# BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2006 Bluffton Center 2:30 P.M.

Present:	Arthur Middleton, Chairman Corinne Hagood William Grayson Bryan Hill Bill Evans
Absent:	Allan Stern, Vice Chair William Brown Michael Manesiotis Thomas Mobley
PALS Staff:	John Miller, Director, Northern Beaufort PALS Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to the Directors

## CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF October 5, 2006 AGENDA

Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve October 5, 2006 agenda. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF September 7, 2006 MINUTES**

Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve September 7, 2006 minutes. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### BILL EVANS

Mr. Middleton welcomed Mr. Bill Evans to PALS Board. Mr. Evans is representing Beaufort County School District. He serves Beaufort County School District as Director, CATE/STC, Athletics, Title IX. Each Board Member introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Evans.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

COMMITTEE REPORTS None

## **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Northern Beaufort- John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park- No change in work being done. Spoke to Russ Marane, Trust for Public Land, reference progress at Fort Fremont. Mr. Marane reports they (Russ Marane and Chris Darnell, JK Tiller) are still going over numbers in term of cost to develop park from Bay Point Road to the River, pathways and other amenities. All fences have been erected, except gates and fences that actually close the park.
- B. Crystal Lake Park- Progress on Crystal Lake Park is somewhat on hold. Mr. Miller reported he spoke with Truitt Rabon on October 4, 2006. Mr. Rabon advised Mr. Miller there is a snag in acquiring portion of property located on the lake. It has been discovered that there are actually two owners of this property. Mr. Middleton asked status of leasing property from St. Peter's Catholic Church. Mr. Miller reported St. Peter's Catholic Church has stated they have no interest in leasing property to County, but does have an interest in selling portion of property to County. Mr. Middleton asked if PALS had a feel for the amount asking. Mr. Miller reported this information was forwarded to Russ Marane, Trust for Public Land to see if property can be acquired through TPL. Mr. Miller reported still no response from School District received to date.
- C. PARD Notification received. Letters sent to municipalities indicating their allocations. Deadline for responses October 20, 2006.
- D. Dale Center Lights at Ballfield scheduled to be turned on next week. Mr. Miller reported David Hughes, Capital Projects, stated all issues resolved with contractor. SCE&G has permitted for lights to be turned on.
- E. Finance Report Referencing a handout included in PALS Board packet, Mr. Miller described the different accounts PALS has. Formatted to show amount budgeted and percentage used, not including cost for personnel.
- F. Basil Green & Shell Point Restrooms Groundbreaking to occur in next few weeks. Once construction has started at Basil Green, they will move to Shell Point.
- G. Fall Sports All fall sports are going well.
- H. Burton Wells Proposed Stadium Mr. Hill asked status of multi-purpose stadium at Burton Wells. Mr. Miller reported construction of stadium will not happen as a result of letter sent by MCAS stating their objection.

Southern Beaufort- Joe Penale reporting

- I. Buckwalter County Park Landscaping almost complete. Expect turnover in next couple of weeks.
- J. Personnel Athletic Specialist II position advertising. Will not accept applications after October 6, 2006. Will interview and fill position within next few weeks.
- K. PARD Funds PARD funds are available for light at basketball courts at M.C. Riley.
- L. Oscar Frazier Park Only one bid received for installation of playground equipment. Allowing time for additional bids to come in.
- M. Old Bluffton Center- Pre-bid meeting scheduled for October 17, 2006 for demolition of building.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Senior Center Mr. Middleton inquired on progress on constructing Senior Center at Burton Wells. Mr. Miller reported there were five (5) responses to bid request. Two firms were selected for interviews.
- B. Mr. Kubic's Visit to PALS Mr. Middleton and Mr. Hill inquired on Mr. Kubic's visit to PALS. Mr. Miller reported visit has again been rescheduled.
- C. CIP Letter Mr. Middleton asked if there has been a response to CIP letter sent to Council Public Services Committee. Mr. Miller reported no response to date. Mr. Miller also reported Councilman Glaze is currently serving as new Chair of Public Service Committee. Mr. Miller will consult with Mr. Boehm on how to obtain response.

#### **NEW BUSINES**

A. Buckwalter Regional Park – Mr. Hill inquired on the construction of a recreation center at Buckwalter Park. Mr. Penale reported facility in design phase.

## NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

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