

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2022 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
5th committee meeting

Committee Members present: Frank Allgood (Chair), Taft Matney, and Michael Reynolds
Others present: Recreation Director Bart Cumalander and Interim City Administrator Rebecca Vance

1. Call to Order- Chairman Allgood

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation Committee Meeting: July 5, 2022

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with one spelling correction with Chairman Allgood seconding. Councilman Reynolds was not present at this meeting and will not vote.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander

Mr. Cumalander reported that kids are participating in fall sports right now with fall baseball, tackle football, softball and soccer.

Mr. Cumalander thanked the Sports Center staff for opening the building for Beachin' Fridays so residents could use the restrooms, cool off, and get water.

i. Budget Review

ii. Recognition of employee

Mr. Cumalander thanked Andre Clark for his service to the department. He will be leaving to teach at Mauldin High School. He has affected many kids' lives in a positive way.

iii. CIP updates

Two vehicles have been ordered for the department. A RFP for Sunset Park fencing will be sent out.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Connection to Bridgeway Station

This item is a change order on the existing contract with Cely Construction to connect the footbridge to Bridgeway Station. There is a section that does not connect to the pedestrian bridge.

Kevin Talbot from Cely Construction and Mr. Jeff Cunningham from Aecom were both present. Mr. Talbot said the property needs to be surveyed to determine cost of construction. Mr. Cunningham said the biggest issue would be to determine the grade so that the project is ADA compliant. The trail will probably need to be lengthened because the grade looks to be too steep. The survey could be done in about three weeks and then it would come back to Council to finalize a design. The bridge may also end at the DOT right of way, and if so, an encroachment from DOT may be needed.

Councilman Matney asked what the plan would be to lower the grade if it is too steep. Mr. Cunningham answered the idea would be to swing it to the west and hopefully not have to switch back.

Chairman Allgood asked if there has to be a secondary permit since the bridge should already have an encroachment permit. Mr. Cunningham said the bridge has one, but there may be extra construction going into DOT's right of way. Councilman Allgood asked because of the gulley that is there, would this not be a bridge going into a bridge? Mr. Cunningham said it would probably be a pipe and fill. Chairman Allgood asked if everything would be owned by the City. Mr. Dyrhaug said the property is owned by Laurens Electric, but we have permission for the trail easement from them.

Councilman Reynolds asked if there was a reason this connection was not included with the project when it was previously approved. Mr. Dyrhaug did not have an answer. Chairman Allgood said there was a disconnect between staff and the developer of the Bridgeway Station property.

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment

Andre Clark said he appreciates everyone's comments and working for the City has meant a lot to him. He is happy he has positively impacted many lives.

8. Committee Concerns

Councilman Reynolds thanked Mr. Clark for all he has done for Mauldin Recreation.

9. Adjournment- Chairman Allgood adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk