

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

Conference Room  
Beaufort Industrial Park, Building 102  
Thursday, March 5, 2009  
2:30 PM

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**Board Members Present:** Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
Allan Stern, Vice Chairman  
William Brown  
Ronald Campbell  
William Grayson  
Michael Manesiotis  
Norman Varnes

**Board Members Absent:** Robert Anderson  
Bill Evans

**Staff Present:** Bryan Hill, Deputy Administrator  
John Miller, Director of Northern Beaufort PALS  
Joseph Penale, Director of Southern Beaufort PALS  
Sherry Jones, Assistant to PALS Directors

**Guests Present:** Corinne Hagood, Former Board Member  
Thomas Mobley, Former Board Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Arthur Middleton, Chairman, at 2:35 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2009 AGENDA**

It was motioned by Allan Stern and seconded by Ronald Campbell to approve the March 5, 2009 agenda. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 5, 2009 MINUTES**

It was motioned by Allan Stern and seconded by William Brown to approve the February 5, 2009 minutes. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. Middleton presented plaques to Mr. Mobley and Mrs. Hagood for eight years of services to the PALS Advisory Board. Mr. Mobley and Mrs. Hagood thanked the Board and Staff for allowing them to serve.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

## DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

### *Northern Beaufort – John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- A. Fort Fremont Park – Visited the site and is still looking at what measures to take for Phase II. Spoke with Graybar fencing referencing the safety fencing with the idea to lock the front gate and placing a pedestrian gate up. One will not be able to drive into the fort once the gates are in place. The gates should go up soon.
- B. Senior Services Center – Grand Opening was Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Still working through deficiencies with Public Works to have contractor to come back and redo. Mr. Manesiotis asked the total cost for the Senior Center. Mr. Miller explained the cost was \$550,000 with \$360,000 from a State Grant and the remainder from County CIP funds.
- C. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement – The lease has been completed and submitted for signature and execution by County Administrator and Boys and Girls Club.
- D. Introduction of New Board Members – Mr. Miller asked Mr. Middleton to introduce new Board Members. Mr. Middleton introduced and welcomed Mr. Ronald Campbell and Norman Varnes to the PALS Board.

### *Southern Beaufort – Joe Penale reporting*

- A. Buckwalter Recreation Center – Continuing grading and drainage work. Started on potable water and the plumber has been on site to install plumbing in slab areas. Working on conduit plan for site lighting. About 96% completed with clearing, rough grading, building pad, foundation, drainage, northern parking lot has all been started. Fine grading has not started yet. The Ground Breaking Ceremony is tentatively set for March 12, 2009.
- B. Hiring for Positions – Currently interviewing to hire staff to replace two Recreation Specialist II staff persons in Bluffton.
- C. Soccer Registration – Soccer registration is up to 589. Mr. Grayson asked the comparison of Soccer Registrants this year verses previous years. Mr. Penale explained the fall was 502 and last spring was 495.
- D. Adult Softball and Coed Adult Sports – Registration currently stands at 28 teams combining Bluffton and Hilton Head.
- E. Bluffton Tennis Courts – Still awaiting to resurface courts

Mr. Grayson asked Mr. Penale if he knew about the baseball registration numbers with ABBS. Mr. Penale explained that the last time he checked, the registration was at 512 and does not include older groups. Mr. Grayson asked what the comparison is between last year and this year's registration numbers. Mr. Penale explained that last year, Bluffton PALS had 625 registered for baseball/softball and that number included the older age groups.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Grayson asked how the Board would fill the positions on the various committees that Mr. Mobley and Mrs. Hagood held. Mr. Grayson volunteered to be the Chairperson of the Program Committee. It was discussed that Mr. Mobley was on the Finance Committee. Mr. Hill explained that he did not feel that any persons need to be added to the Finance Committee and he would clarify his reasons.

Mr. Manesiotis asked when the Budget will be presented to the Board. Mr. Hill welcomed Mr. Campbell and Mr. Varnes to the PALS Board. Mr. Hill explained that he and PALS Staff are going through the final draft of the budget. Mr. Kubic has requested that the County goes paperless for the budget. The budget is currently on the internet via County Share Program and is assessable by Mr. Penale and Mr. Miller. Mr. Hill explained that PALS Staff are currently refining their

goals and objectives to portray a more programmatic view (expanding and creating programs at current sites) rather than a structural view (building and adding on structures). He and PALS Staff just finished a meeting to clarify their budgets. The final budgets are due March 13<sup>th</sup> and then the PALS Board will be presented after that time. The public readings of the County budget will be May 8<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The budget process will continue from then with implementation by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Stern asked Mr. Miller if the Board will have to come to his or Mr. Penale's office to view the budget. Mr. Hill explained that the Board will be able to see the budget via the projection screen together at the time of presentation. Mr. Stern asked if there are any heuristics in this budget. Mr. Hill clarified none.

Mr. Grayson asked what members were on committees. Mr. Hill explained that the committees will be forwarded to the Board.

#### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Middleton thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.