

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Conference Room
Beaufort Industrial Park, Building 102
Thursday, August 6, 2009
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Robert Anderson
William Grayson
Michael Manesiotis
Norman Varnes

Board Members Absent: Allan Stern, Vice Chairman
William Brown
Ronald Campbell
Bill Evans

Staff Present: Morris Campbell, Director of Community Services
John Miller, Director of Northern Beaufort PALS
Joseph Penale, Director of Southern Beaufort PALS
Stephanie Morton, Administrative Technician

Guest Present: Friends of Fort Fremont Group

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Arthur Middleton at 2:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2, 2009 MINUTES

It was motioned by William Grayson and seconded by Robert Anderson to approve the July 2, 2009 minutes. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FRIENDS OF FORT FREMONT PRESENTATION

Mr. Miller introduced Pete Richards, Friends of Fort Fremont. Mr. Richards thanked Mr. Miller for showing an interest in preserving Fort Fremont and inviting the group to address the Board on their progress with preserving Fort Fremont. Mr. Richards distributed copies of his PowerPoint presentation for Board Members to review. Mr. Richards gave a historical review of the Fort including pictures and diagrams. Mr. Richards and the Friends of Fort Fremont asked the Board to support their ventures to seek and acquire funding to assist with following through with the recommendations of Mr. Cullen Chambers, Director of Tybee Island Historical Society. Mr. Richards thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Friends of Fort Fremont and the LowCountry Master Naturalists Association.

It was motioned by Mr. Manesiotis and seconded by Mr. Grayson for Friends of Fort Fremont and the LowCountry Master Naturalist Association to proceed with future endeavors with acquiring funding to preserve Fort Fremont. It was motioned and moved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robert Anderson reported the Program Committee's June 18th meeting recommendation for the all non-profit and charitable organizations to pay standard rental fees for use of PALS facilities.

The recommendations were motioned and moved unanimously.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Southern Beaufort – Joe Penale, reporting

- A. Buckwalter Community Center – Over the past two weeks, the masonry contractor continued brick installation on the wall above the entrance (85% complete), and for the administrative area walls (20% complete). Metal decking for the administrative area sloped roof was completed and exterior rafter extensions installed. The metal stud framing for the curved interior wall at the reception area was installed to complete the administrative area interior framing. Interior door frames are also complete. The roofers installed miscellaneous wood blocking and flashing. The panels for the gym translucent wall system (clear story) were all put in place, and are pending caulking. The electrical contractor continued rough-in for the admin area and worked equipment installation in the electrical room. The plumbers completed installation of the gas water heaters for the rest room areas. The HVAC contractor continued ductwork fabrication and installation in the rest room areas.
- B. Buckwalter Skate Park Conceptual Plan - Request to FAST TRACK Skate Park was forwarded to County Council Public Facilities Committee for approval on July 28th. The Skate Park got a tentative approval to go to Council with further discussions. Questions revolved around liability and if the use of the funds is the best at this time. The big question is whether the funds should be spent on a skate park versus other recreational priorities in the Bluffton area. Mr. Middleton asked Mr. Penale if the liability issue has been resolved. Mr. Penale explained that the liability has been resolved and will be discussed at council meeting. Mr. Anderson asked if it would mean use of security cameras. Mr. Penale explained that cameras would be considered. Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Penale if the Buckwalter projects will remain on schedule. Mr. Penale assured Mr. Anderson that everything will be on schedule.
- C. Buckwalter Soccer Field Lighting - Lights for the Buckwalter Soccer Fields are being installed.
- D. Bluffton Recreation Center Update – When the school district took over McCracken Stadium, PALS keep its lighting and scoreboard from the fields. The lights will be installed at Bluffton Recreation Center's t-ball fields and the scoreboard for Bluffton Recreation Center's back football field.
- E. Athletic Registration Extended – Southern PALS has extended its Fall Athletic Registrations to August 11th.
- F. Summer Camp – Summer Camp ended July 31st and extended camp is being conducted.
- G. World Series Bid – Staff was sent to bid on the 2011 Dixie Boys World Series and was awarded the bid which will take place at Burton Wells. Mr. Manesiotis asked Mr. Penale if it was true that staff also bid on the Jr. Dixie Boys World Series to be held simultaneously with the World Series. Mr. Penale explained that staff did bid on the Jr. Boys World Series that would take place in Bluffton if awarded. Mr. Manesiotis asked if PALS would have enough staff to accommodate. Mr. Penale assured Mr. Manesiotis that PALS could accommodate both if awarded.

Northern Beaufort – John Miller, reporting

- A. Burton Wells Phase II – Burton Wells Phase II Planning Committee conducted two Community Public Input Forums for citizens to come and cast their votes on a list of amenities comprised by the committee. Both forums were held at 4:00 – 8:00 PM. The forums were on July 30th at Burton Wells Recreation Center and July 31st at County Council Chambers at the County Administration Building. We had a total of 160 citizens to come cast their votes. The Burton Wells Phase II Planning Committee will now compile the information provided by citizens and form a master plan based on those.

- B. Lady's Island Park – Lady's Island Park Planning Committee met on July 8th to discuss the project's timetable. All parties agreed the 9 month timetable requested by Mr. Kubic could not be met based on the actual time it takes to survey, design, permit and construct the project. Based on the committee's experience and research, it will take a total of 21 months to complete the project. This will bring the project completion date to approximately March, 2011. Plans will include a site plan, grading plan, tree removal plan, landscape plan, irrigation plan and utility plan. Only the site plan and tree removal plan will be needed for conceptual review. Proposed plans include: (1) Submit revised timeline to Planning Department for review. (2) Bring a Public Works representative to the committee table for project discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7th.
- C. Recreation Celebration – PALS held their 2nd Annual Recreation Celebration to commemorate July as National Parks and Recreation Month. Festivities included four Jumping Jaxx, a waterslide, Tux the Clown, a petting zoo, face painting, putt-putt golf, and other activities. There were a total of 150 attendees to the celebration. Food vendors included Quiznos with subs and chips and PALS offered SnoCones, popcorn, and bottled water. Next year, PALS will strive to increase sponsors, volunteers, and public involvement.
- D. Beaufort 14 year old Boys - The 14 year old Dixie Boys won the Dixie Boys State Champion in Seneca, South Carolina and will represent the South Carolina in the 2009 Dixie Boys World Series going on August 5th – 10th.
- E. *Crystal Lake – Mr. Grayson asked Mr. Miller what the status of Crystal Lake Project. Mr. Miller explained that the County is still in negotiations with St. Peters Church for the additional land. But the Board will be updated as information is provided.*

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Middleton thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 2:30 PM at the Beaufort Industrial Village, Bldg. 2 in Beaufort, South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.