

# Parks and Recreation Committee February Meeting

## February 9, 2017, 6pm

**Attendees:** Amy Foxhall, Katherine Houghton, Mike Ezelle, Laurie Hull, and Kelly Travers

**Guests:** Joey Gorman [Soccer Shots] and Kenny Hanson

1. Welcome
  - a. Discuss resumes for Parks and Recreation Board  
Four resumes were discussed. Laurie to present recommendations to the City Council.
    - i. Kenny Hanson submitted his resume along with a few others expressing their interest of joining the board.
2. Joey Gorman of Soccer Shots –
  - a. Soccer shots is a youth soccer development company for children ages 2 – 8.
  - b. They are currently using the side gardens/lawn area of the community center/library each Thursday at 10:30am. However, it is Seniors day and parking and general space are very limited.
  - c. Sessions are currently \$12/child and for an 8 week session it is \$96. They usually cap it at 7 – 8 kids. They are currently running their 8 week winter session that started the third week of January for mainly 2 – 5 year olds.
  - d. Good recreational opportunity for Folly kids and nearby James Island kids.
  - e. They partner with the city of CHS as well but the city manages the registration for the programs. Folly has no such way to manage the registration at this time.
  - f. The request is to move to the Riverfront park and to waive the fees for the park for the 30min session.
  - g. MOTION: Move the group to Riverfront park and Waive the Fees
    - i. Made by Amy Foxhall and seconded by Mike Ezelle
3. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Extension
  - a. Confirm sub committee
    - i. Teresa, Laurie, Sam, Kelly and Amy are the subcommittee
  - b. Schedule a subcommittee meeting
    - i. This meeting is scheduled for Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am
    - ii. Will work on scheduling a meeting by the end of March to inform the island residents of the plan.
    - iii. Subcommittee to work on presentation to better explain plans for this project to island residents.

- iv. If the residents approve we need to work on formalized formal survey and a wetlands survey as well as landscape drawings. Then it would be on to some clearing and installation.
- c. Update on communications with SCDOT regarding sidewalk along Ashley
  - i. SCDOT said that there cannot be a hard surface or pebbles along the edge of the roadway
  - ii. There is typically a buffer between the roadway and a walkway and Ashley Ave does not have the space
  - iii. The road is sloped for drainage and cannot support a pathway
  - iv. These are more reasons to use the potential Cooper extension area.
  - v. The #3 item in the City of Folly Beach comprehensive plan is pedestrian safety and this pathway to and from the West End of Island would go a long way to ensuring pedestrian safety. It will enhance safety, ensure strong property values and add the beauty of the island.

#### 4. Wave Watch Bathroom update

- a. What is the status of the grant?  
Amy to email Eric to get status of grant. We are planning to put \$3k toward the project but the grant could be approximately \$10k.

#### 5. Shadow Race pocket park update

- a. To survey the land it was approximately \$3k and we then spent money to have it cleared.
  - i. Amy to check actual budgetary spend.
  - ii. Applied for a PARD grant and need to follow-up with Eric on status of grant.
- b. Rob Schneider provided some landscape ideas that totaled around \$10k. We may not have that much money to put toward the park but the overall beautification plan is as follows:
  - i. Put up an interpretive sign
  - ii. Interested in making a bird/bat/butterfly park
  - iii. Plan to plant milkweed and other fauna to attract them
  - iv. Also looking at bird/bat houses
  - v. Put up a privacy fence and grow jasmine for a "live" fence
  - vi. Some benches and/or a gazebo are also being reviewed.
    - 1. Look to do light landscaping around seating area

#### Next Steps:

Mike Ezelle to talk to bird and butterfly experts on the island.  
Mike will also research fencing and gazebo costs.

6. Dog park replanting
  - a. The park has roots popping out and needs to be tilled.
  - b. The park is mainly all sand and we can't keep grass growing due to the dog activity.
    - i. One thought is to fence off a small area and put turf down for small dogs.
    - ii. Mike and Katherine to do some research on turf and other options for the park.
    - iii. Need to also follow up with Eric Lutz on repairing the picnic table in the park.
  
7. Family Fun Night
  - a. Amy met with Teresa and D. Ward regarding the future of Folly Family Fun Night [FFFN].
    - i. Likely going to partner with the Civic Club and Exchange Club on managing food and acts each night.
      1. Those two clubs are meeting next week to discuss their available funds to pitch in and help support the series.
      2. Last year P&R spent \$600 but many of the acts were free; other clubs donated their help and food; loggerheads donated the musical acts.
      3. We need to total actual costs for anticipated acts and food to better pitch the night and understand the totals we need for the series.
    - ii. Roger also said that he is happy to continue to help as the MC.
    - iii. Amy met with the Community Promotions board and they are donating \$1,000 to help support the night.
    - iv. Right now it is planned as a 6 part series. Riverfront park has been reserved for 6 nights.
    - v. We would like to provide food onsite in the park instead of having food trucks on the street.
    - vi. They would also like to provide a higher level of entertainment.
  
8. East Beach Restrooms and Shower Area
  - a. There is litigation pending on the washout bathrooms and we are not allowed to build a permanent structure at this time.
  - b. This is at 2<sup>nd</sup> street east.
  - c. The City of Charleston owns the two lots to the left of the access and has no plans to develop it at this time.
  - d. Laurie to check with Eric Lutz to see what is allowed.
    - i. It may be possible to put in portable trailers.

- ii. Since the Green team installed a water bottle refill station there is also interest in putting in a rinse off shower.

9. 2017-2018 Plan and Budget

- a. Amy made a first pass at revising the budget and the 5 year plan.
- b. The non-motorized boat access plan is going to be simplified and be resubmitted by April 1, 2017. If approval is given we may get Charleston County support and get this completed prior to the season.
- c. Not going to do the 12<sup>th</sup> and Artic Park as there is privately owned land in front of the park area blocking beach access. This frees up money to spend on other projects.
- d. The Art Installation remains TBD but Katherine will talk to Jane about connecting this to the future museum.
- e. We likely want to look at putting something on the lot at the end of the washout.
  - i. Perhaps a covered platform for yoga or just shelter from the sun for beachgoers.

Plan to move all future meetings to Chambers and keep them on the third Thursday of each month.

- Need to double check the availability with Colleen. Kelly to do this.
- Kelly to also check on possibility of getting a small space in the Sandspur to provide updates.

Next Meetings: March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>