

**Minutes  
Recreation Committee  
September 6, 2011  
6:00 PM  
1st committee meeting**

**Members present were Chairwoman Patricia Gettys and Committee member James Kennedy. Committee member Bob Cook was not present. Recreation Director Van Brannon and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Chairwoman Gettys
2. Public comment.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.

Councilman Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (2-0).

4. Reports or communications from city officers.

- a. Budget Review

Van Brannon reported that the summer bash is this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There will be a barbecue competition with the SC Barbecue Association. 15 competitors are signed up. This will be a family friendly event with corn hole, helicopter rides, and other games.

5. Unfinished business.
6. New business
7. Public comment.

Tom Keith from Arbor Engineering was present. The cultural center parking lot is being worked on. There is a soft spot under the parking lot. A soil consultant has given us a recommendation on how to fix this problem. The original spot for the Veteran's Memorial will be moved about 10 feet to avoid utility lines. This will allow us to take advantage of the path and will create a paved area for groups. The benches will be on the back side of the sign facing the building which will put more emphasis on the park itself. This new placement will also allow for expansion. The flags will also be spaced out a little wider. This new placement is an improvement over the original plan.

Mayor asked about the parking lot issue. Trey Eubanks said \$15,000 is budgeted for contingency. We do not yet have an idea how much the repair will cost. Tom Keith is working on the cost estimate.

Tom Keith spoke about the pond on the site. The existing pond is just for the sports center. The cultural center will have to have a detention pond as well. DHEC requires a treatment program, so that is an additional cost for that, too.

The irrigation and landscaping company is coming in next week to start phasing in the sod on the property and installing the amphitheatre. Garden Club representatives were there and were pleased with the work to date. They support the project.

Leo Joyce asked if the soft spot in the parking lot could be used as a drain. Tom said we don't know how it is going to spread out and it is right in the middle of the drive.

Trey Eubanks reported on the auditorium. The ceiling grid and tile has been removed. This renovation has really opened up the room. Plexiglas is going to be installed for more natural light to come into the auditorium. Most of the murals are going to be saved, but a few smaller ones will be painted over. The project should be complete by the end of this month.

The fire chief is working on a fire prevention week event. The fire department will have puppet shows for the kids at the cultural center, if possible.

8. Committee concerns.

9. Adjournment.- Chairwoman Gettys adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk