



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

Thursday, July 8, 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. Swearing In of Reappointed Commissioner Marc Stuckart**
- 5. Election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman**
- 6. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting of June 10, 2010
- 7. Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda**
- 8. Reports**
 - a. Update from Island Recreation Association
 - b. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works
- 9. Unfinished Business**
- 10. New Business**
 - a. Proposed Cancer Survivor Park
- 11. Updates**
 - a. Grants Summary – Marcy Benson
 - b. Sailing & Rowing Center – Marcy Benson
 - c. Park Maintenance
- 12. Park Commissioner Comments**
- 13. 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, June 10, 2010
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Daniel Gafgen, Jack Hamrick, John McCann, Robert Moore, Timothy Singleton

Members Absent: P. Jeffrey North, Marc Stuckart

Town Council: Bill Ferguson

Town Staff: Charles Cousins, Scott Liggett, Jill Foster, Julian Walls, Brian Hulbert, Nicole Dixon, Marcy Benson

Other: Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association;*

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. 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.

IV. USE OF THE CELLULAR TELEPHONE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VI. APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS

Mr. Frank Babel complimented Town staff on the pathways. Mr. Babel stated that there have been a lot of accidents due to inexperience or carelessness or both. Mr. Babel suggested that the Town track the amount of bike activity on Hilton Head Island.

Mr. Babel discussed the following community projects:

- The distribution of reflectors and the distribution and fitting of helmets to those that are “in need or at risk”.
- Lights for Life program
- Rules of the Road for Bikes - brochures that are published in English and Spanish and are distributed to various locations.
- Bike Safety video

Mr. Babel stated that the Bike Friendly Community is working with the Chamber of Commerce and will hold a meeting on October 20, 2010 at Town Hall Council Chambers – this meeting is open to the public.

A Hilton Head Island citizen stated that the tennis courts at Chaplin Community Park are not available enough of the time for the public. He stated that the Island Recreation Center was using the courts for instruction and then others would utilize the courts without signing up.

Mr. Soule responded that often the court sign up sheet is vandalized and the Island Recreation staff monitors this daily. Commissioner Singleton suggested that the Island Recreation Center put the sign up form online. Mr. Soule replied that he would see if he could make that work.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Update from Island Recreation Association.** Mr. Frank Soule stated that recently the pool was closed due to a broken pipe. With the help of staff, Fire & Rescue, it was a community effort to get it fixed and the pool re-opened. Meetings with Beaufort County are going well – discussing fee usage, park maintenance etc. The following special events are scheduled: Summer Jams on Tuesday evenings at Shelter Cove Community Park; Water Fun Night (3 Thursdays – one in June, one in July and one in August) at Shelter Cove Community Park; Movies in the Park (3 Fridays – on in June, one in July and one in August) at Shelter Cove Community Park.
- B. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works.** None. Chairman McCann asked that it be noted that there has not been a report from PALS for several meetings.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

IX. NEW BUSINESS - none

X. UPDATES

a. Sailing & Rowing Center – Ms. Marcy Benson stated that in March this project went before the Public Facilities Committee with a proposed budget of \$2.6 million for facility phases. The Public Facilities Committee asked staff to meet with the sailing and rowing group to revise the cost for a “bare bones” estimate of approximately \$1 million. The sailing and rowing group continues to do fundraising. The Town is looking for them to provide \$350,000.

b. Recreation Feasibility Study. Mrs. Nicole Dixon stated that a recreation center meeting was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 to introduce the consultants, the process and to give the public a chance to provide input. Town staff along with several others visited other recreational facilities in South Carolina and gathered a lot of information.

Mrs. Dixon also stated that in an effort for the Town to be more environmentally friendly, all Town boards will now receive their agendas and packet material electronically; no paper copies will be mailed out. These documents will also be posted on the Town’s website and board members can be notified by signing up for the e-subscription offered on the Town’s website.

XI. PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman McCann asked about the status of the maintenance of the parks and how the meetings with Beaufort County are coming along.

Mr. Scott Liggett replied that the meetings are going slowly but they are moving along.

Mr. Cousins announced that The Town of Hilton Head Island has been selected as a finalist in the Round Two Research Phase of the "Red Fields to Green Fields America" project that could result in a plan to address potentially troubled commercial real estate assets within the Town.

"Red Fields to Green Fields America" is a public/private enterprise that is geared toward achieving a range of social and economic objectives by:

- Acquiring financially distressed real estate (i.e., properties "in the red") and
- Converting those assets into public parks (i.e., "green fields") adjacent to land retained for future sustainable development.

City Parks Alliance is working with Georgia Tech Research Institute to assess an initiative in six cities: Atlanta, Cleveland, Denver, Miami, Philadelphia and Wilmington, DE and now possibly Savannah, GA. That analysis will be released in late spring 2010.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: _____

John McCann, Chairman



TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Planning Department

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator*
DATE: June 23, 2010
SUBJECT: 2010 Grant Summary

Attached please find the annual mid-year summary of grant and award activity for the 2010 calendar year

Grants Awarded in 2010 Calendar Year

Funding Source	Project	Amount Awarded
FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety	Purchase of new fire extinguisher training equipment	\$6,840
Dept. of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants	Replace Air Compressor	\$37,492
Total		\$44,332

Grants Applied For in 2010 Calendar Year (Pending Award Notification)

Funding Source	Project	Amount Applied For
Dept. of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants (2010 Application submittal)	Replacements of 2 Brush Trucks	\$235,530
Dept. of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants (2010 Application)	Purchase Multi-gas detectors, washer extractors and fitness equipment	\$76,140
DHEC/OCRM Beach Renourishment Funding	Port Royal Beach Renourishment Project	\$1,000,000
FM Global Fire Protection	Purchase in-home smoke alarms	\$470
Total		\$1,312,140

Grant Applications Denied in 2010 Calendar Year

Funding Source	Project	Amount Applied For
ATAX	Tourism Related Capital Improvement Projects for 2011 Budget	\$120,313
ATAX	Municipal Town Operations – Tourism Support	\$1,117,293
Dept. of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants (2009 application submittal)	Replacements of 2 Brush Trucks	\$214,136
FEMA/American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Fire Station Construction Grants	Fire Station 1 Construction	\$1,587,000
National Trust for Historic Preservation Emergency Intervention Funds	Barnwell Tabby Ruin Preservation	\$1,968
Total		3,040,710

Awards Applied for in 2010 Calendar Year

Sponsoring Agency	Project	Date Applied
SC Forestry Commission	Tree City USA Designation	Annually each year in December