

**Recreation Advisory Board**  
**JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**  
**5:30pm**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Herman Little, Buck Jolly, Eddie Spencer, Johnnie Walton, and Debbie Malenfant.  
Also present: Dexter Harris, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Members Absent: Phillip Hornthal and Dr. Sterritt.

Eddie Spencer welcomed and called the meeting to order.

Buck Jolly led the board in prayer.

May 2018 minutes were then approved.

Comments from the public:

Several patrons from the Newland area were present to voice the need for walking trails, parks, pavilions, etc. for the seniors and for the children in the northern section of the county. The board was presented with a stack of petitions signed by residents in the Newland/Northern Area of town.

Commenters/Public Present:

- Commissioner Charles Jordan
- Commissioner Joseph Winslow Jr.
- Gilbertine Griffin
- Treva Gregory
- Lucy Beamon
- Rev. Gladys Griffin
- Bishop David L White Jr
- Nora Sanborn
- Tonya Jennings
- Mildred Williams
- Roland Williams
- Montrose Hinton
- Vivian Armstrong
- Mark Brown

Expressed was the need for a convenient, visible, accessible, and equally comfortable community park for all ages and races. Discussion was had on one possible location and different suggestions on what the public would like to see in the area.

**Old Business**

Mr. Harris gave the board an update on the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration to be held at Waterfront Park. He advised the board that staff is looking to change things up this year and taking things in a different direction.

## **New Business**

Mr. Harris gave the board an update on the parks and recreation summer camp registration numbers.

Mr. Harris informed the board of this year's Kids Flix dates and the movie titles to be shown.

An update was given on the Dr. Martin Luther King Educational Boardwalk at Charles Creek Park after Mr. Little asked about the status of the project.

Buck Jolly commented that signage is needed to direct the public to the location of Fun Junktion Park.

Buck Jolly then commented on the lack of life rings at Waterfront Park.

Herman Little asked how the recreation department's activities and events were advertised.

The board then revisited the discussion on the information that the public from the Newland area had presented.

Johnnie Walton made motion to adjourn and Debbie Malenfant seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Due to summer schedules and family vacations, there will be no July board meeting. **Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm inside the Senior Center.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Williams, Administrative Assistant on behalf of Dexter Harris