

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
Wilbert Lewis
George Martin
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Chair Green announced that prior to this meeting, they felt threatened so therefore they have asked that the sheriff be here and also the location that they convene for Executive Session be moved from the Executive Board room to another room and they will convene back here in open session for vote. Chair Green added that you can expect that the media will be here.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Mickens and second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weeks, Mickens, Clark, Lewis and Martin.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved

unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Martin, Weeks, Lewis and Clark.

3. Executive Session:

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Martin, Mickens, Weeks, Lewis, Clark and Furgess.

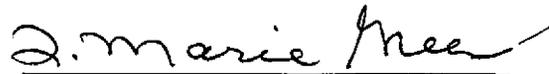
Chair Green stated that no actions were taken.

Motion to support the Executive Director made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion carried; 5 Yea (Green, Mickens, Furgess, Martin and Weeks), 2 Nay (Lewis and Clark).

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Weeks, Furgess, Clark, Lewis and Martin.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 18th day of April 2016.

Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2016
6:00PM

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
Wilbert Lewis
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Tara Dickerson
Andrea James
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Marta Aldinger
Tony Cooper
Kasey Wilson
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed any special guest.

Chair Green called for adoption of the agenda and Commissioner Furgess motioned to move Item 10 Executive Session to the top; second by Commissioner Mickens.

Mr. Brown stated that there are no items for Executive Session.

Commissioner Furgess withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Mickens stated that she has item for Executive Session and Chair Green stated that Executive Session will remain Item No. 10.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Mickens, Clark and Martin.

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and April 4, 2016 Special Call Board Meeting made by Commissioner Mickens, second by Commissioner Furgess. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Lewis, Clark, Martin and Weeks.

4. Public Input:

Mr. Sherman Goodwin stated that he resides in the New Castle subdivision near the new community center and he is requesting that the Board make a correction on the name of New Castle on the building as it stands. Mr. Goodwin stated that on the building it is shown as two words, New and Castle and Newcastle has always been one word since the founding of the community. Mr. Goodwin stated that he made the request at the opening ceremony and after several calls to the Executive Director, he has gotten different reasons for not doing it, one being the cost of \$6,000 to \$7,000. Mr. Goodwin stated that his last call to Mr. Brown did not go very well and feels that Mr. Brown was very unprofessional. Mr. Goodwin stated that Mr. Brown made a suggestion that the community raise the money and he feels that this is not their function as they are taxpayers and this building is funded by taxpayer money. Mr. Goodwin stated that they have been asking for months to get this corrected and Mr. Brown ended up telling him that he was not going to make the change so he is appealing to the Board to make the change on the building. Mr. Goodwin added that the building has inadequate parking, with eleven spaces and two dedicated to handicapped. Mr. Goodwin advised that he has documentation showing that the name has always been one word.

Chair Green advised Mr. Goodwin that the Board will follow up with him on the matter.

5. New Paths Development & Consulting: (Action)

Mr. John Lewis thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before them and explained that they are developers who are looking to develop a 34 unit townhome complex adjacent to the Ridgewood Community Center. Mr. Lewis stated that they are requesting an easement to reach the water and sewer on Linden Street (handout to Commissioners). Mr. Lewis stated that they have walked the property with Councilman Livingston and Kenya Bryant.

Commissioner Lewis asked for a response from the Administration regarding the request.

Mr. Crider stated that he would like to see the engineering and architectural drawings with legal documentation that gives easement to property before we make a decision as an Agency. Mr. Crider added that as far as the proposal, he does not see a problem because it is no disruption to any of our property or events held there.

Chair Green questioned Mr. Crider on his recommendation stating that he is saying that the Board should wait on documents requested and Mr. Crider advised yes, with our legal and their legal working out the easements and so forth.

6. Financial Report: (Information)

Andrea James, Financial Operations, reviewed financial reports included in the Board's packet.

7. Bond Construction Updates: (Information)

Tony Cooper presented Bond Updates included in the Board's packet.

8. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Mr. James Brown reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout.

Commissioner Lewis asked if we were still on schedule to finish the Pine Grove project by the end of April and Mr. Brown along with Mr. Crider answered yes.

9. Other Business

No other Business

Motion to go into Executive Session to share information, Commissioner Lewis asked to amend the motion to also address a personnel matter; second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Clark and Martin.

10. Executive Session

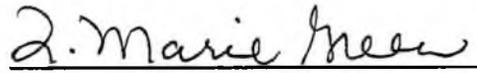
Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Lewis, Furgess, Clark, Weeks and Martin.

Commissioner Furgess stated that no action was taken.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Martin, Weeks, Clark, Lewis, Furgess and Mickens.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 16th day of May 2016.

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2016
5:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Wilbert Lewis
Weston A. Furgess, Jr.
Thomas Clark

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Andrea Fripp James
Tara Dickerson
David Stringer
Bryan Crider
Robert Hickman
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:02p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Clark and Lewis.

3. Budget Presentation FY 2016-2017

Ms. Andrea Fripp James, Financial Operations, presented budget as outlined.

Ms. James reported that she has compiled the numbers that were given to her for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Ms. James stated that it appears to her to be a flat budget, like the budget from last year with the exception of including the CAP which was based on the number given to her from the projected mills.

Commissioner Furgess stated that the writing on the first page is small and Ms. James advised that she would make it bigger before sending to County.

Ms. James pointed out that there is a typo on page 2, the number for JUMPS is a hard number for the current year and she will correct it before sending to County. Ms. James added that in terms of speaking about any upcoming financial plans that the Agency may have, she stated that she could not speak about but she can defer the questions and they can be answered.

Commissioner Lewis stated that there are several pages in red, what does that represent. Ms. James stated that it is a color that they have been using for years and it represents nothing. She added that this year she would use black so there would be no confusion, only projected numbers, no negatives.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he sent out an email this afternoon indicating that all he had was the numbers presented and each year I made note that I believe a budget should be driven by a specific plan that we want to put in place and he cannot make that determination from the information that he has before him. Commissioner Lewis stated that he noted in his email that he would like to ask for a work session prior to approval and he knows that there is a deadline of next week.

Chair Green asked for any discussion.

Commissioner Furgess asked if Commissioner Lewis wanted to see a breakdown.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he would like to have a discussion/work session, as we have done in previous years as he recalls, that would give us the opportunity to ask all questions that we want to ask to see exactly where the priorities are and what drives the numbers.

Ms. James stated that she would have to defer to the Executive Department; she added that she has not been included in any financial plans that relates to the Agency, she was charged this year with putting the numbers together that were given to her.

Commissioner Clark stated that after reading over the budget he thought the red numbers were negative and Ms. James apologized and David added that its last fiscal year compared to this fiscal year.

Chair Green stated that she would think that if you prepared the budget that you would give us everything that we would need and if he's asking for something else; adding that she has never participated in a workshop to discuss the budget. Chair Green asked that perhaps you can elaborate your objective in detail so that we can understand what you are talking about because she has never participated in a budget workshop.

Commissioner Lewis stated as he recalls in previous years we've had work sessions where the budget is presented and we are given the opportunity to discuss the specifics.

Discussion on previous workshops.

Commissioner Lewis stated that if nobody else has that need, its fine but it is a need that he has to move forward with the budget.

Chair Green suggested that it be put to a motion. Commissioner Furgess stated that the deadline is next week and this should have been done last week and trying to schedule something now is unreal.

Mr. Stringer added that if you look at page 4, Mr. Brown could go over what the new equipment is and what the park improvements are which, is the change in the budget.

Mr. Brown reviewed those changes.

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis to schedule a work session for the Board on the budget prior to submitting to County Council. No second, Motion dies.

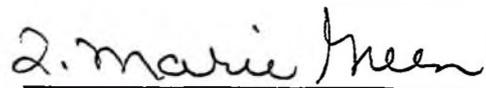
Budget discussion.

Motion made by Commissioner Furgess to accept the RCRC budget for FY 2016-2017 to be presented to County Council, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved 4 yea (Green, Mickens, Furgess and Clark), 1 nay (Lewis). Vote carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Mickens and Clark.

5. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:28p.m.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 16th day of May 2016.

Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2016
6:00PM

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
Wilbert Lewis
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

Tara Dickerson
Andrea James
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Kasey Wilson
Tony Cooper
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed any special guest.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Mickens, Clark and Martin.

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Mickens, second by Commissioner Furgess. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Lewis, Clark, Martin and Weeks.

4. Public Input:

None

5. Financial Report: (Information)

Andrea James, Financial Operations, reviewed financial reports included in the Board's packet. Ms. James reported that the Finance Department is in the process of finalizing the budget and closing out this fiscal year. Ms. James stated that this year the Commission did not receive the full cap as requested and the County has put a hold on our funding, only providing the state mandated 5 mils until there is an audit performed of their choosing and at that time, provided that we pass the audit, they will release the remaining 8.4 mil of the approved budget.

Ms. James reported that the numbers are down at LinRick from the same time last year, however they have had a strong last two months.

Commissioner Lewis questioned our budget request and Ms. James stated 15.3 mil total. Commissioner Lewis then questioned the amount that County is releasing and Ms. James stated 5 mils and she explained the funding process based on mils. Commissioner Lewis questioned the anticipated impact that this would have on day to day operations and Ms. James stated that this would depend on if we pass the audit and as it stands right now, if the release the first 4.9 mils is what the 5 mils actually equates too, then she thinks for the next few months we could be OK and she did speak with the County and they are in the process of trying to finalize the details for the audit and as far as the Agency goes, we need to be extremely mindful in regards to spending. Ms. James added that right now she thinks that the way that we have been spending, she thinks we are OK; we would be in crisis if it came to the point where they would keep it at the 5 mil.

Commissioner Furgess questioned when the County would do the audit and Ms. James stated that they met on Monday but they do not have the details and who will do the audit, but they told her they would get back with her as soon as they had the details.

Ms. James stated that she hopes they will schedule the audit about the same time that most people schedule; we close out the year at the end of June, however in terms of our Finance Department as well as the County's Finance Department we may not close out the year until the end of July. Ms. James stated that as soon as she gets the information from the County that she will hand it over to the Executive Department and they will get the information to you.

Commissioner Clark questioned if there is anything that they are looking for specifically and Ms. James stated that they will be doing a regular financial audit as well as an operations audit.

6. LinRick Budget: (Attachment/Action)

Andrea James, in the absence of Mr. John E. Rutherford, presented LinRick's FY 2016-2017 budget for approval included in the board's packet.

Commissioner Furgess questioned if there was any damage due to the flood in October and Ms. James stated that she was not aware of any damages and referred to the Executive Department. Ms. Dickerson stated no damage, that it was only a lack of participation during that time.

Motion to approve LinRick's budget for FY 2016-2017 made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Lewis, Clark, Weeks and Martin.

7. Bond Construction Updates: (Information)

Tony Cooper presented Bond Updates included in the Board's packet.

Commissioner Furgess questioned if there was still a sewage problem at South East Middle School and Mr. Cooper stated that the problem was corrected.

8. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Mr. Tara Dickerson, Chief of Staff, reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout. Ms. Dickerson presented Board with request for Waiver of Facility Fees from the Nonprofit Organization, Support Military Spouses to use the Polo Road Park on July 14, 2016. Ms. Dickerson stated that staff has reviewed application and recommend approval.

Motion to approve the request for waiver of fees as presented by staff made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Clark, Mickens, Martin and Weeks.

Commissioner Lewis asked how long does the CAPRA accreditation last and Ms. Dickerson stated four years.

9. Other Business

No other Business

Motion to go into Executive Session for a contractual matter made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Clark and Martin.

10. Executive Session

Commissioner Furgess stated that no actions were made in Executive Session.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Lewis, Furgess, Clark, Weeks and Martin.

11. Election of Officers:

Chair Green called for election of officers; Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the term of 2016-2017.

Motion made by Commissioner Furgess to keep the same officers that we have for this coming year, Chair-Ms. Green, Vice Chair-Ms. Mickens, Secretary-Weston Furgess; second by Commissioner Mickens. Four (4) yeah; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Martin and Weeks. Two (2) nay; Lewis and Clark. Motion carried.

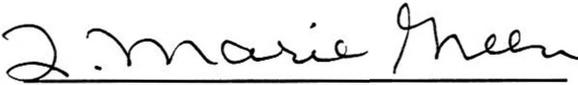
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Martin, Weeks, Clark, Lewis, Furgess and Mickens.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.

Minutes approved July 18, 2017 by Chair J. Marie Green.

Minutes Amended on this 17th day of October 2016.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2016
6:00PM

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
Thomas Clark

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

Tara Dickerson
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Kasey Wilson
Marta Cleary
Tiyana Henley
Erica Smalls
Demetria Goodwin
Jeffrey Brown
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed any special guest.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Mickens, Clark and Martin.

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2016 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Mickens, second by Commissioner Furgess. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Clark, and Martin.

4. Public Input:

Mr. Willie Washington, Athletic Director Benedict College, stated that the Richland County Recreation Commission is certified, the facilities are outstanding and Mr. James Brown has worked his way up after 31 years and is one of the best recreators in the business no matter what the situation might be and how you look at it. Mr. Washington added that James Brown has worked for this county, grew up here and he's doing an excellent job.

Mr. Sherman Goodwin, New Castle/Trenholm Acres Community, stated that he appeared before the Commission in April requesting the correction of the spelling of New Castle and that the Board indicated that they would get back with him. Mr. Goodwin added that in his conversation with Mr. Brown he suggested that the community raise the \$6,000 to \$7,000 to have it corrected and Mr. Goodwin advised that it should come from the Commission and Mr. Brown hung up on him. Mr. Goodwin then stated that he called him back and Mr. Brown stated that he would absolutely not correct the situation. Mr. Goodwin stated that it might seem like a small item but it represents our community. NewCastle is one word and it was founded in 1964, our articles of incorporation and every other official document shows it as one word and he is asking the Commission to make the correction.

Chair Green asked Mr. Bryan Crider, Division Head Property Management, to address the request.

Mr. Crider stated that at the April 18th board meeting he was asked to go back and review documentation and everything that he found starting in 2006/2008 forward shows New Castle was given as two words; the brick sign turning into community, all prototypes were presented as two words, and the sign presented in front of the building while it was being constructed was two words. Mr. Crider stated that all of the documentation throughout from 2006-2008 when the bond started shows two words.

Mr. Goodwin stated that he wanted to go back to 1964 and presented an official document showing NewCastle as one word. He added that the sign entering from Warner Drive NewCastle is one word and the first street named NewCastle Drive is one word. Mr. Goodwin stated that he is asking the County to do their due diligence and check the official records to see that NewCastle is one word. Mr. Goodwin added that he does not think that the neighborhood should have to come up with the money to correct the Recreation Commission's mistake. Mr. Goodwin asked if someone will get back with him and Chair Green stated that they would.

Mr. Joseph Ray, Line Dance Group, stated that his main reason for being here was to “toot the horn” for the administrators at Richland County Recreation and to also bring up an issue with the line dance group of about 55 retirees who participate here twice a week. Mr. Ray stated that they have a signature event each month called First Friday where they invite individuals to come out and join in the line dance activities; this is a signature event and last year we had a problem where we were bumped by the New Castle group’s Christmas party. Mr. Ray reported that the First Friday event has been going on for over 10 years and they bring in an excess of over 200 to 300 participants to join in the activities. Mr. Ray stated that he does it for the fitness aspect and it has been a wonderful event for him and they are making a plea to the Commission to honor their request that they have the first Friday as a standing date for the First Friday event.

Chair Green stated that management staff will get back with him on this matter. Chair Green explained that the Board of Commissioners does not get involved with the Agency’s day to day operations.

Mr. Ray stated that he still wanted to bring it to the Board’s attention that the quality of services provided here are wonderful and that they religiously show up every Tuesday and Thursday and always pull in 200 to 300 people every month. Mr. Ray added that Mr. James Brown always works with the group very diligently, but we somehow got bumped.

Ms. Barbara Roach, Line Dance Group, stated that the issue is not just that they have the first Fridays, but in December the New Castle Group is trying to bump them out of the first Friday. Ms. Roach explained that calendar documentation shows that the Line Dance Group is on the calendar and it doesn’t seem fair that they have to give it up for another activity that could possibly be scheduled for another date.

Chair Green stated that it seems there is some controversy between the two groups in scheduling an event for a specific date and management staff will look into it closely and work with you to resolve the issue.

Ms. Roach reiterated that this is a scheduled activity that is trying to be bumped and Chair Green stated that she understood.

Ms. Doris Trapp, Line Dance Group, stated that other members of the group have already addressed the problem that they are having but she would also like to state that Mr. Brown has done a wonderful job with them and they have no problems with staff or him; normally he handles any problems that we have and we greatly appreciate them.

Senator Joel Lourie, stated that first of all he would like to thank the Board for their service and that this is not an easy position that you serve in and he doesn’t think that it is going to get any

easier. Senator Lourie continued by expressing his thanks to Chair Green for responding quickly to the letter that he sent last week. Senator Lourie explained that he wanted to be very clear that the members of the delegation do not want their relationship with the Board in any way to be contentious. Senator Lourie stated that this is not about him or any member of the delegation, it is not about any of the Commissioners and it is not about Mr. Brown, it is about the people of Richland County, the park system in which he grew up playing baseball at Trenholm and basketball at Forest Lake; we have a wonderful park system.

