



Minutes
City of Hartsville South Carolina
Parks Committee Special Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 – 5:00pm
Public Services Office, 402 S Leesburg Street

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act SC Code 30-4-80: Written notice was delivered to the press by email on Monday, August 19, 2019, and duly posted at 402 S Leesburg Street and on hartsvillesc.gov.

Members Present: Antonio de Ridder, Bryson Caldwell, Ken Hughes, Rose Williams
Staff Present: Russell Slatton, Adam Bedard, Alisha Belk, Sherron Skipper
Council Ex-Officio: Bobby McGee

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by vice chair, Ken Hughes.

Minutes

Committee approved minutes from the November 28, 2019.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Bryson Caldwell nominated Ken Hughes for chair; second: Antonio de Ridder; all ayes.

Ken Hughes nominated Antonio de Ridder for vice chair; second: Bryson Caldwell; all ayes.

Set Regular Monthly Meetings Date, Time Location

Committee will meet every other month on the second Wednesday of the month, at 5:00pm. The location will be the Public Services Office, Conference Room. The next meeting will be October 9, 2019 and then December 11, 2019 respectively.

Oaths of Office

All present committee members recited their oaths of office and signed their documentation to be submitted to the city clerk.

Review of codes section

Sherron Skipper reviewed with the committee how the current vacancy on the committee would be filled since Julia Klimek sent in her resignation. All regular terms end June 30 of that year. Reviewed the attendance portion of the code for committees that explains 2 unexcused consecutive absences would be brought to City Council for review for removal and City Council will find a replacement. Role will be taken at each meeting and committee member will need to let Alisha Belk know the reason why they aren't able to make the meeting so that if a quorum isn't going to happen the meeting can go ahead and be cancelled. Per code the committee must meet at least once a quarter. Russell Slatton asked if announcements for new committee members also be placed at T.B Thomas.

Construction Updates

- a. The outdoor basketball court was completed and ribbon cutting was held last week, looking to add some type of fencing around the court to catch any wild balls and do some more plantings around the court. Bryson Caldwell brought up a question regarding adding lights around the court and Russell Slatton commented that they have looked at it but there were concerns about doing so. Committee can discuss at a later time and decide further and funds would need to be found to cover.

- b. A pull up bar was put up for the circuit course at Byerly Park. There are three more stations that will be added this year: monkey bars, dip bar and a sit up station. They are looking to add at least eight stations at Byerly Park along the one mile track.
- c. T.B. Thomas painting is being done slowly, lightening up the entire building. The lobby was repainted last year and the conference room this year for Girls University to use.
- d. To keep people from parking in the grass around the ballfields road perimeter plantings have been added along the Russell Road side, baseball field and football field side. This was done to keep from having to put up more fencing, poles or ropes. The intent is to do this around the entire park to keep people from parking on the grass.
- e. There were funds left over from a tournament that enabled the installation of batting cages. The ones that were originally ordered were actually made for inside and they were destroyed within a week. New outdoor cages have now been installed, higher intensity poles and there are two at each complex.

Prior Events

- a. Young Eagles flight fest was held out at the airport in April. There was a movie offered the Friday before on the tarmac. The following Saturday there were 48 free flights for the kids and over 150 people showed up. There were presentations made to educate children about being a pilot and airplanes in general. There was a mother and daughter pair that came and speak about the hurdles they faced being female pilots.
- b. There have been 6 tournaments so far this year and one on the books for August 24th. One day passes are handed out to go to Neptune Island at the tournaments to entice tournaments to come to Hartsville.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Chair, Ken Hughes

Date