



*Approved 3/7/19*

# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Meeting Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019**

Community Development Meeting Room – 6:30 p.m.

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members

PRESENT:	DISTRICT	STANDING COMMITTEES
Brenda White, Chair	Bermuda District	Athletic Activities Committee Future Visions Outreach & Greenways
Shayne McDavid, Vice-Chair	Clover Hill District	Capital Projects Committee Future Visions Outreach & Greenways
Mary Ellin Arch	Clover Hill District	Capital Projects Committee Future Visions Outreach & Greenways
Cathy Cheely	Bermuda District	Capital Projects Committee Future Visions Outreach & Greenways
David Glass	School Board Representative	Athletic Activities Committee Capital Projects Committee Future Visions Outreach & Greenways
Raymond B. Marsh	Matoaca District	Athletic Activities Committee Future Visions Outreach & Greenways
Robert McCurry	Midlothian District	Athletic Activities Committee
William “Billy” Pipp	Matoaca District	Capital Projects Committee
John Simpson	Midlothian District	Athletic Activities Committee Capital Projects Committee
Bob Terrell	Dale District	Athletic Activities Committee Capital Projects Committee

**Quorum is 6 per Bylaws**

**ABSENT:**

Earnest W. Harris, Jr.	Dale District	Athletic Activities Committee Capital Projects Committee Future Visions Outreach & Greenways
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**Parks and Recreation Liaisons/County Staff**

**Present:**

- James Worsley, Director, Primary Liaison
- Bob Smet, Assistant Director, Recreation, Primary Liaison Athletic Activities, Future Visions Outreach & Greenways Committee
- Jim Perdue, Assistant Director, Parks, Primary Liaison Parks, Capital Projects, Future Visions Outreach & Greenways Committee
- Stuart Connock, Jr., Chief of Parks, Planning, Design & Construction Section, Primary Liaison, Capital Projects and Future Visions Outreach & Greenways Committee
- Bill Carlson, Athletics Manager, Liaison Athletic Activities, Capital Projects Committee
- Jeannine McConnell, Chief of Finance, Parks & Recreation, Capital Projects Committee
- Holly Angel, Administrative Assistant, Parks & Recreation

**Additional Parks & Recreation Staff Present:** N/A

**Absent:**

<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject/Organization</b>
Crystal Monroe	Chesterfield Historical Society
Roland Stokes	Cogbill Park
Lou Lippa	Beulah/Chesterfield Metro
Troy Guerra	Gates Athletic Association

**☞ Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Mission Statement ☞**

*Working in partnership with the public, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Board of Supervisors, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) seeks to eliminate obstacles that interfere with Chesterfield County's ability to efficiently and safely provide greenways, parks, recreational facilities, and associated programs. PRAC also strives to support recreational programs and facilities that a First Choice Community such as Chesterfield should afford its citizens, as well as to exercise leadership in projecting the future recreational needs of the County's citizens and determining how best to meet those needs.*

**Meeting Procedures:**

A sign-up sheet is available at each meeting for anyone who wishes to speak.

- I. **Call PRAC Meeting to Order:** Brenda White, Chair welcomed the assembly at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present
- II. **Non-Sectarian Invocation:** Shayne McDavid led the assembly in an Invocation
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Bob Smet led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. **Approval of the PRAC Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2018:**
  - *A motion was made to approve the December 6, 2018 minutes by Raymond Marsh with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shayne McDavid. There being no further discussion, the minutes were approved as presented. The approved minutes will be posted on the Parks and Recreation website: <https://www.chesterfield.gov/1075/Parks-Recreation-Advisory-Commission-PRA>*
- V. **Amendments to Agenda:** No amendments to the Agenda
- VI. **Public Hearing/Comments/Unscheduled Matters:**
  - **Unscheduled Matters:**
    - Crystal Monroe – Chesterfield Historical Society – winter lecture series have been packed; March 6 Trash to Treasure Day at the fairgrounds; asked for an update on POR restoration - (*Stuart Connock: final bid for the phase I restoration – bids to be out before BOS in March and then start work – will give an updated timeline once receive from purchasing*) roof is in bad shape and needs paint
    - Roland Stokes – Cogbill Road Update requested during Stuart's portion of the meeting
    - Lou Lippa – Metro Giants – Beulah Athletic Association President – after 21 seasons stepping down as president of the program – Lou introduced James Lewis who is taking over with assistance from Andrew Kohler – James was with the Miami Hurricanes and signed with the Colts – Lou Lippa presented James with a Chesterfield Giants hat and the keys.
    - Troy Guerra – Gates Athletic Association Scholarship approved in December – info sent out to every High School in Chesterfield County (2 – 250\$ scholarships to be offered this year) through the Gates Athletic Association Organization - thinking of better ways to give back to the kids that come thru the system.
- VII. **Old Business:** No Old business

## VIII. New Business:

- 2019 Proposed Standing Committees - Accepted

IX. Parks and Recreation Director's Remarks: James Worsley – reintroduced *Jeannine McConnell* as our new Chief of Finance; *Old Beulah ES* is now part of CCPR – Basketball practices and archery are going on at site now and in the near future it will be a full service recreation center and our Parks and Recreation Admin Office; *Danny Bonifas* – Sports Tourism – relocated to Richmond Region Tourism which is connected to what we do here and will help to still support our mission; *RCSP will have a new facility manager (new position)* that has been hired and will come on board February 25 – will bring that person to future PRAC meeting; *RCSP Soccer* – in 2018 over ½ million people (549,000) visited that location for events - 26 out of town tournaments took place – for 2019 there are 26 weekends already on the books; *Spike Ball* – new sport to us in Chesterfield County as well as the World Cup Quidditch – we will find out in April if we get the bid; attended *VA Sports Summit* Conference – held in Norfolk for an inaugural event with Paul Wilmoth – more to come in the future; *Coal Ash* update to be highlighted by Stuart.

## X. Accept Parks and Recreation Staff Reports: Stuart Connock

- **Construction Status Report:** *Harrowgate Park* – preliminary design in progress; *Lowes Sports Complex* – to add parking and improve circulation system; *CTC Hull – Pickleball* – conversion – all paving and parking lot stripping completed; *CTC Hull Stadium* – part of renovation at restrooms and concessions at the stadium; *CIP Program* – County Administration Proposed Budget is out and full budget is on the website of the county; *Bikeways and Trails Plan* – countywide 360 mile trail and part of the East Coast Greenway have designated about 20 miles of trail along Woodpecker Road – ½ mile of paved trail; *Stonebridge Recreation Center* – official signs should all be up by middle of next week – noise abatement system being addressed; *Old Beulah Elementary School* in early redesign process to move the Admin and REC group over to Old Beulah – to include a very large recreation center with gymnasium and then funding to improve the recreation facility to convert to a park – will need to be rezoned; *Etrick Elementary School Park* – new school, fire station and park - last public meeting was 2/5 - current fire station is oldest in county 1928? or so; Legislation around permanent storage of *Coal Ash* that involves Dominion's 4 properties – largest is near Henricus – looks like legislature will mandate to dispose in a lined modern landfill – working very closely to make sure our facilities can continue to operate fully as before - 15 year project to accomplish – Dominion has been a great partner and there will be more to come.
- **CIP Budget document** – this is online for the full document – Stuart will email the document to the Commissioners in a PDF so that you can reference – provided to the Commission was a summary (*document emailed 2/18/19*)
- **Moore's Lake Cottage Move on 2/14** – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. – cabin is made of stone and brick – 2 are left and the county received one with the efforts of Norma Corbin and Jeff Davis Highway Association – will be picked up and hauled 5.7 miles to new home in the Falling Creek Ironworks Park with police escort that cannot stop once moving – will have press coverage – Ironworks Park 400<sup>th</sup> Celebration event May 4, 2019.
- **Billy Pipp:** RCSP has a lot of \$\$ in the budget for the turf replacement – pellet studies related to cancer – nothing has come up that has proven any safety issue to use – *Bill Phillips* commented that serving on the VYSA (Virginia Youth Soccer Association) that many studies have been reviewed on the use of coconut husks, Nike crumbs. *An Update on the PCI Program was requested to be shared at the March PRAC meeting to be shared by Jim Perdue.*
- **Rob McCurry** - asked for an update to the Commission on the additional Robious Landing Docks – Stuart Connock commented: the original system is not going to work as we thought and we had to find 3 other bidders – we are unique – most are set up on lakes – we have to deal with a flowing river at a flood level several times a year. Our permits come thru the Corp of Engineers in order to add the 2<sup>nd</sup> access point – still waiting for our permits – doing everything we can to get an improved situation – the next regatta will have the existing docks put back in place; Stuart will keep Rob McCurry informed
- **Roland Stokes** – update requested on Cogbill Road Park – Stuart Connock commented: there is a lot of uniqueness to the park area that we can build on; March 27 BOS will meet just to hear public

comment on the Budget – flyer is being put together – we have a draft available to be sent to Mr. Stokes – Thanks to Mr. Stokes for his sincere interest in this project.

**XI. Committee Reports:**

- **Athletic Committee Update** – Bob Terrell/Bill Carlson – discussed the current co-sponsorship application process – at this time postponing any new approved agreements – may consider conditional based sponsorships – this is a long process that is just beginning (ongoing) - staff and the committee will continue to meet

**XII. Commission Roundtable Discussions: (Park Champion Briefs)**

- **Holly Angel** – Good to have everyone back after the Holidays
- **Bill Carlson** – Time Technology is going out to Robious Middle to figure out the score clock issues tomorrow
- **Jeannine McConnell** – no updates
- **Bob Smet** - Enon Marquerite Christian Knights concern with CGBL/CBL – involved girls playing up out of their age group – we did meet with each of the organizations and offered both groups suggestions on how to move forward – the association was operating in accordance with their bylaws; VACU has partnered with the department \$100,000 over 5 years serving as the title sponsor for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks and at the Recreation centers offering several programs; 50+ Programming - we have several trips coming up: April 4-5 – trips heading up to DC for the Cherry Blossoms and a trip going to the National D Day Memorial on May 16 in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- **Raymond Marsh** - County Staff – 2 groups from Matoaca won from the District and Manchester HS won their division - the Parks side was there to oversee and it was outstanding service
- **Bob Terrell** – no report
- **Shayne McDavid** – hats off to everyone for their passion – whether Staff or Commissioners
- **James Worsley** – recognized a guest for their military service and Black History Month and noted in the media today that Frank Robinson, baseball outfielder passed away
- **David Glass** – Jim’s crew was out at Meadowbrook and thanks for the gravel
- **John Simpson** - no comment
- **Rob McCurry** – no comment
- **Mary Ellin Arch** – thanks for all hard work and event at Rockwood
- **Cathy Cheely** – no comment
- **Billy Pipp** – Lot of folks out at RCSP; Get more info on how we can utilize PCI– Jim to provide update at a future PRAC meeting
- **Jim Perdue** – Working on NRPRRA Grant at Dodd Park and staff has been assessing the site and hopeful to put in order in for the equipment in the next week and in place by June
- **Stuart Connock** – no further comments
- **Brenda White** – Annual Holiday luncheon and festivities – thoroughly enjoyed the event; Brenda works in the General Assembly as the scheduler for the House of Delegates – people were in mass to support and speak on the Dominion Coal Ash; glad to see everyone again
- **Mr. Stokes** – first African American hired in 1973
- **Lou Lippa** – are we replacing any high school fields with turf? – Parks commented that we have no maintenance responsibilities or use of any high school fields; new project at Carver – will the old lights be blended in with the new ones – the new ones will be the LED system

**XIII. Recommendation of Agenda Items for the March 7, 2019 meeting:**

- PCI Update from Jim (requested by Billy Pipp)

**IX. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Angel, Administrative Assistant, Parks & Recreation. *The next PRAC meeting will be held at the Community Development Meeting Room at 9800 Government Center Parkway at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2019.*