

**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, April 12, 2012
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Jack Hamrick, Peter Keber, Heather Rath, Timothy Singleton, Marc Stuckart

Members Absent: Daniel Gafgen

Town Staff: Scott Liggett, Julian Walls, Anne Cyran

Other: Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Freedom of Information 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. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 8, 2012 were approved as presented.

V. Appearance by Citizens:

A citizen with the sailing & rowing club announced that on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 6:30pm there will be a presentation "Flying on Water" America's Cup by Golden Gate Yacht Club Vice Commodore Tom Ehman at the Hilton Head Island High School – V Pac Center.

VI. Reports

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

- 600 kids are signed up and playing soccer.
- The dome came down from pool. The pool has been re-plastered and retiled and filled up by Fire & Rescue. We are working to make the pool more ADA compliant – a second lift has been added to assist in getting a person in and out of the pool per Federal requirements.
- WingFest was rained out at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Rath commended Mr. Soule and the Island Recreation Center staff for the tremendous job with the Easter Eggstravaganza at Shelter Cove Community Park. Mr. Soule estimated that approximately 2,500 people were in attendance for the one and a half hour event. Commissioner Rath also stated that more bike racks are desperately needed at Shelter Cove Community Park.

VII. Unfinished Business: none

VIII. New Business

Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Priority List. Mr. Scott Liggett stated the he is seeking this Commission's endorsement of the FY2013 Proposed Priority Projects as well as the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the upcoming fiscal year and seeking the Commission's recommendation that Town Council consider these projects and that they be funded in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

- Staff recommends \$60,000 in FY13 funding for the "Honey Horn Access Improvements (including pathway) Project" to extend the pathway portion of the proposed project to a suitable terminal point interior to the Honey Horn property.
- Staff completed the "Driessen Beach Park Boardwalk Expansion" during FY12. Staff recommends that \$50,000 be budgeted in FY13 to construct an improved maintenance access way behind the baseball fields at Crossings Park.
- This item remains intact: funds to expand the tennis courts at Chaplin Park. Funding for Island Recreation Center Enhancements. \$700,000 funding in FY13 represents the Sailing & Rowing project.
- A new wrinkle: Town Council elected to purchase the Life Span building. This building has the potential to house a Senior Center. Expectation is that Town Council is receptive to some funding to pursue that in FY13.
- Staff recommends funding to develop Collier Beach Park.

Chairman Stuckart inquired about the Memorandum of Agreement with Beaufort County. Mr. Liggett replied that a meeting is set to take place on Monday, April 16, 2012. Town Council recently authorized the execution of that Agreement for the Town, Beaufort County and Island Recreation Association.

Commissioner Singleton commended Mr. Liggett and staff for all the work that has been done – in particular upgrades to pathways along U.S. 278. Commissioner Singleton asked when Jarvis Park and Green Shell will move up on the Priority List.

Mr. Liggett stated that upgrades funded in this fiscal year will be completed this fiscal year. Jarvis Park and Green Shell are in short term (1-3 years).

Commissioner Singleton stated that he appreciates priorities but speaking from a social economic situation and a Native Islander standpoint, those parks need work. They are beautiful areas but are going down fast.

Mr. Liggett suggested the Commissioners reach out to park users to find out what type of enhancements the community wants.

Commissioner Hamrick made a motion to accept the FY2013 Proposed Priority Projects as well as the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the upcoming fiscal year and that this Commission recommends to Town Council to consider these projects and that they be funded in the upcoming fiscal year budget. Commissioner Singleton seconded.

IX. Updates - none

- X. **Park Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Rath stated she is in favor of Mr. Liggett's suggestion of a community forum. That is a great way to address the wants and needs of the community.

Commissioner Singleton suggested including the Town Council member for that ward in the community meeting to discuss what is going on – an information session. A workshop with a structured purpose.

Commissioner Hamrick agreed that Green Shell and Jarvis Park need to be added to a higher priority.

Chairman Stuckart stated that he will work with Commissioner Rath and Mr. Liggett to work out details for a workshop.

XI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: July 26, 2012
Marc Stuckart, Chairman