



Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Coach TB Thomas Sports Center
701 West Washington Street

Members Present: Tru Lawton, Nancy McGee, Julia Klimek, Rose Williams

Staff Present: Adam Bedard, Craig Goodman, Beth Tripp

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4 80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016 AND DULY POSTED AT COACH TB THOMAS SPORTS CENTER, 701 WEST WASHINGTON STREET.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Board Chair Nancy McGee.

BURRY PARK

Veteran's Memorial repair is complete. The new playground, bathroom, and accessible ramp are finished. Nancy asked if the Screen on the Green could track attendance in future. Craig said that can be done and that the program will be managed by George Hatchell in our Dept. for the next series.

BYERLY PARK

Piratesville had 45 private parties, 5 Cove parties, and 21,344 guests this season. The City has applied for a playground grant for Park. The weekend of November 12-13 will be the last softball/baseball tournament this year. Staff is researching a mobile concession stand that will have a/c, can easily be moved around the Park, and to City events. Rose asked if it could be rented by outside groups. Adam will look into it. Will be getting a sandpro mower that will allow staff to be more efficient. Nancy asked about status of volleyball and basketball courts. Arbor Engineering is currently developing bid dimensions. Nancy mentioned having lights on 1-2 soccer fields. Julia said soccer is a very popular multicultural sport and investing in lights is a way to attract a diverse group of residents.

LAWTON PARK

Tennis court entry materials have been replaced, new team benches have installed, and the backboard will be painted. Pavilion will be pressure cleaned monthly. Elevator has been repaired and a faulty thermostat was replaced. New commercial food grade warmer will arrive this month to replace current model that isn't maintaining temperatures. Exterior keypad system will be installed to make it more convenient for renters and staff. Tru has been helping teach tennis to kids at the Boys & Girls Club on Tuesday afternoons. Craig mentioned exploring grants to assist with USTA certified staff. Tru will contact Mary Catherine Farrell to discuss.

PRIDE PARK

Bathroom construction is complete. Born Learning Trail looks great and the ribbon cutting was held October 13.

DEPARTMENT VISION STATEMENT

Craig talked to the committee about developing a vision and mission statement for our Department. Nancy suggested Dick Puffer as a good source. Nancy suggested Craig contact other skate parks re: helmets, policies, and waivers.

Meeting was adjourned without objection at 11:35 a.m.

_____, Chair