

Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting

June 3rd, 2024

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Harris Houston, Lynn Greer, Jeff Reuer, Anthony Radcliffe
- Pending Commission Ryan Agostinelli on phone call
- Staff: Arielle Mann
- Public: N/A

General Public comments: N/A

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6th, 2024 meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
 - Discussion:
 - 1st page talking about the vacancy of the seat, Commission Greer noted that she did notice that adding a bench for Milton was noted further down in the minutes.
 - Pickleball courts, are they cured and open/when will they be opening? Arielle will follow up with Crystal to get that information. Open Play pickleball is offered at the Fitness Center for Summer hours.
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the financial report for May 2024
 - Discussion:
 - The Revenue is relatively close to last year's, which is a good sign. We are right where we need to be in the year.
 - Commissioner Lynn Greer questions why Maintenance expenditures aren't as close to last year's budget? This is due to current salary savings.
 - Received approval to order new Gymnastics Equipment for the Boy's Gymnastics program. They are steadily growing their teams and are in need of updated equipment to practice on for the equipment they will be competing on at competitions this season. We have the revenue from gymnastics and budget line items to justify new equipment for their program.

- Motion was granted by Commissioner Lynn Greer
- Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Reuer
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Recreation Director's Report – Crystal Reed (notes provided by Crystal Reed, relayed by Arielle Mann):

- Requests from Commission Members:
 - Commissioner Reuer requested that in addition to the shirts they received, they would like to order Goose Creek Recreation Commission hats in the future.
 - Chairman Glass requested that if the Goose Café in the Activity City will be our permanent meeting space: he would like a City Map printed on the wall, preferably designating the outlines of the Recreation District as well.
- We had a lot happen in May with events and highlighted some of our main events on the Report Highlights. Goose Creek is a place where there is “Something for Everyone”, as it was mentioned at a recent City meeting. We are constantly trying to implement new programs to offer for different age groups and activities.
- Alice's Tea Party was scheduled at Central Creek Park but was moved indoors due to weather. It was fun to see the pictures of a different type of event we haven't hosted before.
- Gymnastics showcase was fun to watch. Parents got to come watch their littles flipping around the floor.
- Broose the Goose sighting at the Fishing Rodeo. We had close to 200 participants. This is one of the staple events to connect with the community.
- Therapeutic Thursdays are back. This community is given time to play in the park when it is closed off to just the special disability community, so they are able to use the equipment designed for them without having to wait or deal with the large crowds that frequent the park.
- Outdoor Movie Night: we got to connect with the Foster Creek community area and held a movie night in the park in partnership with the elementary school.
- Athletics: Camps are filling up, and the City pool has been booking birthday parties. Summer basketball numbers are not that far off from last year's numbers. Football and Cheer registration has opened up. Summer pickleball hours for indoors are in effect.
- Community Programs has been posting schedules out for neighborhood parks and Central Creek Park.
- Inspire Choir will be singing the National Anthem at the RiverDogs game on June 7th. This is in coordination with SC Music Lessons, who instructs Inspire Choir. Chairman Glass questioned the age group for this group. There is no age listed, most of the members are ages 6 and up and go up to teenagers and early twenties.
- Programs: Rhyme & Time mommy & me nursery rhyme class coming up soon. Martial Arts is discontinued. Due to low enrollment and instructor availability, the instructor has decided not to return. We will continue to offer Karate classes. Primetime Seniors: Senior Bingo and other activities are offered during the month. Most of the programs are in the timeframe of 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Fitness: all our Zumba classes seem to have a great turnout. Of note: Zumba with Priscila brought in 122 participants over the course of the month. Priscila brought a large following with her.

- Gymnastics class totals are much higher than they were last year. We've been able to hire more coaches and offer more space in class.
- Gymnastics A/C unit: We have a temporary unit installed right now so that we continue to hold classes, especially since the new season started today. We are waiting for the part to fix the compressor in the Gymnastic Center's A/C unit. We had to cancel classes and took cancellations day by day depending on the weather toward the end of the last session.
- We will continue to work on getting confirmation of the neighborhoods from the Recreation District. We will be creating a Social Media post of Milton's open seat to go out this week. We would like to be able to list the neighborhood included in the district for clarification.
- The name plate has been ordered for Milton and will go to McCant's Park.
 - Chairman Glass requested that we notify them when this will take place so that they can be there when it was placed at the park. It was also requested that we notify Milton's family and invite them to come out as well.
- Pool Opening was a big success. Numbers continue to be strong.
- The Farmer's Market will begin this Wednesday from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and will run every other week through November, with the last market being a Holiday Market. We will have food trucks, jump castles for the kids, live music, balloon art, and the vendors will set up under the pavilion. We are hoping for a good turnout.
- We are hosting U10 All Star Baseball tournaments at Felkel Field starting next week. We will send out the schedule and invite you all to come out and support our team!
- Fourth of July is coming up quickly. Working on getting details worked out for that.
 - Commissioner Reuer asked if there will be reserved parking for Commission members like they have done in the past.
- Soft Opening of the Amphitheater will be Saturday August 31st, you all are invited to attend this event.
 - Commissioner Greer asked if we could send out an invitation to event volunteers and others who volunteer for the City for this event.
- County approved the request for \$10,000 in agility equipment for the new dog park at Lake Greenview.
- We plan on starting field improvements for field 3 at Foster Creek coming up in July.
 - Soccer Registration: we are looking at the numbers and the City and are trying to decide how we will split registration between Foster Creek and Carnes Crossroads. Chairman Glass mentioned to take caution when posting about this depending on what the decision is due to new fields/older fields and where the residents live. There is not an official decision as to whether we will be offering registration depending on address or if it will be after registration when teams are made.
- Commissioner Greer requested that we post reports/notices to public about upcoming events and what Recreation is going at local senior centers for those who don't use social media.
- The playground equipment for Lake Greenview and Forest Lawn Parks was installed and we had a small ribbon cutting ceremony last week. Commissioner Houston asked about shading the parks that do not currently have any. It was noted that a conversation came up recently regarding this. McCant's Park would be first priority to install shade sails, and then we would focus on the neighborhood "pocket" parks next. This is something we would potentially add to budget requests for the future.

- There doesn't seem to be many big events scheduled for June outside of the grand opening of the Farmer's Market, the next big event coming up will be July 4th!

Public Comments:

- N/A

No closing public comments.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
 - All in favor, motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting for Monday July 1st, 2024 has been deferred to Monday, August 5th, 2024, at 6:00PM. The scheduled meeting for August 5th, 2024 was cancelled due to inclement weather. There was not a September meeting scheduled as the first Monday of September is a holiday.

Minutes approved for June 3rd, 2024.