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FYI – See below from Hal. Do we need to take action on this?

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**From:** Peters, Hal  
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I saw this in the news clips. The two named in the article are our appointees.

**Associated Press:** Some Richland legislators call for criminal investigation of Recreation Commission  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article71678767.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sarah Ellis

A trio of Richland County legislators is calling for an investigation by the Richland County Sheriff's Department into the Richland County Recreation Commission, which is facing lawsuits and recent reports alleging improper conduct by its director and members of its legislative-appointed board. Two lawsuits have been filed in the past two weeks against the commission; its director, James Brown III; the commission's director of human resources, David Stringer; and two members of the appointed board that oversees the commission, **Marie Green and Barbara Mickens**. One of the legal complaints, filed by commission employee Andrea Fripp James, accuses Brown of sexual harassment and other improper conduct. The second complaint, filed by the former assistant executive director of the commission, Kenya Bryant, claims Bryant was improperly terminated and accuses Brown and board members of improper behavior.

**Barbara R. Mickens was appointed to a term of 2/27/2014 – 2/27/2019**  
**J. Marie Green was appointed to a term of 2/27/2012 – 2/27/2017**

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