



Minutes
City of Hartsville South Carolina
Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 5:00pm
Pride Park, 630 S 6th Street

PURSUANT TO CITY OF HARTSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 4401, DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC, PRIDE PARK MAY BE OPEN, MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING, WITH FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED, AND FOLLOWING DHEC AND CDC GUIDELINES. PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 06-20-05 FACE COVERINGS ARE ENCOURAGED.

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 AND DULY POSTED AT PRIDE PARK, 630 S 6TH STREET AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV.

Members Present: Ken Hughes, Brent Beasley, Nique Knockemus, Rose Williams
Members Absent: Antonio de Ridder
Council Ex-Officio: Bobby McGee
Staff Present: Russell Slatton, Alisha Belk

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair, Ken Hughes.

Minutes

Committee approved minutes from the August 12, 2020.

Oaths of Office

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

Discuss Pop-Up Parks

- a. Council Ex-Officio Bobby McGee handed out some information on Pop-Up Parks that he had printed out from internet that gave some information about what a Pop-Up Park is and the idea behind them. Councilman McGee said that he would like for residents to be within a ¼ of a mile from some type of green space, whether it be just a bench and a table for someone to take a load off for a little bit or something that would stay for 24-48 hours but may be so popular that it stay for years. He also suggested the use of underutilized City property that could be used for this type of venture. It was suggested that the committee members look into this idea and do their own research and come back to the next meeting with some ideas of where and how this might be accomplished.
- b. Russ Slatton handed out a map showing that most of the city is within 1 mile of a park. City of Hartsville meets the need of having a park within a mile of most of our residents.
- c. Lauren Baker shared information about what the City of Hartsville did for National Parking Day last September with a Pop-Up Park in the parking spots in front of The Key. The intent is for the City to participate in this event each year but due to COVID-19 we were unable to do it this year. We are hoping that in the years to come that different businesses, civil groups or committees would take on this event and grow it.

5K Running Course

Russ Slatton updated the committee on the SCDOT decision about marking the 5K course. SCDOT said no to painting on the street. Lauren Baker made small signs that were approved by SCDOT but they did not like the route. SCDOT would like us to look at keeping the course on this side of Fifth St. Russ and the YMCA are planning to get together after the Turkey Trot race to see if they can come up with a new course that will need to be certified.

SCDOT requests for cross walks

Russ Slatton informed the committee that he will be sending in a request to SCDOT to see about getting crosswalks at Woodland and Carolina/Dunlap.

Parks and Recreation Manager Updates

- a. Baseball/Softball Tournament: There were no tournaments in September. The biggest tournament of the year is October 31st-November 1st at Byerly Park with a total of 32 teams registered. Byerly Park has teamed up with the Hartsville Northern League to begin hosting tournaments with them in the coming year.
- b. TB Thomas is slowly beginning to open back up and bringing classes back. They will now be open Mon-Thurs 8am-6pm and Friday 8am-5pm. On Monday, October 19th the low impact class will be back but with a limit of only 12 per class. The evening dance and fitness class will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm-6pm.
- c. The American Corn Hole League coming to TB Thomas in February.
- d. Cricket Tournament coming back to TB Thomas with a 2 day tournament in January-February.
- e. Wellness Challenge for the employees has started back up. The first challenge in a Flag Football game for employees on October 22nd. Also there is a 12 week weight loss/walking challenge that is starting October 16th.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Ken Hughes, Chair

Date