

**Minutes  
Recreation Committee  
September 8, 2016  
6:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting**

**Committee members present were Chairman Terry Merritt and Council members Carol King and Taft Matney . Recreation Director Van Brannon and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Chairman Merritt
2. Public comment.- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- July 5, 2016  
Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers.- The budget is tracking well.
5. Unfinished business
  - a. Report on “Get Fit Mauldin” and park signage- Get Fit Mauldin finished with 42 new memberships. Park signage is still being considered. Councilman Matney asked how many the 42 memberships were comprised of. Van said he would check and let him know.
  - b. Recreation Facilities
    1. Senior Center-New carpet was installed a few weeks ago. Chairman Merritt showed some pictures and said there is still a leak in the new roof that is making our new carpet wet. The leak is over an electrical outlet. There is some rust on the ceiling. A pallet full of water was also set on the new carpet. He asked why this was happening. Van said the contractor has been notified. The center is getting donations from Harvest of Hope and that is where the water ended up.

Chairman Merritt said the water could be stored somewhere else.

Chairman Merritt said he was also told that someone from the roofing contractor came to the center and left when he couldn't open one door. There are signs saying the left door is open, but the man could probably not read English. Councilman Matney said someone was probably not told when they were coming back. It is incumbent on the contractor to let us know when they are coming so a staff member can meet them and show

them the problems. Chairman Merritt said there were volunteers manning the desk because the staff had gone to Georgia on a trip. Chairman Merritt said we need more staff to help.

2. Sports Center- None
3. Cultural Center- The Art Haven has moved in and the two rooms look great. The train show is coming soon. Chairman Merritt asked about the footings for the stage. They said the contractor was not licensed, so they are waiting on someone else.

Chairman Merritt said we might want to look at rerouting the sprinkler systems before the concrete is poured.

4. Springfield Park- No bids were received. We heard from a couple of contractors, but no documents were sent in. Bids for the parking lot are due the 13<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Merritt said he thought the concession stand was the first priority. That needs to be done before the parking lot. We have failed to follow our own priorities.

The concession stand has not gone to bid. They said David Langley is working on the concession stand plans. We did not want to hold up the other component just because the concession stand is not ready. Chairman Merritt said we have had committee meetings since the meeting with David Langley and it was clear that we wanted the concession first. He thinks this is an effort to get Murray Drive done and he doesn't like that. They said there are hurdles that have not been dealt with in a timely manner. Staff is clear on the interest of council to get the concession stand done. Chairman Merritt said the Murray Drive study was done with the understanding that it could be done along with the grading of the playground. Chairman Merritt said In the private sector, if a project manager does not get something done, he doesn't get any more projects to do. It should be the same way in the public sector.

We want a simple concession stand and Langley's background showed he could do this. We are good at verbiage, but not good at getting things done. We need to change. We need to get our priorities right.

Chairman Merritt said we get all this publicity that we are the greatest, but we can't get people to get things done for us. It is not like we are scratching the penny. We have the money. People don't want to work in the City of Mauldin.

5. Sunset Park- The playground should start Tuesday. Chairman Merritt asked if it was going back into the same place. Van answered yes, by the rear shelter.
  - c. SFA/SFM Study- The rough draft should be ready. Trey said he should get a status report soon. A lot of headway has been made.
  - d. Recreation Program/Activity Report
6. New business
- a. Freedom Church Lease Renewal- The church has been there a year now. Chairman Merritt took some pictures of concerns the seniors have on storage the church is using and blocking some of the seniors' access. On one of the concerns the ADA study brought up, was there was no access to the stage, but there is, the elevator lift is there but was under a church ladder. We love to help churches get started, but there comes a point when they need their own space. The church has a key with no staff oversight. Chairman Merritt said eventually we need to get out of the church business. Councilman Matney said we need to have a conversation with the leaders of the church and let them know of our concerns. He is in favor of letting the church stay. Councilwoman King agreed that we need to talk to the pastor to get the issues resolved.

Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to council with a recommendation of approval. Councilwoman King seconded the motion. The vote was 2-1 with Chairman Merritt dissenting.

7. Public comment.- None

8. Committee concerns.

Councilwoman King said she is disappointed on the concession stand issue.

Councilman Matney had four concerns. He said the lighting schedule needs to be adjusted at the parks. It is starting to get dark earlier. He asked if a soccer organization was renting the fields. The coaches need to be made aware of that because practices are having to be shifted. The girls' Lacrosse team is feeling some growing pains as well and he asked if they could possibly use our fields after school. Councilman Matney said a lady had approached him about an Eagle Scout project for potential exercise stations like we talked about earlier. Chairman Merritt said the Civitan Club had \$1000 towards the project.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk