parks and Leisure Services Main Office, Port Royal, SC 29935.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.