

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006**  
**Burton Wells Recreation Center**  
**2:30 P.M.**

Present: Allan Stern, Vice Chair  
Corinne Hagood  
William Brown  
Bryan Hill  
Thomas Mobley

Absent: Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
William Grayson  
Michael Manesiotis  
Calvin White  
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS  
Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to the Directors

PALS Staff: H.C. Boehm, Jr., Director, Beaufort County Public Services  
John Miller, Director, Northern Beaufort PALS  
Tanisha Scott, Administrative Technician  
Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to the Directors

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Stern called the meeting to order at 2:32p.m.

**APPROVAL OF July 6, 2006 AGENDA**

**Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve July 6, 2006 agenda.**

**Mr. Brown seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF May 4, 2006 MINUTES**

**Mr. Mobley motioned to approve June 1, 2006 minutes.**

**Mr. Brown seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

*Northern & Southern Beaufort- John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- A. Division Update Report – The format for reporting PALS projects has changed. The report will indicate projects listed by district.

<b>District 1 (Frank Brafman)</b>	<i>No projects to report</i>
<b>District 2 (Starletta Hairston)</b>	<i>No projects to report</i>
<b>District 3 (Wm. Weston Newton)</b>	<i>No projects to report</i>
<b>District 4 (Peter Lamb)</b>	<p><b>Buckwalters Park</b> – Currently 75% complete. Project should be completed by end of July. Results: Two (2) soccer fields, restrooms, parking and irrigation system.</p> <p><b>Oscar Frazier Park</b> – Preparing playground site. Project will soon open for bid.</p> <p><b>Daufuskie Island</b> – Playground expected to be completed by 06/09/06</p> <p><b>Bluffton Pool</b> – First two weeks in August for scheduled closure for installation of HVAC system.</p>
<b>District 5 (William McBride)</b>	<p><b>Ft. Fremont</b> – Road between Lands End Road and Bay Point Road paving completed. Wednesday, July 19, meet with Ian Hill, Dan Elswick, the staff architect at the SC Dept. of Archives and History in Columbia, and Louis Boyd of Sure Clean, Charleston, SC. Group will walk the site and obtain guidance on restoring the fort and removal of trees and shrubbery.</p>
<b>District 6 (Gerald Dawson)</b>	<p><b>Dale Ballfield</b> - Field closed during month of July for erection of lights.</p>
<b>District 7 (Mark Generales)</b>	<p><b>Crystal Lake</b> – Truitt Rabon, Land Planners presented proposed conceptual plan at June 19, 2006 meeting at Lady’s Island Airport. Meeting with St. Peters Catholic Church being scheduled to discuss relationship. County has contract on Robinson Tract. This will allow traffic to flow throughout the park. PALS will forward a letter to Beaufort County School District asking permission to use school property (Crystal Lake is adjacent to Beaufort High parking lot). County would like to use Beaufort High parking lot as access to park. Jim Hicks, LICP, is scheduling a meeting with St. Peter’s Catholic Church to discuss of church property adjacent to Crystal Lake, possibly a land swap.</p> <p><b>Beaufort Pool</b> – July 17<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> is scheduled closure for installation of HVAC system.</p>
<b>District 8 (Herbert Glaze)</b>	<p><b>Battery Creek Pool</b> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> is scheduled closure for installation of HVAC system.</p>
<b>District 9 ( W. R. “Skeet Von Harten)</b>	<p><b>Shell Point Park Restroom</b> – Approved by County Council June 26, 2006. Construction will begin in next 30 days.</p>
<b>District 10 (Margaret Griffin)</b>	<p><b>Altamaha</b> – Met with Planning and architect. Plan will include parking lot, decorative fencing, utilities, and trails. Awaiting \$300,000 grant from State. Architect is currently seeking estimates.</p>

