

# BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

## ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Conference Room  
Beaufort Industrial Park, Building 102  
Thursday, September 3, 2009  
2:30 PM

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

**Board Members Absent:** Allan Stern, Vice Chairman  
Bill Evans

**Staff Present:** Bryan Hill, Deputy County Administrator  
Morris Campbell, Director of Community Services  
Rob McFee, Director of Engineering and Infrastructure  
Cristina Roberson, Director of PALS  
Joseph Penale, Deputy Director of PALS  
Sherry Jones, Assistant to Directors  
Judy Timmer, Community Planner

**Guest Present:** Cherie Bronsky, Chairman of Beaufort County Senior Games Committee

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Arthur Middleton at 2:35 PM.

### APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6, 2009 MINUTES

It was motioned by William Brown and seconded by Michael Manesiotis to approve the August 6, 2009 minutes. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW PALS DIRECTOR

Mr. Middleton introduced Cristina Roberson to the Board as the new PALS Director and welcomed her on behalf of the Board. Mr. Middleton asked all Board members present to introduce themselves to Ms. Roberson and what district they represented. After the introductions, Mr. Middleton asked Ms. Roberson to address the Board. Cristina introduced herself to the Board by giving her educational and employment background which included the following:

- 25+ experience in the field of Parks and Recreation
- BA in History from George Mason University
- M.Ed. in Counseling Education from University of Virginia
- Experience working with at-risk youth

- 15 years working with Department of Navy in Moral Welfare and Recreation building recreation and club/restaurant programs for military families and soldiers overseas.
- Returned to United States in 1999 and worked in Virginia as Recreation Director before moving to the South
- Taught at ACE until accepting position with County as PALS Director

The Board collectively extended a warm welcome to Cristina and offered assistance as needed. Cristina thanked the Board.

### **DIXIE BOYS 14 YEAR OLD STATE CHAMPIONS PRESENTATION**

Mr. Middleton omitted this item from the agenda since County Council has already recognized the youth and coaches at the August 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Mr. Middleton informed the Board that Agenda Item G will move to Item B. All other items will remain in the order as they appear.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

- A. Buckwalter Community Center Update – Rob McFee, Director of Engineering and Infrastructure, updated the Board. The center is 75% complete with the exterior and mason work structures. The interior infrastructure, HVAC, and electrical wiring is in progress. All construction is on schedule and the completion date is set for February 2010. Mr. Anderson asked if there are any plans on security cameras or integrating security with the police department. Mr. McFee explained that at this time, there are no plans for any cameras in the facility or integration of security. Mr. Manesiotis asked the square footage of the facility. Mr. McFee explained that the facility is 3500 square feet.
- B. Senior Games – Joe Penale introduced Cherie Bronsky, Chairman of Beaufort County Senior Games. Ms. Bronsky thanked PALS for the honor of working with the Senior Games as a presenting sponsor for 13 years. The games will open with a parade of athletes, wine and cheese, and the torch lighting on November 2, 2009. Games will be ongoing through November 6<sup>th</sup>. The games will include bowling, track and field, golf, horse shoes, pickle ball, tennis, etc. The games are catered toward seniors 55 and over in 28 events with over 500 participants and 170 volunteers. This year, the Senior Games have gained sponsorship from Hilton Head Regionals, BB&T, and Bluffton Today, all of which are assisting in marketing the event. Ms. Bronsky thanked the Board for their support and allowing her to come speak on behalf of the Senior Games.
- C. Buckwalter Skate Park Conceptual Plan – Joe Penale updated the Board on the skate park. County Council approved just under \$600,000 for the Buckwalter Skate Park. The square footage has been scaled back from 11,000 square feet. The project is in the permitting stage and is scheduled for completion in late Spring 2010.
- D. Burton Wells Phase II – Joe Penale updated the Board on the project. Currently, Burton Wells Phase II is in the planning phase. The Burton Wells Phase II Planning Committee is currently assessing the results of the Public Forums held to see what can be placed in the Master Plan.
- E. Lady's Island Park – Judy Timmer, Community Planner for the Planning Department updated the Board on the project. Currently, Lady's Island Park is in the planning phase. Members of the Lady's Island Park Planning Team are working together to plan the project and get through the permitting process. The current completion date is set for March 2011.
- F. Summer and Afterschool Camp Report – Joe Penale gave a report on the 2009 Summer Camp and Extended Camp numbers. The total numbers for Summer Camp was 392 participants and 109 current registrants for Afterschool.
- G. Athletic Registration Update – Joe Penale updated the Board on the number of registrants currently signed up for PALS Fall Athletic programs (Soccer, Football, and Cheerleading). The current number of registered for the sports are: 80 participants for Cheerleading; 504 participants for Football; and 1,096 participants for Soccer.
- H. PALS Budget Update – Mr. Hill updated the Board on the PALS Budget. As of 9/2/09, PALS has used 13% of its 2010 FY Budget which amounts to \$550,420 of \$4,355,303.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

### **MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Middleton asked staff of the status of the Senior Program held at Burton Wells Center. Mr. Campbell explained that the Senior Program that is operating Burton Wells Senior Center is operated by the Beaufort County Senior Services which is governed by the Council on Aging. Mr. Middleton asked the status of Crystal Lake. Mr. Hill explained that the Crystal Lake Park project is still under

negotiations with St. Peters Church but in the meantime, the Butler Marine building located on the property is being rented to the Construction Company working on the Lady's Island Bridge. Mr. Middleton thanked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hill for answering his questions.

Chairman Middleton thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 2:30 PM at the Beaufort Industrial Village, Bldg. 2 in Beaufort, South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.