

**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
September 24, 2009

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 September 24, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by William Benedetto, Chairman. Roll call was taken and a quorum of Commissioners was present including Verge Ausberry, Jr., Vice Chairman; David Guillory; Audrey Nabors-Jackson; Bert Neal; Darryl Robertson; and Kenith Woodall. Commissioner Bettsie Miller was absent. Staff members present were William Palmer, Superintendent; Ted Jack, Assistant Superintendent; Dale Auzenne, Interim Assistant Superintendent; Ken Caldwell; Jack Dirks; Bob Epperson; Phil Frost; Tommy Green; Donna Mitchell; Mike Proctor; Debbie Spica; Stephanie Trim; Kristi Williams; and Chris Marchiafava. Murphy Foster, legal counsel and Carl Stages, Executive Director of BREC Foundation, 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 August 27, 2009 be dispensed with, and that they be approved as written.

Motion by Ms. Nabors-Jackson

Seconded by Mr. Neal

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. Guillory

Seconded by Ms. Nabors-Jackson

Approved by unanimous consent

The following items were approved as part of the Consent Calendar:

Acceptance of Recommendations of the Finance Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Commission approve a bid from Chance Morgan, Inc. for a new C. P. Huntington train locomotive and one C P Huntington middle coach in the amount of \$217,615.00. A 50% deposit is required to complete the order.

Resolved, That the Commission approve a bid of \$0.33 per agate line from The Advocate for the "Official Journal of Record" contract from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 for public posting of minutes, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceedings and announcements of the Commission.

Resolved, That the Commission approve a bid from Dolese Concrete Company for a concrete supply contract from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. Prices quoted are as follows:

| <u>Commodity</u> | <u>Price</u> |
|--|-----------------------|
| a. 3,000 psi concrete | \$ 94.50 per cubic yd |
| b. 3,800 psi concrete | 98.00 per cubic yd |
| c. 4,000 psi concrete | 100.50 per cubic yd |
| d. Small load charge (less than 6 yds) | 40.00 |
| e. Standby charges (after one hour) | 60.00 per hour |

Resolved, That the Commission approve a bid of \$27,423.00 from Gill Industries for environmental abatement and demolition of a vacant building belonging to BREC at 527 N. Beck Street.

Resolved, That the Commission approve change order #7 to a contract with Faulk and Meek Construction for the Asian Animal Exhibit in the amount of \$13,320.00, increasing the total contract to \$3,205,860.00. Also approve an exception to policy, allowing the staff to execute change orders up to an aggregate sum of \$150,000.00 (instead of \$100,000.00).

Resolved, That the Commission approve a proposal from EcoSystem Renewal, LLC for purchase of wetland mitigation credits for the Hooper Road Sports Park for \$152,000.00 (\$40,000/acre for 3.8 acres). Credits will be purchased from Zachary Mitigation Area, LLC.

Acceptance of Recommendations of the Golf Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Commission approve Capital City Golf Association holding its annual June golf tournament on June 12-13, 2010 at Beaver Creek Golf Course as Santa Maria will be hosting the Adams Golf Pro Tour Merrill Lynch Championship from June 7-13, 2010.

Acceptance of Recommendations of the Human Resources Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Commission approve the Routine Personnel Transactions for the month of September 2009.

Resolved, That the Commission approve the recommendations of the Insurance Sub-Committee for 2010 as follows:

Renew the medical and prescription contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana.

Increase health insurance premiums by 5% for HMO and PPO Plans

Change Commission contribution rate for health insurance to 85% for employee and 60% for dependents based on the HMO Plan. This amount will be applied to the PPO Plan if the employee wishes to upgrade.

HMO Physician Co-Pay will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00

HMO Specialist Co-Pay will increase from \$40.00 to \$45.00

HMO Inpatient Hospital will increase from \$300.00 per day for three days to \$500.00 per day for three days

Implement a wellness program and fully adopt a program in 2010 (18 months)

Resolved, That the Commission approve the renewal and rate increase for Always Care Vision for the 2010 Plan Year as follows:

| <u>Coverage</u> | <u>Premium</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|
| employee only | \$6.98 |
| employee/one | \$13.40 |
| employee/family | \$22.68 |

Resolved, That the Commission approve the 2010 Commission Holiday Schedule as follows:

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|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| January 1, 2010 | Friday | New Year's Day |
| January 18, 2010 | Monday | Martin Luther King, Jr. |
| February 16, 2010 | Tuesday | Mardi Gras |
| April 2, 2010 | Friday | Good Friday |
| July 5, 2010 | Monday | Fourth of July |
| September 6, 2010 | Monday | Labor Day |
| November 11, 2010 | Thursday | Veteran's Day |
| November 25, 2010 | Thursday | Thanksgiving |
| November 26, 2010 | Friday | Day after Thanksgiving |
| December 24, 2010 | Friday | Christmas Eve |
| December 27, 2010 | Monday | Christmas Day |
| Open | Floating | Holiday/Birthday |

*Maximum Holiday Pay per Year Not to Exceed 96 Hours

Resolved, That the Commission approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Gregory Grandy as Conservation Director.

Resolved, That the Commission approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Dale Auzenne as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Programming with the provision that he has 18 months to become an NRPA Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) by meeting the requirements for that certification. Mr. