



RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

3rd committee meeting

The Committee will meet in Mauldin City Hall at 5 East Butler Road in the Council Chambers

The meeting will be available remotely through Zoom. Please visit the City's website at <https://cityofmauldin.org/your-government/meeting-minutes-agendas/> to access the meeting via audio and videoconferencing.
A quorum of Council will be present.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2023
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Committee Members: Frank Allgood (Chair), Taft Matney, and Michael Reynolds

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| 2. <u>Public Comment</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| 3. <u>Reading and Approval of Minutes</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| a. Recreation Committee Meeting: September 5, 2023 | |
| 4. <u>Reports or Communications from City Officers</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander
Recreation League Safety | |
| 5. <u>Unfinished Business</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| There is no unfinished business. | |
| 6. <u>New Business</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| a. Naming of Pedestrian Bridge | |
| 7. <u>Public Comment</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| 8. <u>Committee Concerns</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| 9. <u>Adjournment</u> | |

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
4th committee meeting

Committee Members: Frank Allgood (Chair), Taft Matney, and Michael Reynolds
Others present: Assistant Recreation Director Willie Stewart and City Administrator Seth Duncan

1. Call to Order- Chairman Allgood

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation Committee Meeting: August 7, 2023

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Matney seconding.

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Assistant Recreation Director Willie Stewart

Mr. Stewart reported that soccer, baseball, softball, and tackle football have started. The City will host Girls' SCAP tournament November 17-19th.

The Sports Center has a walking challenge going on now for an opportunity to win gift cards.

The Senior Center is fully staffed.

PARD funding is being worked on. Pine Forest Park will get some upgrades. Other City parks will receive lightning detectors and thermometers for the safety of our kids and parents. GCRA will fund a recumbent bike for the Senior Center as well as pickleball and other sports supplies and equipment.

There will be a Clean Up Day on October 28th.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business

a. Senior Center State Appropriation Budget

As part of the State of South Carolina 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget, appropriations were made to the City of Mauldin's Ray Hopkins Senior Center for various capital improvements. Funding is being provided by the Department on Aging and totals \$250,000. As part of the City's request for the funds, the City identified specific capital items to be addressed in the facility. These items included roof repairs, multipurpose court improvements, walking trail improvements, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) bathroom conversion, and other facility amenities/improvements.

The following narrative summarizes conservative estimates for the projects identified in the City's original request and requests from staff that fall under the "other facility amenities." Below is a summary table for each item. Due to the varying scope of work for the projects, the City will post Request for Quotations (RFQs) for these items independently.

Project	Cost
Roof Replacement	\$90,000.00
Multipurpose Court Renovation	\$35,000.00
Walking Trail Renovation	\$10,000.00
ADA Bathroom Conversion	\$20,000.00
Flooring Replacement	\$15,000.00
Door Replacement	\$40,000.00
Interior Painting	\$10,000.00
Water fountain upgrades	\$4,000.00
Contingency	\$25,000.00

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- None

8. Committee Concerns- Councilman Matney thanked the Legislative Delegation for the appropriation of the State money, especially Rep. Bruce Bannister and Senator Ross Turner.

9. Adjournment- Chairman Allgood adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 6a

TO: Recreation Committee
FROM: Lauren Carter, Communications Manager
SUBJECT: Naming of Pedestrian Bridge

REQUEST

The Recreation Committee is being asked to make a recommendation to City Council regarding a name for the pedestrian bridge over I-385 being built by the City of Mauldin.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

Based on a process approved by the Recreation Committee on August 7, 2023, the City of Mauldin sought public input on a name for the pedestrian bridge over I-385 through a press release, social media posts and website post. The City received a total of 2,111 submissions by the deadline of September 5 at noon (1,505 submissions came from the online form, 495 from social media and 111 by email). After removing duplicate names and names that were discriminatory, profane, vulgar, derogatory or sexual in nature, there were a total of 1,284 names to consider. A selection committee comprised of 7 members met to discuss the submissions and recommend 3 to 5 names to the Recreation Committee. The selection committee included the following members:

- City Administrator Seth Duncan
- Communications Manager Lauren Carter
- Recreation Director Bart Cumalander
- Community Development Director J.R. Charles
- Residential Permit Facilitator Will Hopkins
- Police Cpl. Harley Sefcik
- Phil Hughes, President of Hughes Investments

ANALYSIS or STAFF FINDINGS

In the process of evaluating bridge name submissions, staff discussed what the bridge represents, what it means to the City of Mauldin and what the name should reflect. Staff created the following set of criteria to help guide the name selection process:

- **Unique** - names should be distinctive and should not repeat or mirror other sites, landmarks or bridge names, especially well-known ones, such as the Golden Gate Bridge, or names that are already heavily utilized in the City.

- **Connected to Mauldin** - names should have a clear connection to the City of Mauldin, especially considering that BridgeWay Station's address is technically in Simpsonville. Though the name may be shortened in casual conversation, when the full bridge name appears in print, Mauldin should be recognized and remembered.
- **Descriptive** - names should in some way describe the bridge or the purpose it serves, i.e. a pedestrian bridge connecting different segments of Mauldin and eventually connecting to the Swamp Rabbit Trail.
- **Memorable/Catchy** - names should be easy to pronounce and should have a 'ring' to them. We should also be aware that long names will likely be shortened or given a nickname, like the Bon Secours Wellness Arena being known as "The Well."
- **Inclusive and Community-Focused** – since the bridge represents community and connection, names should be inclusive and reflective of the community as a whole and should not have the potential to alienate certain community members.
- **Non-controversial** - names should have a positive connotation and should not be linked to anyone or anything that could be considered controversial.
- **Forward-looking** - by linking to the new BridgeWay Station development and eventually connecting to the Swamp Rabbit Trail, the bridge represents a new chapter in Mauldin's history. Ideally, names should speak to Mauldin's potential or growth.

RECOMMENDATION

- Staff recommends the following 5 names, in no particular order. We've also provided possible alternatives or variations for some recommended names, and we've listed committee feedback for each name. Names were reviewed for possible trademark infringement using the Trademark Electronic Search System at uspto.gov, and no records were found for any of the recommended names. Please see the next page for recommendations.

Name	Possible variations / alternatives	Selection Committee feedback
Mauldin SkyWay Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauldin SkyWay • Mauldin SkyWay Arch • Mauldin Skywalk • Mauldin SkyBridge • Mauldin Skyview Bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchy, has a nice ring to it • Metaphorically speaks to the heights Mauldin is trying to reach – the sky’s the limit • The “sky” concept was the highest ranked among the selection committee • The bridge is not a true skywalk or skyway and doesn’t look like one, though the “sky” concept could work in a metaphorical sense • The “sky” concept is used by other landmarks/cities, such as the Grand Canyon Skywalk and the Atlanta Skyway
Mauldin Archway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could be stylized Mauldin ArchWay to tie in with BridgeWay Station’s style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive – the bridge is an arch • Sounds dignified • Feels a bit safe and not particularly distinctive
Mauldin Highway Overpass aka The Mauldin HOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOP could also stand for “Historic Overpass Project” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This name has a different feel — it’s more light and fun than some of the other options • The “HOP” aspect relates to the Swamp Rabbit Trail • Sounds similar to IHOP, which could become a joke nickname • The name lacks a dignified feel and doesn’t seem to fit with the look of the bridge; the name might be a bit too ‘cute’
Mauldin Gateway Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauldin Gateway • Mauldin Gateway Arch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive, in that the bridge represents a gateway to the Golden Strip • Feels safe and not particularly distinctive
Mauldin’s Palmetto Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauldin’s Palmetto Promenade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a nice sound to it with the ‘p’ alliteration • Ties in with South Carolina as a whole • ‘Mauldin’ doesn’t flow as well here • ‘Promenade’ sounds a bit dated

ATTACHMENTS

- None