Senator Lourie stated that to say that he is concerned would be an understatement; we have to work together with you the Commission and the way the Commission is structured is no fault of your own, you're a Special Purpose District and he thinks if there is any fault it is on the delegation for not bringing you in on a regular basis to engage you in dialogue about what is happening here at the Recreation Commission. Senator Lourie stated that the delegation make appointments and that is pretty much it. He announced that for the next six months of his service he intends to be a little more engaged with the Commission and he hopes that they can work together to right the ship and he does believe that the ship needs righting, adding that he is not here to throw stones, he's about solutions having spent 18 years standing up for employees in state government, fighting for people that sometimes have no voice and working on issues to make South Carolina better.

Senator Lourie reiterated that he does not want the relationship to be viewed as contentious because that is not who he is, he is here to work with the Commission to make things better and there is a lot of work to do and at the end of the day it is about the people of Richland County who expect their park system to be run efficiently and honorably and it is about the hard working employees of this agency and he does not ever want an employee of any Agency to walk into what they feel like is a culture of intimidation and sadly he has gotten many emails and most of them are not anonymous and that concerns him.

Senator Lourie stated that there are a lot more things that he would like to be doing in his last six months of service than to be here before this Commission but he feels an obligation to the people of Richland County and he knows the Commission does too or they would not be serving. Senator Lourie ended expressing that he looks forward to working with the Commission and that he may have some follow up questions that he will direct to the Chair as he continues to sort through this with some of his colleagues and he looks forward to working together on behalf of the people of Richland County.

Ms. Gloria J. Brown, representing as a senior participant, stated that in America we are the one group of people that don't reverence our seniors and she wants the Commission to know that in this center and all the centers we are revered and we feel like somebody.

Ms. Brown stated that there are all kind of nice programs; she has learned to make baskets, crochet, quilt and dance. Ms. Brown stated that when she participated in Zumba class at the AAC in the 8:00am class that Mr. James Brown would meet us and come in for a few minutes. Ms. Brown stated that there are a lot of things going on in these centers but there are a lot of good things going on in these centers and she asked if any of them have visited the centers and actually participated. Ms. Brown stated that they really need to come and participate and see what is really going on and then they could see, because she is proud to be a part of Richland County. Ms. Brown added that she has lived in the Northeast area since 1974 and she likes where she lives; she encourages everybody to come and a lot of people come to this center and other centers because of the atmosphere for the seniors and she asked the Board to consider this.

Representative Beth Bernstein, stated that she serves in the state of South Carolina representatives and represents House District 78 and she too shares what Senator Lourie said because we want to make sure that we have a good working relationship with the Commission.

Representative Bernstein stated that she is not retiring and intends to be here for her next term and hopefully see what the future holds, but she grew up in this town and the Park system is very important to her. Representative Bernstein shared that she likes to hear comments that were just made, how people enjoy coming here, and we just want to make sure that the people of Richland County have the facilities that they are entitled to and also want to make sure that the employees and other people are treated the way we would want to be treated; so we just want an open dialogue.

Representative Bernstein stated that she thought it would be prudent to come to a meeting since she has not been to one. She is in her second term, so it is nice being able to meet some of you and see you for the first time. She would like to be able to have this open dialogue for communication because she thinks a lot of it is when you don't have that open line of communication is when we have some concerns.

Representative Bernstein stated that constituents have been calling with concerns and that is what her job is; to represent the constituents in House District 78 and the larger community and that is what is troubling for her. Representative Bernstein concluded stating that she wanted to come and see in person and make these statements on behalf of her constituents make sure that those in charge are doing what we would expect of good service.

Chair Green thanked everyone who came in support of the Recreation Commission and expressed appreciation for all the comments.

5. Presentation:

Mr. Randy Huth along with Mr. David Wiesendanger, architects from the Boudreaux Group, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to work with them over the past years. Mr. Wiesendanger stated that every year the American Institute of Architects recognizes outstanding projects. This year the Boudreaux Group submitted the Gadsden Community Center for an award and it won a Design Merit Award. The judges were complimentary on the use of materials, natural light and unique form of the building, especially considering the type project and being good stewards of the resources that we were given. Mr. Wiesendanger presented the Gadsden Community Center Award to proudly display in the building, as they have it displayed in their office.

Chair Green thanked the Boudreaux Group on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and assured that the award would be proudly displayed at the Gadsden Community Center.

Chair Green offered any visitors the opportunity to exit at this time.

6. Financial Report: (Information)

Kasey Wilson, Financial Operations, reviewed financial reports included in the Board's packet.

7. Bond Construction Updates: (Information)

Bryan Crider presented Bond Updates included in the Board's packet.

8. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Ms. Tara Dickerson, Chief of Staff, reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout.

Ms. Dickerson presented two requests for Waiver of Facility Fees from the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the Antioch AME Zion Church outlined in the Board's handout.

Motion to approve requests for Waiver of Facility Fees for the two events at Eastover Park on July 30, 2016 and September 16, 2016 made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Clark and Martin.

Commissioner Clark referenced a matter from last meeting, questioning the status of employment for James Brown, Jr.

Ms. Dickerson stated that she would discuss the matter in Executive Session, personnel matters cannot be discussed in open session.

Ms. Dickerson stated that there are two items for Executive Session; one contractual and one personnel.

9. Other Business

No other Business

Motion to go into Executive Session for a contractual and personnel matter made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Clark and Martin.

10. Executive Session

Commissioner Furgess stated that no actions were taken in Executive Session.

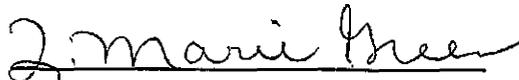
Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Clark, and Martin.

Motion to approve Staff's recommendation to continue to use the accounting firm of Burkett, Burkett and Burkett for auditing purposes for the fiscal year 2015-2016 made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Clark, Mickens and Martin.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Clark, Mickens and Martin.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:18p.m.


J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 19th day of September 2016.

Richland County Recreation Commission
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2016
6:00PM

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
Wilbert Lewis
George Martin
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

Staff Attendance:

Cornelia Watts
Erica Smalls
Kim Hall
Jeffrey Brown

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weeks, Clark, Lewis and Martin.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Weeks. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Martin, Weeks, Lewis and Clark.

3. Executive Session:

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Lewis and second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Martin, Weeks, Lewis, Clark and Furgess.

Chair Green stated that no actions were taken.

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis that the Commission continue to cooperate with law enforcement through staff and counsel into the issues which law enforcement is currently reviewing, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Lewis, Martin, Weeks, Furgess and Clark.

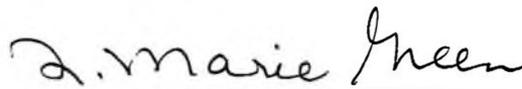
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weeks, Furgess, Clark, Lewis and Martin.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:28p.m.

Minutes approved September 19, 2016 by Chair, J. Marie Green.

Minutes corrected on this 17th day of October 2016.



J. Marie Green, Chair

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2016
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

Tara Dickerson
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Kasey Wilson
Jeffrey Brown
Erica Smalls
Keira Sessions
Demetria Goodwin
Tiyana White
Marta Aldinger
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed any special guest.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

**Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Clark.
Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Clark, Weeks and Martin.**

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the August 24, 2016 Special Call Board Meeting made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner

Weeks. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weeks, Martin and Clark.

4. Public Input:

Ms. Gene Blakely Parks read a letter requesting a waiver of fees to use the Adult Activity Center on Parklane Road every third Thursday from October 20, 2016 thru September 21, 2017 for monthly meetings of the Columbia Section of the National Council of Negro Women(a 501c3). Ms. Parks stated that the Council has been meeting in Classroom C for the past two years at no charge and before that they met at Meadowlake Park at no charge. The meeting was moved to Parklane for better parking and safety. The NCNW's mission is to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent and support for the families and communities. Ms. Parks asked for the waiver thru September 2017 after which they will find another place.

Chair Green referred request to Tara Dickerson and she explained that after Executive Director's review and staff recommendation, the request will be presented to Board for approval.

Mr. Hainsley Lewis, Lincolnshire Community, stated that it took the Community a long time to get a gym. Mr. Lewis stated that they selected a gym (with no meeting rooms/storage) similar to the gym at Denny Terrace because they thought at the time that they would always have the Community Center in the school. Mr. Lewis stated that when the young kids go to the gym they can't play because the big kids are playing basketball, volleyball, etc. Mr. Lewis requested that the two maintenance buildings on the property that are not needed, be removed and a Community Center built. Mr. Lewis added that they have a meeting room in the school (CSI) but they are at the mercy of the principal, who is very difficult to get along with. Mr. Lewis asked the Board if this is not the place to make this request, please give advice as to where to go because they definitely need a community center.

Commissioner Furgess stated that the request will be taken under advisement and they will get back with Mr. Lewis.

Ms. Sally Tryon, Board member of the Carolina School for Inquiry, and with her the Director, Ms. Victoria Dixon-Mokeba. Ms. Tryon stated that they are leasing the RCRC building on Fairfield Road in the Crane Creek community and they would like to inquire as to the possibility of the Carolina School of Inquiry purchasing the facility.

Chair Green referred to Tara Dickerson and Ms. Dickerson explained that this is a contractual matter and discussion of this matter will take place in Executive Session.

5. Financial Report: (Information)

Ms. Kasey Wilson, Financial Operations, reviewed financial reports included in the Board's packet.

6. Bond Construction Updates: (Information)

Mr. Bryan Crider presented Bond Updates included in the Board's packet.

7. Request from Richland County EMS: (Action)

Mr. Bryan Crider presented request from Richland County EMS included in the Board's packet. Mr. Crider stated that Emergency Planner and Chief Meteorologist for Richland County, Ken Aucoin contacted RCRC requesting to put a 30 foot tower that monitors the weather at Crossroads, which is located at 378 and 601. The Richland County Weather Information Network Data System, known as RC WINDS is a high tech weather monitoring network used to better respond to emergency situations and now the is accessible to the public online at rewinds.com. Mr. Crider stated that they currently have 36 stations throughout Richland County and the only thing RCRC would provide is space for the tower and power for the USB collecting data.

Commissioner Furgess questioned the supply of power and Mr. Crider stated that it would only require a very minimal amount of power, maybe only 6 amps.

Chair Green questioned the duration, 24/7 and Mr. Crider stated yes and they would have a panel on the tower that they would have all their equipment stored and would not have access to any part of our building.

Commissioner Furgess questioned if the tower would interfere with any of our structure and Mr. Crider stated that it would not; he met with them on site to select a location.

Commissioner Clark questioned any safety concerns as to lightning and Mr. Crider advised that he did not ask about that but he would assume not since it is grounded.

Commissioner Furgess questioned fencing and Mr. Crider stated that he advised them that they would discuss fencing. Mr. Crider stated that they advised that there are sites that do not have any fencing but it would be our personal preference if we felt that we needed fencing.

Chair Green asked Mr. Crider for his recommendation and Mr. Crider stated that Property Management is comfortable with the request but he wanted to present to Board for feedback.

Chair Green questioned if there were any other RCRC facilities with the tower and Mr. Crider stated that currently there are none.

Ms. Tara Dickerson stated that there are currently no contracts for the towers that they have on sites and they said if the Board would like a contract for the tower and use of the facility that they would work something out.

Commissioner Furgess stated that he would like to see a contract to cover RCRC for the future and a fence for safety reasons concerning children.

Mr. Crider stated that he would work on it and report at next meeting.

(NO ACTION TAKEN)

8. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Ms. Tara Dickerson, Chief of Staff, reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout.

Ms. Dickerson presented three request for Waiver of Facility Fees from Building Better Communities, a non-profit organization; Odyssey Golf Foundation, a 501 c 3, and local public school district ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages).

Motion to approve Waiver of Facility Fees at St. Andrews Park, North Springs Park and Hopkins Park made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Weeks. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weeks, Clark and Martin.

9. Other Business

No other Business

Motion to go into Executive Session for 4 contractual items made by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Clark, Furgess, Martin and Weeks.

10. Executive Session

Commissioner Furgess stated that no actions were taken in Executive Session.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Weeks. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weeks, Martin and Clark.

Motion by Chair Green to further look into CSI's situation and get back with them at next meeting, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved.

Motion by Chair Green to approve Eastover Park as an offsite shelter facility for Webber, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved.

Motion by Chair Green to sign The First Right of Refusal for Rimer Pond Road, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Clark. Motion approved.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 17th day of October 2016.

Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2016
6:00PM

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
Wilbert Lewis
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

Tara Dickerson
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Bryan Crider
Marta Aldinger
Kasey Wilson
Erica Smalls
Kim Hall
Keira Sessions
Tiyana Henley
Debra Jacobs
Demetria Goodwin
Charles Eubanks
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed any special guest.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Mickens, Clark and Martin.

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Lewis, Clark, Martin and Weeks.

Commissioner Lewis requested corrections to prior minutes from August 24, 2016 Special Call Meeting and the June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Lewis noted that Commissioner Mickens seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session but she was not present at the August 24, 2016 meeting, Commissioner Furgess seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lewis noted that in the minutes from the June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting, it is recorded that a motion was made to keep the same officers for the coming year but it was not recorded who made that motion, Commissioner Furgess made the motion.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion that the previous minutes from the August 24, 2016 and June 20, 2016 meetings be amended to reflect corrections.

Chair Green stated that to approve the changes, we would have to consult with legal.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he would yield to a Parliamentarian if one was present.

Commissioner Furgess second the motion.

Chair Green stated that to her knowledge, once minutes have been approved that there are no corrections and she stands to be corrected, so therefore she will be asking for consultation on this issue.

Motion carried to make corrections to the minutes as follows: 1 abstained: Chair Green; 6 Yeas: Lewis, Furgess, Mickens, Martin, Weeks and Clark.

4. Public Input:

Ms. Judy Smith-Irvin, distributed information and thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to have a Senior Prom, an event that has been in place for about 5 years. Ms. Irvin stated that the seniors really enjoy the event and the Sponsors listed help make it a success. Ms. Irvin thanked the Board again and asked for continued support.

Chair Green referred to Ms. Tara Dickerson and Ms. Dickerson stated that she has been working with Ms. Irvin and the Request for Waiver of Facility Fees is on the Agenda.

Ms. Joana McCray, stated that she would like to add to Ms. Irvin's input and say that it has been a marvelous experience and that she loves the atmosphere here and hope that they can continue the spirit that they have with RCRC.

Mr. James Careton, stated that he is a senior citizen and part of the group and he is grateful for allowing the group to have this event. Mr. Careton thanked the Board again and asked that they consider their proposal giving them the opportunity to continue the experience.

Ms. Betty Scott, stated that she wanted to piggy back off the others and say that she truly enjoyed the event and helpful workers. Seniors from all over the community came together for a good time and a free dinner. Ms. Scott thanked the Board again and asked the Board to consider their proposal.

Mr. Thomas Irvin, thanked the Board for the use of the building. Mr. Irvin stated that the event is open to the community at no charge, the food is donated. Mr. Irvin asked the Board to please consider their request.

5. Financial Report: (Information)

Ms. Kasey Wilson, Financial Operations, reviewed financial reports included in the Board's packet.

6. Bond Construction Updates: (Information)

Mr. Bryan Crider presented Bond Updates included in the Board's packet.

7. Executive Director Report: (Information)

Ms. Tara Dickerson, Chief of Staff, reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout.

Motion to waive the fees for the nine organizations presented by staff made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Lewis, Furgess, Martin, Mickens, Clark and Weeks.

8. Other Business

No other Business

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 2 contractual and 2 personnel matters made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Lewis, Weeks, Clark and Martin.

9. Executive Session

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Lewis, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Lewis, Furgess, Clark, Weeks and Martin.

Commissioner Furgess stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion to accept the legal advice regarding the sale of property and draft a long term lease with the Carolina School for Inquiry for the use of the Crane Creek Community building made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Mickens, Martin, Weeks and Clark.

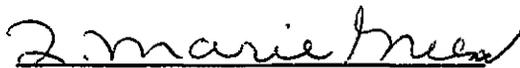
Motion to offer the fair market price for the purchase of land on Garners Ferry Road for future recreational use made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Clark, Martin, Weeks and Mickens.

Motion to accept the decision of the Executive Director, James Brown, III, to retire effective October 14, 2016, said retirement superseding or voiding any obligation RCRC had to Mr. Brown under his employment agreement dated October 27, 2015 made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Mickens, Martin, Weeks and Clark.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Mickens, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Martin, Weeks, Clark, Lewis, Furgess and Mickens.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.


J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 21st day of November 2016.

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2016
6:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
Thomas Clark
Joseph B. Weeks

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

David Stringer
Tara Dickerson
Robert Hickman
Erica Smalls
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Mickens and second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weeks, Mickens, Clark, and Martin.

3. Request for Response from Governor Nikki R. Haley:

Mr. David Stringer, Human Resources, stated that he trust that the Commissioners have had the opportunity to review the documents in the

packages that were hand delivered. Mr. Stringer stated that a motion is needed to approve the information compiled by staff for delivery to Governor Nikki Haley in the morning, regarding her request for response of October 19th.

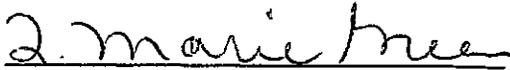
Motion to approve the information compiled by Staff to Governor Nikki Haley's October 19, 2016 request for response made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Martin, Weeks, and Clark.

Mr. David Stringer advised that information would be delivered in the morning and requested that Commissioners return information packets due to personnel and confidential content.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Weeks. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Weeks, Furgess, Clark, and Martin.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:03p.m.


J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 21st day of November 2016.