

# Recreation Advisory Board JANUARY 10, 2013

## Minutes

Members Present: Dr. David Kleinschuster, Danielle Horwat, Dr. Sterritt, Herman Little, and Letitia Evans. Also present were Bobbi White and Randy Keaton. Members absent: Buck Jolly and Johnnie Walton.

Dr. Kleinschuster called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

A moment of silence was observed for our community and our country.

Correction to November 8, 2012 minutes: Bill Trueblood's name misspelled. Dr. Kleinschuster made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Sterritt seconded. Minutes approved.

Dr. Kleinschuster stated there were not enough members present for a quorum at the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting however a lot was discussed about the lack of participation.

No comments from the public.

Old Business:

Bobbi White updated the board on Charles Creek Park and Edgewood Park.

New Business-

Nominations for Recreation Advisory Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman were discussed. Only two eligible members are Herman Little and Danielle Horwat. Both declined. Bobbi stated she would contact Buck Jolly to see if he would be willing to chair the RAB. ***(Since the meeting Mr. Jolly has stated that if nominated he would be willing to serve)***. It was stated that Dr. Kleinschuster was actually an acting Chairman when the board began in January 2011. He was reelected in January 2012.

Dr. Kleinschuster stated he would like to see more people be appointed to the Recreation Advisory Board. Herman Little moved to have 9 appointees on the board. Letitia Evans seconded. Motion approved. It was suggested 4 City members (1 official, 3 citizens); 4 County members (1 official, 3 citizens); and 1 person jointly appointed by both City and County. It was stated that there needs to be someone from City Council and the County Commissioners at every meeting. If the appointee is unable to attend, they need to ask someone from that government entee to be present.

Elections will be worked on in February meeting.

Dr. Kleinschuster asked if there was anything that the County wanted the Park and Recreation and the Recreation Advisory Board to work on. Randy Keaton responded 1) joint use agreement with the school system to use facilities north of town 2) purchase property in Morgan's Corner area for parks. Dr. Sterritt added College of the Albemarle Athletics since baseball and softball have no facilities. He stated there was a problem with game time and practice and that the College needs their own field but no money and no master plan. The college is dependent of Northeastern High School, Pasquotank County High School, and Parks and Recreation for facilities. He added he was worried

that Parks and Recreation and College of the Albemarle are not working together. Randy Keaton stated he feels that volunteers are discouraged from helping rake the fields. Herman Little stated that a breakdown in communication can cause problems. He also added that a high volume in using fields also causes problems. Mr. Little stated it is not a good situation when you have a lot of organizations use a facility. Randy Keaton stated he felt like it was not a liability issue with volunteers working on the fields. Bobbi White stated that neither College of the Albemarle nor Elizabeth City State University have ever signed a contract to use facilities. Letitia Evans stated she feels this is just a difference of opinion of what is useable and what is not useable. Herman Little stated that the City and the School System are in the same area where they are liable for anything that happens on their facilities. **(An email was sent to RAB members on January 15<sup>th</sup> concerning this issue with COA and the Parks and Recreation Department)**

Bobbi White then reported to the board the following:

- ❖ Police Department cameras have been installed at Charles Creek Park. They cover Charles Creek, Dog Corner, and Waterfront Park.
- ❖ Edgewood Park playground equipment has arrived. The Recreation Department is in the process of removing old equipment.
- ❖ Mack Sawyer building was purchased in December 2012. DENR funds and City funds equaling \$142,500 (\$102,000 DENR & \$40,200 City)
- ❖ Donation of Walton Jennette property along the Knobbs Creek west of the new bridge. It is approximately 1,000 feet of wetland along the Knobbs Creek and .23 acres of high land for parking. This will be a new canoe/kayak launch.
- ❖ Repair bulkhead at Charles Creek. Approximately 20 feet pulled out after a high tide in November/December. Layden Marine Construction won the bid to repair with \$3,100.
- ❖ Water fountain for River Road has been ordered but has not come in yet. The cost is \$2,600 for the fountain alone.
- ❖ Irrigation of the Driving Range at South Park is almost complete.
- ❖ South Park Maintenance Building is 95% complete. Electrical wiring needs to be finished.
- ❖ ECSU ROTC requested the used of Fun Junktion for their field training. This has been turned over to Mr. Keaton. No response as of yet. **(Mr. Keaton added that they were told to speak with Mike Etheridge).**

Danielle Horwat made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm due to Valentine's Day.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbi White