

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Bluffton Recreation Center  
Thursday, January 8, 2009  
2:30 PM

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**Board Members Present:** Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
Allan Stern, Vice Chairman  
Robert Anderson  
William Grayson  
Corrine Hagood  
Michael Manesiotis  
Thomas Mobley

**Board Members Absent:** William Brown  
Bill Evans

**Staff Present:** Eddie Bellamy, Director of Public Works  
John Miller, Director of Northern Beaufort PALS  
Joseph Penale, Director of Southern Beaufort PALS  
Sherry Jones, Assistant to PALS Directors

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Arthur Middleton, Chairman, at 2:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2009 AGENDA**

It was motioned by Allan Stern and seconded by Thomas Mobley to approve the January 8, 2009 agenda. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2008 MINUTES**

It was motioned by Allan Stern and seconded by Thomas Mobley to approve the December 4, 2008 minutes. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

*Northern Beaufort – John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- A. Board Meeting Location Change – Mr. Miller informed the Board that PALS received an e-mail from Mr. Kubic's office requiring all PALS Board meetings to be held at the Beaufort Industrial Village, Bldg. 2 effective beginning February to be televised. Mr. Miller explained that this is an effort to broadcast all County Meetings so that the public can be informed. Mr. Miller asked the Board to vote to approve the new schedule that would change from alternating between Burton Wells and Bluffton Centers to all

meetings at BIV 2. Mr. Grayson asked if there were any Southern Sites that the Board could meet at to still allow alternating options with the slowing economy and gas prices. Mr. Miller explained that he would check into the possibilities and inform the Board at the next meeting. The Board resigned from voting until clarity is given.

- B. Fort Fremont Park – PALS has received the final copies of the Preservation Plan from Cullen Chambers. Copies will be made and disbursed to all necessary County Officials. If Board Members would like to receive a copy of the plan they can contact Sherry Jones.
- C. Crystal Lake Park – Lad Howell is working on the project to expedite the negotiations. The negotiations process should be completed by late Winter or early Spring.
- D. Senior Services Center – Construction is complete and open house is scheduled for January 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM. The Board will receive invitations soon.
- E. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement – Suggested amendments by Attorney Lad Howell have been forwarded to the Boys and Girls Club. PALS is awaiting a response.
- F. Coosaw Center Lease – The lease has been signed and executed which will extend the lease to December 1, 2024. This project is complete.
- G. Registration – PALS is currently registering for Spring Baseball, Softball, & Soccer
- H. Special Events – Port Royal Staff in conjunction with Technical College of the Lowcountry sponsored a Senior Graduation that allowed seniors to complete a nine-week program of reading, writing, and arithmetic. It allowed seniors that did not have an opportunity to complete school, receive an honorary diploma. Burton Wells, Dale, and Booker T. Washington Staff sponsored a Senior Banquet to show PALS appreciation to the senior participants.

#### *Southern Beaufort – Joe Penale reporting*

- A. Bluffton Center and Gym Renovations – Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> PALS held a Grand Opening of the newly renovated gym and recreation center. The only other project left is to resurface the tennis courts. Mr. Stern asked Mr. Penale if the County was considering gravel or some other type surfacing for the parking lot rather than sand for long term maintenance of gym floors. Mr. Penale explained that he would check into it but is unsure if there is any funding available for it.
- B. Bluffton Tennis Courts – Resurfaced will take place the end of January or beginning of February.
- C. ABBS Field lining phase-out – Mr. Penale informed the Board of his meeting with Justin Newman, President of ABBS and Bryan Hill, Deputy County Administrator, to discuss phasing out of County lining the fields. It has been discussed that the County will only line the fields Monday thru Friday only if there will be games. The County will only provide supplies for this year. ABBS will be responsible for any lining supplies and equipment after this year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Middleton informed the Board that he met with County Officials to discuss the future of PALS. The question was asked where the Board want to see PALS in 3 years. Mr. Middleton asked members to start thinking of the future of PALS programs and the topic will be discussed at future meetings. Mr. Grayson asked Mr. Middleton if this is a one-time three year plan or continuous. Mr. Middleton explained that this will be a continuous plan. Mr. Stern asked Mr. Miller and Mr. Penale to provide a list of current and future/perspective programs to the Board prior to the discussions.

Mr. Manesiotis asked Mr. Miller and Mr. Penale if they've ever spent any time in Aiken or other PALS facilities to get ideas for programs, etc. Mr. Miller explained that Mr. Penale and he have spent time with other PALS Directors to exchange ideas. The issue is not formulating ideas for programs but funding programs. Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Penale will supply the Board with requested listing of programs.

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Middleton thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 2:30 pm at the Beaufort Industrial Village, Bldg. 2, Beaufort, South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.