- B. Seaside Center – PALS has been working with Lowcountry Community Alliance (LCA) reference dedication of Seaside Center to Ms. Gloria Potts. LCA has asked for August 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> be considered for dates for dedication ceremony. Board unanimously decided dedication ceremony renaming Seaside Center Gloria Potts Community Center will be August 19, 2006 at 10AM
- C. Stadium at Burton Wells – County Council Public Services Committee has asked County to conduct a need and feasibility study reference building a 6000 seat multi-purpose stadium at Burton Wells County Park. County Planning Department is taking lead in effort. Proposal was bought forward by Councilman Dick Stewart at Council Intergovernmental Committee meeting. Project will be part of the northern regional planning effort. PALS Board will take a part in process. Mr. Brown asked what part of park is being considered for area of construction. Mr. Miller advised Board a stand-alone facility in area between Burton Wells Recreation Center and Athletic Complex. Mr. Hill asked what necessitated a need to construct a stadium of this size. Mr. Miller advised Board purpose of design is to attract multi-purpose functions, such as concerts or different venues, as a good economic venture for Beaufort County. Mr. Stern stated his complete objection to idea regardless of where it would be built. Mr. Stern is against use of taxpayer money to build a stadium, but should be done with private funds. Mr. Brown stated his agreement with Mr. Stern. Mr. Hill suggested someone attend next PALS Board meeting to offer explanation of why such a facility is needed in Beaufort County. Mr. Boehm recommended PALS ask Councilman Stewart and Planners to include PALS Board. Mr. Stern asked this item is placed on August agenda and ask Councilman Stewart or someone to come and address PALS Board.
- D. PALS Proclamation – At County Council June 26, 2006 meeting, Mr. Middleton accepted a plaque as County Council recognized month of July as Parks and Recreation Month.
- E. PALS Budget – PALS Budget approved at County Council June 26, 2006 meeting. PALS request for \$25,000 to upgrade online registration system was denied. PALS Aquatics – Hilton Head Recreation Association requested an additional \$25,000, however, County Council has budgeted \$60,000 for swim programs at Island Recreation. Hilton Head was granted a new vehicle; however, Bluffton’s request was denied. Mr. Miller reported Council approved a 2.5% Cost of Living Increase. There has not been any definite information on the Longevity Plan that was approved. Mr. Boehm is going to look into the Longevity Plan and provide clarity. PALS Personnel – Mr. Miller is still looking into what has been approved for PALS.
- F. Athletics – Registration for PALS Fall Sports (Soccer, Football, Cheerleading & Baseball [Bluffton Only]) will commence July 14 through August 11, 2006. Online registration will be available.
- G. Board Attendance – Referring to copy of memo to Sue Rainey, Clerk to Council, reference Board Attendance, Mr. Miller reported there is still a problem with attendance of Mr. White. Within past six months, Mr. White has attended one meeting. Mr. Manesiotis has attended 2 out of 6 meetings. Mr. Miller reminded Board members Council Public Service Committee (CPSC) will have final say on how to handle attendance problems. CPSC will forward any recommendations to PALS Board. Mr. Stern asked to make Board Attendance an agenda item for next meeting.
- H. Hurricane Exercise – PALS Hurricane Exercise held in June was a total success. Points of Distribution Sites (POD) will be setup through Beaufort County in the event of disasters. A mock POD was set up at Grays Hill Baptist Church, consisting of a drive-thru distribution site, simulated cars entering with two one-way lanes for residents to received emergency assistance. This simulation allow for staff to assess any potential problems. Noted concerns included how to handle walk-ups and those unable to drive to a distribution site; and additional security. Staff offered solutions such as having Beaufort County Public Information Officer to release public notices informing those with these specific problem that Staff would deliver in their immediate area by means of trucks; having additional Deputies to patrol PODS. Operation of these sites is

totally dependent upon United Way volunteers. Burton Wells Recreation Center will serve a Command Center.

- I. TCL Gymnasium – Mr. Miller, along with Mark Roseneau, Public Works, met with Clyde Hinchler to inspect the TCL Gymnasium for possible usage. A recommendation was forwarded stating the gymnasium was not conducive to PALS use due to parking restrictions, asbestos tiles and cost to bring facility up to standard for use.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Bluffton Gymnasium Roof – Mr. Stern inquired if there has been any progress in getting a contract to make necessary repairs. Mr. Miller stated he would check with Mark Roseneau and send Mr. Stern an e-mail.
- B. Participation Numbers – Mr. Stern inquired about disparity in Participation Numbers reported. Mr. Stern wanted to know when Board would receive explanation of disparities. Mr. Miller reported Mr. Penale states numbers were true numbers. Mr. Miller will verify and report findings to Board.
- C. PALS Budget – Mr. Stern request a monthly Budget Report is submitted with each Board Packet

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Thursday, August 3, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Recreation Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.

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