



MECKLENBURG COUNTY Park and Recreation Commission

MINUTES

September 14, 2004

PRC COMMISSIONER PRESENT:

William M. Brawley, Jr.
James R. Brown
Stephanie L. Carter
William W. Chandler, Chair
Lawrence F. Huelsman, Jr.

Laura McClettie, Ex Secretary
Scott McClure
Michael D. McMahan
Robert M. Patterson, Vice Chair
Bradley E. Pearce
Stephanie Taylor

ABSENT:

Vickie P. Lee

Guest

William M. Pickens, Sr., Former PRC member
Citizen's Tennis Advisory Council members
Patrick Land, Latta Place
Jon Gates, Executive Director Latta Place
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Keets Taylor, Catawba Valley Scottish Society
Dan Morrill, Historic Landmarks Commission
Nancy Brunnemer, Mecklenburg County Real Estate Services
Jeff Ashbaugh, Site Solutions
Paula Gornto, Partner-Site Studio
Judge Shirley Fulton
Kermit Waddell
Mr. Melton

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Wayne Weston
Dot S. Law, Admin & Bus Svc
James D. Alsop, Enterprise Svc
Isaac L. Applewhite, Gen Mgr, NPD
R. Neil Carroll, Gen Mgr, CPD II
C. Blaine Gregory, Gen Mgr, NEPD
Greg A. Jackson, Gen Mgr, NEPD
W. Lee, Jones, Sr Park Planner
Steve Law, Parks, Open Space &
Stewardship
John McClelland, Gen Mgr, CPD III
Patricia A. Poteat, Gen Mgr, SWPD
Don R. Morgan, Grnway Planner
Jeff L. Robinson, Spec Maint & Park
Marek Smith, EEC Supv

I. GENERAL SESSION

- A. Call to Order – 6:00 PM
- C. Citizens Tennis Advisory Council appear concerning the increase in fees.
(*See Attachment*)

Presentation of Fee & Charges made by General Manager Gregory. (*See Attachment*)

Chair Chandler referred inquiry and comments to Citizens Tennis Advisory Council and Fees & Charges Subcommittee for joint resolution/recommendation.

- D. Awards and Citations
1. Mr. William M. Pickens, Sr., was recognized for his eight (8) years of outstanding service to the Park and Recreation Commission, plaque was presented by Chair Chandler.

V. PARK AND RECREATION ISSUES/PRESENTATION(S) SET FOR A SPECIFIC TIME

- A. Patrick Land and Jon Gates, gave a presentation on Latta Place, Inc.
- B. After discussion Commissioner Brawley made motion to endorse the land swap for the Robbins Park project. Also to ensure updated information is presented to the North Park District Advisory Council during October meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Pearce.

In Favor: Commissioners Pearce, McMahan, McClure, Huelsman, Brown, Brawley, Chair Chandler and V-Chair Patterson.

Opposed: Executive Secretary McClettie, Commissioners Taylor and Carter.

Motion passed. (8-3)

- C. Vice Chair McClettie made motion to endorse the concept of moving the last standing African American schoolhouse in Mecklenburg County to the Rural Hill Plantation. Seconded by Commissioner Pearce and approved unanimously.

- D. Nancy Brunner, Mecklenburg County Real Estate Services gave a presentation on FY 2004 Land Acquisition.
- E. Commissioner Carter made a motion to approve the third reading for the naming of Ramblewood Park basketball courts to “De’Von Jabari King and Fredrick Fee” courts requested by the Southwest Park District Advisory Council. Seconded by Commissioner Pearce and approve unanimously.
- E. Brainstorming
 - 1. Commissioner Carter thanked Director Weston for his assistance with the distribution of about 4500 Universal Soul Circus tickets to the community.
 - 2. Commissioner Taylor stated the first Off Leash Dog Area Council meeting was held on August 17th.
 - 3. Commissioner Brawley stated he attended the Matthews Park and Recreation meeting earlier today as they discussed their upcoming Town Park Bond. The Town will be coordinating with the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Bond initiative.
 - 4. Commissioner Pearce stated there is a lot of interest in the Northwest Park District concerning the 2004 Bond package. Requested information is disseminated as soon as possible.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS BY CONSENT

A&B Commissioner Brawley made a motion to approve all items by consent. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved unanimously.

IV. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Carter made a motion to approve all items. Seconded by Commissioner Pearce and approved unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – Staff Items for Consideration

- B.1. Manager D. Law gave a staff recommendation for the 2004 Bond 5-Year Investment Plan. (*See Attachment*)

Executive Secretary McClettie made a motion to reconfigure bond distribution to allow more money for Revolution Regional Recreation Center. No second was made.

- C.1.a. Manager Lee Jones provided information and amounts of Sportsplexes and athletic fields in the 2004 Bond. (*See Attachment*)

Commission Huelsman request to revisit CNA to complete BOCC Chairman Cox's request of "whiping-the-slate-clean" and taking a new proposal for Bond allocation of \$69 million.

After lengthy discussion Vice Chair Patterson made motion to approve \$25,000,000 for Youth Sportsplexes/Athletic Fields, \$25,000,000 for Greenways, \$10,000,000 for Revolution Regional Recreation Center and \$9,000,000 for Third Ward Park. Seconded by Commissioner Carter.

In Favor: Chair Chandler, Vice Chair Patterson, Ex Secretary McClettie, Commissioners Carter, McClure, McMahan, Pearce,

Opposed: Commissioners Huelsman, Brawley, Brown and Taylor.

Motion passed. (7-4)

- C.1.c. Vice Chair Patterson made motion to approve revisions for Evergreen, Sheffield, Eastway and Winterfield conceptual renovation plan. Seconded by Commissioner Patterson and approved unanimously.

- C.1.d. Commissioner Brawley made a motion to approve the Kilborne Park conceptual renovation plan. Seconded by Commissioner Pearce and approved unanimously.

- E.1. Supv Marek Smith presented information concerning the Robinson Rock House at Reedy Creek Nature Preserve.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Brown nominated *all nominations except for South Park District, which will be deferred until October 2004*. Seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT – 11:30 PM