

**Minutes
Recreation Committee
October 5, 2015
6:00 PM
2nd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Terry Merritt and Committee member Taft Matney. Committee member Cook is still out on medical leave and also had a death in his family. Recreation Director Van Brannon and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Merritt

Chairman Merritt made a motion to suspend the rules pertaining to section 30-4-80 to add an agenda item which has not had 24 hour notice to the public. Councilman Matney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (2-0). Cultural center mural will be added under new business.

2. Public comment.- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (2-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers.- Van reported that the budgets look good. The Mauldin Foundation is a little below where it should be tracking and that is because of the \$15,000 carpet expenditure.
5. Unfinished business-
 - a Sports Center Survey- There was a draft survey submitted in the committee packet. The plan is to have this online and at the sports center for the members to fill out. There will be a table next to the door with a staff member manning it.

Chairman Merritt said he would suggest a topic of fitness classes. On the last page, question 18, what Mauldin area businesses do you frequent? Chairman Merritt didn't think that question fit. Councilman Matney

liked the question and thought the information would be great. This will tell us where the members go to spend their money. Chairman Merritt said he would like some surveys mailed as well to the members. Councilman Matney asked if the staff at the table would help enter the information online or would it be hard copies. Van said there would be hard copies that would be turned in. Councilman Matney asked about finding out if the class schedules meet the members' needs. Councilman Matney also said he would like to see a survey sent to former members that would allow us to find out why they left and what we could do to get them to come back.

- b. Promoting and Publicizing Recreation Programs and Facilities- Chairman Merritt said we are leaps and bounds above where we were a year ago. Willie is doing a great job promoting the Sports Center and our recreation programs. Jen's segment on CW62 was phenomenal on piloxing. Trey said we are talking with a PR firm that could help us advertise and increase membership and will have a proposal at next month's committee meeting.
- c. Facilities Report- Trey said Van met with GCRA Friday to go out to bid to get the roof replacement work underway at the Senior Center. This is federal money, so the process is lengthy. Bids should be released this week.

The carpet at the Senior Center has been replaced, the marks on the stage have been removed, and the flashing has been repaired.

Installation starts Thursday on the outside lights at the Sports Center.

Springfield Park fencing quotes have come in. This can be sent to council to award a bid. This is for 80 yards of fencing. Previous reports recommend using hospitality funds. Also, there is some money in the bond account from where we replaced the field lighting at the parks. Trey said he would have recommendations and final numbers for council.

Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to full council with Chairman Merritt seconding.

Councilman Matney asked if this would fall under Recreation or under Committee of the Whole. Trey said the ballfield lighting was under Public Works. He said it is up to council where the item comes under. The vote was unanimous (2-0).

Van said we have one complete quote for Springfield for all of the fencing. Chairman Merritt said some vendors are quoting 6 gauge and some are quoting 9 gauge. He said one included guidewire as well. There are several different things being quoted.

The next item was parking and lighting. Trey said the survey is complete . The RFP For engineering work is going out this week. Chairman Merritt said he would like the entrance to the restroom blocked from the street so that those people won't see the restroom. Chairman Merritt thanked the police department for the extra presence at the football games. People are staying safe and having fun. Councilman Matney said that was a lesson learned from last year.

There will be a meeting next week on the rear playground area at Sunset Park. We will have some options for new playground equipment. Van said we are going to ask the professional about different options for different ages. The fixture in the restroom near the Miracle League field has been replaced.

The capital campaign for the cultural center has raised \$35,000 and has commitments for \$15,000 more. The cultural council and council will work together to talk about improvements that will be done with the money. Chairman Merritt said that leads us into hallway repairs. Trey said the contractor will start November 2nd, ahead of the Christmas activities.

6. New business

- a. Future Plans- The Senior Center will have a brunch and a play tomorrow. The Sports Center has grounds that are in limbo now. There has been discussion regarding playground equipment, and there is room where the cannery used to

be. It would be out of the way and a nice area for children to play. Chairman Merritt would like to have a meeting with the cultural council to get the green room started. They said the green room is adjacent to the auditorium and that is a priority. There are also two unfinished rooms in the building.

Springfield Park and Sunset Park- there are 17.5 acres that can be used. Chairman Merritt would like to talk about options for that.

Pine Forest has a playground area as well that needs some improving. There is a basketball goal with no net. Councilman Matney said that field has been used as a practice field for football before. They said the City used PARD money about seven years ago and put some playground equipment and installed a walking trail. The park is named after a lady who used to take her children out there all the time and helped organize clean up days.

- b. Medical Clearance Policy- Councilman Matney noted we have players who play in our sports that may get injured. Sometimes children get put back in playing before they should, due to a lingering injury. The city has liability and the kids need to be kept safe. We should have a policy put in place that if a child is out for an injury, that we have a medical clearance on file at the Recreation Department clearing the child for play. Chairman Merritt said this makes sense. We do not have anything on this right now, but we will research policies. We can have a policy for next committee and also run something by the city attorney.

- c. Cultural Center mural- A student at the Fine Arts Center and Mauldin High School has approached us about doing a project in the community for student artwork. She has proposed two designs to place a mural on the side of the cultural center facing the cabin. She has the funding and has just asked for ladders and help pressure washing the building. She will bring other students to help her with the mural. The student would like to start on October 24th, but is willing to change the date. Chairman Merritt said there would be a crowd to watch her, and that would be great. There is a concert also that day, so the date may need to be changed. The student will be present at the council meeting this month to talk about this to the full council.

Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to the council meeting with Chairman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (2-0).

7. Public comment.

Leo Joyce: I must take exception to the senior being electronically challenged. We have electronically challenged people, but they don't necessarily have to be seniors.

Rollin Hyust: I am thinking about the completion date, I would like a firm date. Some times young people say they are going to do something, and that changes. What if something happened to her? What would happen?

Chairman Merritt: I think that is in the agreement, but good point.

Leo Joyce : Would she have insurance coverage for going up on the ladder? Would the city provide that?

Chairman Merritt: We will find that out before the 19th.

Councilman Black: Do we have any confirmation for money from Grenville County?

Trey Eubanks: What was offered by the county administrator is still on the table. They talked about going with a millage amount, which goes for the County and municipalities. That was not approved by the County Administrator, and he renewed a commitment for a fixed total amount and the municipalities would divvy that up. My recommendation is as stated in the interim goals status report is it is about time to speak to the elected officials.

Councilman Black: Last time we had something like that, we were on the short end of the deal.

Trey Eubanks: The recommendation is council consider the issue.

8. Committee concerns.

Councilman Matney said he received a letter with an agenda filled with a lack of facts and misstatements. It is not signed. He said he is more than happy to sit down with a coach, parent, athlete, if they have a concern about anything. He will not address a hit piece that is sent anonymously. He urges the other council members to take the same tact.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk