



The Town of Hilton Head Island Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

**Thursday, November 4, 2010
3:30 p.m. – Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers**

AGENDA

As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**
Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting of September 9, 2010
- 5. Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda**
- 6. Reports**
 - a. Update from Island Recreation Association
 - b. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works
- 7. Unfinished Business**
- 8. New Business**
 - a. 2011 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule
- 9. Updates**
 - a. Rowing and Sailing Center Update – Marcy Benson
 - b. Parks & Recreation Coordinator Update – Nicole Dixon
- 10. Park Commissioner Comments**
- 11. Adjournment**

Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more Town Council members attend this meeting.

**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, September 9, 2010
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Daniel Gafgen, John McCann, Robert Moore, P. Jeffrey North, Marc Stuckart

Members Absent: Jack Hamrick, Timothy Singleton

Town Staff: Scott Liggett, Charles Cousins, Nicole Dixon, Julian Walls, Marcy Benson

Town Council: Bill Ferguson

Other: Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*; Joe Penale, *Beaufort County PALS*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McCann called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 8, 2010 were approved as presented.

IV. APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS

Mr. Frank Babel reported that after a busy summer, the pathways are in great shape. Mr. Babel stated that there were a lot of accidents. One major cause of accidents takes place when drivers are looking left at oncoming traffic to make a turn and a bike comes across – the driver is not looking both ways. We try to encourage bikers to make eye contact with drivers before either one makes a move. Mr. Babel stated that awareness and safety programs are being created. He is talking with the Town's traffic committee.

Pedal for Kids takes place on September 25, 2010 and we have 50 volunteers, we are exceeding our goals and hope to have 400 riders.

Mr. Babel discussed how to accommodate Destination Riders. Destination Riders ride fast and they ride on the road. Mr. Babel stated that his group is working with Beaufort County to try to identify 12 routes and get these riders off the island where they can ride 30-40 miles fast.

The Bike Friendly Committee has a workshop scheduled for October 20, 2010 and it will consist of three objectives: (1) Understand the issues of biking; (2) Understand the process to apply for and receive a Bicycle Friendly Community Designation; (3) To receive an assessment on our readiness for the Bicycle Friendly Community Program.

This workshop will include approximately 40-50 leaders in our community. This workshop will be facilitated by the League of American Bicyclists and by the Palmetto Cycling Coalition.

V. REPORTS

- A. Update from Island Recreation Association.** Mr. Frank Soule handed out the September newsletter and reported on the following:
- a. Over 185 kids attended summer camp daily.
 - b. The summer jams went well, movie in the park did not do as well, the three separate water fun days went very well.
 - c. There has been an increase in after school programs: 110 participants daily. Soccer program is up to 660 participants, baseball also did well.
 - d. On August 1, the Island Recreation Center official took over the scheduling of Town owned facilities.
 - e. Concern over tennis court availability – we continue to work on that. Our facilities are not built for drop in players. Our courts and pool are scheduled for lessons and events leaving little time open for spur of the moment play. Chaplin Park is a beautiful place to play tennis.
 - f. There is an Italian Festival on September 25 at Shelter Cove Community Park.

Commissioner North asked Mr. Soule about the problems encountered at the Island Recreation Center with the temperature of the pool. Mr. Soule stated that the aerator system the Recreation Center has was not able to sufficiently bring down the temperature of the pool. At times when they cool it down for the swimmers, it becomes too cold for the aerobics swim class. Commissioner North stated that the pool was unusable and the aquatics team had to prepare for an upcoming event and therefore they had no choice but to come up with this approximately \$4,000 aerator. Commissioner North asked Mr. Soule if he thought it fair that H2A had to do that in addition to paying rent for the use of the pool. Mr. Soule replied that the Recreation Center aerator system is not as high quality but there are funds to supplement this in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Cousins stated that the Island Recreation Center works on a tight budget and does not have the funds for this equipment. This Commission can make a recommendation to Town Council for CIP improvement but Mr. Soule is doing the best he can with what he has in the Island Recreation Center budget.

- B. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works.** Mr. Joe Penale announced that Beaufort County has made several changes:
- a. Mr. Larry Bechler is the new Deputy Director of Facilities Maintenance.
 - b. Beaufort County has not renewed its contract with Johnson Controls and has taken over the work itself.

- c. Beaufort County is working with Julian Walls to remedy problems.
- d. Beaufort County has added staff to handle these problems throughout the County. We have walked the parks and have opened up communications.
- e. About 75% of issues have been completed and will finish the balance within three weeks.
- f. We have been instructed to attend the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings on a quarterly basis.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Input on Town Council's 2011 Policy Agenda (Targets for Action). Ms. Marcy Benson stated that Town staff is requesting this Commission to provide a short list of recommendations for Town Council to consider when developing its 2011 Target for Action.

There are five items in the 2010 work program that staff anticipates will be rolled forward into the 2011 work program. In addition, the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation and the development of the Rowing and Sailing Center will have implications on the 2011 work program. Town staff has also outlined the following two items for this Commission to consider submitting as recommendations to Town Council for incorporation into the 2011 work program. (1) Formalize a Parks Maintenance Agreement with Beaufort County (2) Prioritize pathway links to activity areas including parks and recreation areas.

Ms. Benson reminded the Commissioners that Town resources are limited and the goal should be to select strategic, achievable recommendation that can be implemented during the 2011 calendar year.

Commissioner North made a motion to accept the following items listed and recommend Town Council consider them when developing its 2011 Targets for Action. The 2010 work program items to be rolled over: (1) Plan for Coligny Area including expansion of Beach Park; (2) Port Royal Beach Restoration; (3) Recreation Center and Aquatic Facilities Direction; (4) Chaplin Linear Park and Boardwalk Funding; (5) Prioritize Pathway Links along William Hilton Parkway. Items currently being worked on: (1) Bicycle Friendly Community Designation; (2) Rowing and Sailing Center Development. Two additional recommendations: (1) Formalize a Parks Maintenance Agreement with Beaufort County; (2) Prioritize links to activity areas including parks and recreation areas. Commissioner Stuckart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cousins asked the Commissioners if they have any other suggestions to submit to Town Council. Commissioner Moore expressed a desire for access to recreation such as pools and parks for children who live outside of gated communities. Commissioner Moore stated that a focus should be on neighborhood parks. Mr. Cousins stated that neighborhood parks is a part of the Recreation Element goal but when the Town had tried to move forward, many neighborhoods told the Town that they do not want parks in their

neighborhood. There is a notation in the Recreation Element that states the Town would work with neighborhoods that wanted a park.

VIII. UPDATES

IX. PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: _____
John McCann, Chairman

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Town of Hilton Head Island
2011 Parks and Recreation Meeting Dates
Council Chambers

2nd Thursday at 3:30pm

January 13, 2011	July 14, 2011
February 10, 2011	August 11, 2011
March 10, 2011	September 8, 2011
April 14, 2011	October 13, 2011
May 12, 2011	November 10, 2011
June 9, 2011	December 8, 2011