

**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, March 12, 2009
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Archer Crose, Daniel Gafgen, Joseph Kopf, John McCann, P. Jeffrey North

Members Absent: Leslie Ford, Marc Stuckart

Town Staff: Charles Cousins, Scott Liggett, Nicole Dixon

Other: Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*; Joe Penale, *Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kopf 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 February 12, 2009 were approved as presented.

IV. APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS - None

V. REPORTS

A. Update from Island Recreation Association. Mr. Frank Soule reported on the following:

- Casino Night took place on February 21 at the Westin and was successful.
- WingFest is March 21 at Shelter Cove Community Park
- Senior programs and socials were well attended this winter.
- The dome is scheduled to come down next week.
- Spring soccer numbers are at the same level as last year.

B. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works. Mr. Joe Penale reported on the following:

- Adult softball begins in three weeks.
- Baseball started practicing.
- College lacrosse is in progress with 22 teams.
- Adult rugby will be played at Barker Field.
- Lighted field at Chaplin is closed – used for adult softball.
- Dog park is getting remulched.
- At Crossings Park – phasing out lining of fields.

C. HHI Cycling Update – Mr. Frank Babel of Squeaky Wheels, Cycling Advocacy Group, discussed the benefits of cycling, the Town’s investment in pathways, Bicycle Friendly Community Program and the need for it on Hilton Head Island. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Babel for his involvement with the cycling community.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Mr. Scott Liggett continued the CIP discussion from last month stating that the task of this Commission is to deliver a list of projects you recommend for new or additional funding for FY10. The numbers will continue to be refined. The items for this Commission to review: Under Pathways: pathway rehabilitation, Lagoon Road, Avocet Road and Dunnagans Alley. Under Park Development: Park Upgrades, Rock’s /Remy’s Tract Park, and rowing & sailing center.

Mr. Liggett stated that the Planning Commission’s CIP Committee recommended changing the priority of items 10 & 11 (Recreation Facility) and (Community Pool) from FY12 to FY10 and include \$150,000 in the CIP fund.

After lengthy discussion regarding the \$150,000 funding, Chairman Kopf requested that Mrs. Arlyne Williams submit a document that details what the \$150,000 will be used for. Mrs. Arlyne Williams will then e-mail the document to Eileen O’Brien and she will forward to all the Commissioners. A special meeting will be scheduled in the next two weeks to discuss this document.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Island Recreation Association proposed budget: Mr. Frank Soule presented the proposed budget for FY09-10. Mr. Soule stated that the budget is based on the assumption of a 10% reduction in county funding along with a reduction from United Way. There will be no pay raise for employees and they will now contribute to health insurance. We are presenting a 19% decrease in general fund support from the Town to the Association’s overall budget. We have reduced the operational budget by \$91,010.

Mr. North made a motion to recommend to Town Council the approval of the Island Recreation Association budget. Mr. Crose seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. UPDATES - None

IX. PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - None

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen O’Brien

Approved by: _____
Joseph Kopf, Chairman