

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**
Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
BREC Administration Building
6201 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Commission Minutes
February 25, 2010

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge was held at BREC's Administration Building on February 25, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by William Benedetto, Chairman. Roll was taken and a quorum of Commissioners was present including Verge Ausberry, Jr., Vice Chairman; Bettsie Miller, Treasurer; David Guillory; Audrey Nabors-Jackson; Kenneth Riché, Jr.; Darryl Robertson; and Collis Temple, Jr. Commissioner Bert Neal was absent. Staff members present were William Palmer, Superintendent; Ted Jack, Assistant Superintendent; Dale Auzenne, Interim Assistant Superintendent; Jack Dirks; Phil Frost; Greg Grandy; Tommy Green; Carl Johnson; Donna Mitchell; Mike Proctor; Justin Smith; Debbie Spica; Stephanie Trim; Kristi Williams; and Chris Marchiafava. Carl Stages, Executive Director of BREC Foundation, and Murphy Foster, legal counsel, were also in attendance. The audience consisted of BREC staff, the media, and the general public.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the Recreation and Park Commission Meeting of January 28, 2010 be dispensed with, and that they be approved as written.

Motion by Ms. Nabors-Jackson

Seconded by Mr. Temple

Approved by unanimous consent

Consent Calendar

Resolved, That the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge does hereby approve the Consent Calendar items.

Motion by Mr. Robertson

Seconded by Mr. Guillory

Approved by unanimous consent

The following item was approved as part of the Consent Calendar:

Acceptance of Recommendations of the Human Resources Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Commission approve the Routine Personnel Transactions for the month of February 2010.

Presentations

The Commission viewed a brief informational video.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

The Chairman recognized Mr. Palmer to give the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Palmer recommended Commission approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission declares that since the "Park" area, described as the area of land labeled as "Park" as shown on the map or plat of 'UNIVERSITY VIEW

HOMESITES" dated April 14, 1925 as prepared by Seifried & Troeger, Landscape Architects, recorded in the official records of the Clerk and Recorder of East Baton Rouge Parish, LA in Original 4 Bundle 507 on April 15, 1925 as the said area labeled as "Park" lies within the area having boundaries of the streets of East Boyd, Parker Boulevard on the ends and Link Avenue and Dodson Avenue on the sides, has never been used, managed or maintained by BREC and that BREC has no interest in the "Park" area for recreational use for the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge, the Commission does hereby declare that the Commission consents to the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge selling, leasing, using or otherwise disposing of the described "Park" area as it sees fit, in its discretion, without further inquiry of the Commission or BREC.

Motion by Mr. Ausberry

Seconded by Ms. Nabors-Jackson

Approved by unanimous consent

Mr. Palmer recognized Carl Stages, Executive Director of BREC Foundation, who reported that the BREC Foundation had won a silver Addy Award for the new BREC Foundation marketing campaign materials, designed by Rokit Science, to be used in fundraising by the Foundation. Mr. Palmer thanked Carl Stages and BREC Foundation for their support. He stated that BREC Foundation provided over \$640,000 in funding in 2009 for various BREC projects.

Mr. Palmer then introduced Mike Amond and Melvin Cason, longtime BREC staff members from the Park Operations Department, to tell the Commission about the award they won at the recent Southwest Parks and Recreation Training Institute conference.

Ms. Miller was recognized to give the Finance Advisory Committee report. She asked Mike Proctor to provide a summary of the items recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

Resolved, That the Commission approve the financial statements for the month ending January 2010.

Motion by Ms. Miller

Seconded by Mr. Robertson

Approved by unanimous consent

Mike Proctor reviewed Items 1 and 2 under Contracts and Bids as follows:

Resolved, That the Commission accept a bid in the amount of \$1,016,780.00 from R. J. Daigle & Sons, Inc. for parking lot improvements at Highland Road Park.

Resolved, That the Commission approve the purchase of 75 E-Z Go "TXT-PDS" golf carts (\$3,400.00 each) from Ben Nelson Golf & Utility Vehicles, Pearl, Mississippi on state contract for \$255,000.00. Carts will be divided among all BREC golf courses.

Motion by Ms. Miller

Seconded by Mr. Guillory

Approved by unanimous consent

The Chairman recognized Ms. Nabors-Jackson for the Selection of Professionals report and she asked Phil Frost to review the following item for the Commission:

Recommend Commission approval of a revision of the contract with Dr. Gordon J. Pirie, Baker Animal Hospital, to provide veterinary services for the entire animal collection owned and maintained by BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo to increase the fee by 5% not to exceed \$4,200 per

month plus approved expenses and laboratory fees. (The contract term is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.)

Motion by Ms. Nabors-Jackson

Seconded by Mr. Ausberry

Approved by unanimous consent

Special Orders

Motion to accept the following appointments of citizen representatives to BREC Advisory Committees:

William Benedetto

David Harden

Les Gatz

John Taylor

Elizabeth Querbes

Bill Cocreham

Meredith Eicher

Joseph Blanchard

Steve Stein

Communications & I. T.

Finance

Golf

Human Resources

Planning & Park Resources

Recreation Program & Community Resources

Special Facilities, Athletics, Therapeutics

Zoo

David Guillory

Otis Washington

Recreation Program and Community Resources

Bettsie Miller

Josh Norton

Golf

Audrey Nabors-Jackson

Earl Doomes

Recreation Program and Community Resources

Bert Neal

Danny Spencer

Golf

Kenneth Riché

Kirk Theriot

Marshall Price

John Schiller

Leslie Nickels

Stephen Everett

Jon Malden

Brad Smith

Chris Gautreaux

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Zoo

Mayor Harold Rideau

Danny Edwards

Mike Knaps

Dennis Allen

Ginger Vann

Silas Gerald

Elvin Stewart

Communications & I. T.

Finance

Golf

Human Resources

Planning & Park Resources

Special Facilities, Athletics, Therapeutics

Mayor Henry Martinez

Traci Bryant Lang	Finance
Henry Martinez	Golf
John Olin Brown	Human Resources
Jack Miller	Planning & Park Resources
Ira Gene Causey	Recreation Program & Community Resources
Panithia Johnson	Special Facilities, Athletics, Therapeutics
Sharon Lea	Zoo

Mayor Shelton Watts

Wayne Messina	Finance
Lucky Ross	Planning & Park Resources
Donald Lovett	Special Facilities, Athletics, Therapeutics

Motion by Mr. Temple
Seconded by Mr. Riché
Approved by unanimous consent

Mr. Benedetto stated that Mr. Neal, who was unable to attend, had requested that the item regarding the Consent Calendar under Unfinished Business and General Orders be deferred to the next Commission meeting.

Motion to defer by Mr. Ausberry
Seconded by Ms. Miller
Approved by unanimous consent

Ms. Nabors-Jackson was recognized and complimented the staff and participants for the well presented Black History program at BREC Independence Park Theatre on February 19th. Mr. Benedetto concurred with Ms. Nabors-Jackson.

Mr. Benedetto stated that the Commission would go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's performance evaluation (pursuant to LSA-R.S.42:6.1.A.(1)).

Mr. Ausberry made a motion to go to an executive session.
Ms. Miller seconded
Approved by unanimous consent

Mr. Benedetto reconvened the meeting and stated that Mr. Palmer received a satisfactory rating.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

William G. Palmer, Superintendent
and Ex-Officio Secretary

William L. Benedetto, Chairman