

**Minutes  
Recreation Committee  
July 5, 2016  
6:00 PM  
1st committee meeting**

**Members present were Chairman Terry Merritt, Committee members Taft Matney and Carol King. 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.- June 6, 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.- Van reported football signups finished this week. Fall baseball and softball signups are continuing. Councilman Matney asked who would be in the football league. Van Brannon answered that Mauldin, Fountain Inn, Simpsonville and Greer will in be the football league this year. Councilman Matney said a child was hurt and in a splint but wanted to be able to play football. He thanked Van for getting in touch with the parents to find out what needed to be done to accommodate the child.
5. Unfinished business
  - a. Report on "Get Fit Mauldin" and park signage- Get Fit Mauldin has 27 new members that have signed up. Ads are going out as part of the promotion. The last day to sign up is August 6<sup>th</sup> for a three month membership.  
  
There is a revised proof for park signage that needs approval from committee. Councilman Matney said he thinks the signs look good. The reaction from our wayfinding signs has been great. In one section, the sign says no smoking within 50 feet of play areas. Other municipalities have done away with smoking on city grounds. Councilman Matney said he thinks we should look at preventing smoking on city property. Not in businesses, just city properties. If that is the case, we might hold off on that part of the sign until a decision on

that topic is made. Councilwoman King said she thinks we can talk about that further. This would be a Finance and Policy item.

This item was held in committee until Finance and Policy can consider banning smoking in city buildings.

b. Recreation Facilities

1. Senior Center- Quotes are being received for carpeting in the exercise area. A new tv will be purchased for downstairs as well.

A work order has been started to pull CAT 5 for a monitoring system for the exercise room. Digital bingo displays are very expensive. Nothing has been found that is reasonable. He asked if anyone had any suggestions.

The electronic sign is being worked on. There is a several week turnout on this. We are probably 2-3 weeks out on this project.

2. Sports Center- Jay Martin is going through the design process currently.
3. Cultural Center- The playground and parking area designs are being worked on. A tweak is being done to use the existing permit for addition of a couple of parking spaces.
4. Springfield Park- Langley has finished the architectural part of the drawings. Engineering drawings are getting started now. The parking lot drawings have been submitted to Business and Development Services.
5. Sunset Park- 5 vendors sent in proposals for playground equipment. Packets and evaluation forms were given to committee for grading. This can be an agenda item for council's July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting if ready. Chairman Merritt asked if committee could let Trey know by noon on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> if there are any problems and then have the evaluations to Van.

Councilwoman King thanked Van for his work on this project.

The Memorial/ Honor policy was in the committee packet. Chairman Merritt asked if anyone had questions on this. He said he thinks this item should go to the Finance and Policy committee. This would also apply to dedication plaques at the Veteran's Memorial and other memorials as well. Van said it would apply to all city facility memorials.

Councilman Matney said he doesn't think if this would apply for naming a building or street after someone. Would this policy prevent the city from honoring someone in this way? Trey said we could include that in the policy, but it would not prevent council from naming buildings after someone.

Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to Finance and Policy once an amendment is made regarding naming facilities, streets, etc.

Councilwoman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- c. SFA/SFM Study- The company was here for three days and received a lot of feedback and information. They are compiling information now. A rough draft is expected in about six weeks. Trey said a conference call would be held in the next week or so regarding an update and an opportunity for the Recreation committee to give any more feedback.
- d. Recreation Program/Activity Report- Chairman Merritt asked if the Trevor Booker Camp was a for profit. Van said he believes Mr. Booker has a foundation that is non-profit.
- e. Recreation Goals- Trey thanked Chairman Merritt for putting these goals together after the Recreation workshop on May 13<sup>th</sup>. He also thanked the committee members for their input. Councilman Matney said he would also like to see replacement of the fencing at Sunset Park. From a utility standpoint, it is doing its job, but as you drive by, the fencing detracts from the aesthetics. When we replaced the fencing at Springfield, it made all the difference. It looks like a brand new field. Chairman Merritt said he could change priority 2 and list all fencing. Councilwoman King said this showed the committee's commitment to improving our facilities.

## 6. New business

Councilman Matney made a motion to add an item under New Business. This would be to discuss public/private partnerships for naming rights. This would be discussion only. Councilwoman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (3-0). This vote required a 2/3 vote. The item was added to the agenda.

Public/private partnership on naming rights. – The City is getting requests from various businesses, city groups, community groups to donate money for naming rights for walking trails, playgrounds, etc. Chairman Merritt said he had three emails this week regarding naming rights. What is the dollar amount to allow naming rights? Councilman Matney said this has been a discussion for a while. He believes this is a larger picture. We are not just looking at Recreation. We are having discussions for naming rights in economic development as well. Councilman Matney said he would like a joint meeting of Recreation and Economic Development so that Van Broad can participate and discuss services and efforts. Chairman Merritt agreed that we need to get more input on this. Trey said we are having a special called meeting regarding the phone call with SFA and could possibly do it then. Chairman Merritt said that would be fine.

## 7. Public comment.

Ray Atchinson: I have a question and you don't have to answer it. But, my wife is in a wheelchair and while she can get into the main area, she couldn't access the exercise area. Have you considered access to that area?

Chairman Merritt said there has been discussion on that. We just had an ADA study done on all of our city buildings. Trey added the lady that did the assessment will present our ADA report to Council the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Leo Joyce: Fluor Field wasn't named after the Greenville Drive. Someone donated a lot of money for that. A lot of professional ball parks are named after someone. It is a good thing to look into.

Janice Holcombe: The donors that we have will still donate. I hope they will continue to remain donors.

8. Committee concerns.- Councilman Matney said former Mayor L.S. Green, Sr. had a small stroke last week but was at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Councilman Matney said he has heard nothing but wonderful comments on this program. Chairman Merritt echoed the sentiments. He thinks well over 1000 people were there.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk