

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

Burton Wells Recreation Center
Thursday, January 3, 2008
2:30 PM

Board Members Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Allan Stern, Vice Chairman
William Brown
Bill Evans
William Grayson
Corrine Hagood
Thomas Mobley

Board Members Absent: Bryan Hill
Michael Manesiotis

PALS Staff Present: John Miller, Director of Northern Beaufort PALS
Joseph Penale, Director of Southern Beaufort PALS
Sherry Gordon-Jones, Administrative Assistant to Directors

Guests Present: Eddie Bellamy, Interim Deputy Director of Public Services Dept.
Michael Shapiro, Island Packet

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Allan Stern, Vice Chairman, at 2:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 3, 2008 AGENDA

It was motioned by Corinne Hagood and seconded by William Brown to approve the January 3, 2008 agenda. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2007 MINUTES

It was motioned by Bill Evans and seconded by Thomas Mobley to approve the December 6, 2007 minutes. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort – John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park – Ian Hill, Mark Roseneau, and John Miller will meet with Cullen Chambers on January 18, 2008 to discuss Fort Fremont. Cullen is the Executive Director of Fort Screven and Tybee Island. He has volunteered to

come look at the fort and give some ideas on renovations and restoration. Cullen has an assistant that specializes in forts and planning. When Mr. Miller met with Cullen in December, Cullen explained that he has a program that may provide assistance on the Fort Fremont Project at no cost.

- B. Crystal Lake Park – There are no changes to Crystal Lake.
- C. Senior Services Center – The pre-bids was this morning. There was about twelve contractors interested in the project that met with contractors in the CIP department. The bid will open on January 17, 2008.
- D. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement – PALS has placed calls to the Boys and Girls Club for Ms. Washington, Executive Director. She has been out for the holidays and was due back to work today. The last update from her, their legal staff was reviewing it and we are awaiting their approval or recommendations. We continue to call Ms. Washington to get an update on the lease.
- E. Greene Street Neighborhood Activity Center Renaming – The renaming of the center to the Charles Lind Brown Neighborhood Activity Center is scheduled for February 9, 2008 at 10:00 AM. Formal invitations will be sent out soon. Sherry will contact Suzanne Lawson, PIO, who handles all public events to assist in coordinating the event.
- F. Basketball Season – Begins tomorrow. Games will be held at Greene Street Neighborhood Activity Center, Burton Wells Recreation Center, and St. Helena Gym.

Southern Beaufort – Joe Penale reporting

- A. Bluffton Pool – Hosting a swim clinic beginning today for four days. Have 42 children enrolled in which ten are from Beaufort.
- B. Altamaha – Awaiting for to be complete.
- C. Turnover of Southern PALS Baseball – It is set up on a phasing program. PALS will be responsible for scheduling, paying officials, collecting registration, buying uniforms for this season. ABBS will be responsible for the rest. After the World Series in August 2008, PALS will turn entire program over to ABBS and they will continue from there. Southern PALS will be finished with baseball.
- D. Buckwalter Community Park – Mr. Penale showed the Board layouts for the new Buckwalter facilities Phase I which including 2 gyms, locker room, and a parking space.

Mr. Brown asked if parking lot will be paved. Mr. Penale explained that some will be which will be the main area in front of the complex.

Mr. Stern explained that a parking lot should be mandatory and used the Bluffton Gym as an example. The Bluffton Gym's parking lot is unpaved. His volleyball team practiced there and tracked so much sand into the gym until they thought they were playing on the beach. The sand is also a hazard when playing sports and sand gets on the balls, the sand tends to get in your eyes, etc. Mr. Penale agreed to check into the situation.

Mr. Bellamy explained to the Board that he does not see where the issue lies with paving the parking lot but funding for such a project. Public Works is planning on paving their parking lot after 32 years and it is costing roughly \$300,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Grayson asked for clarification on the \$5.00 fee. Mr. Miller explained that a report was sent to Mr. Henrickson with the correct amount. Mr. Henrickson placed \$20,000 into the account. Mr. Grayson then asked why the correct amount was not placed in the account. Mr. Miller explained that the amount placed in the account is what Mr. Henrickson assigned and he would report to the board the correct figures.

Mr. Stern asked if the Board could start receiving the monthly finance reports again. Mr. Miller agreed that the reports will be placed back in the packets.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Evans discussed with Mr. Miller the possibilities of soliciting sponsors and place the sponsors' name on the fences of the ball fields. Mr. Miller explained that the Athletic Supervisor, Michael Smith and he are working a plan to begin that venture. Mr. Miller welcomed Mr. Evans and any assistance into making the project successful.

Mr. Evans also informally asked the possibility of Beaufort County partnering with Beaufort County School District in funding the arena-styled football stadium for the newly approved high school scheduled to be built in the Seabrook area. Mr. Miller explained to Mr. Evans that he would not be able to justify the need for a stadium of that magnitude. Mr. Miller advised Mr. Evans to speak with the semi-pro football team to see if they will be able to partner with the school district.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Middleton thanked everyone for attending meeting.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 2:30 pm at the Burton Wells Recreation Center, Burton, South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM.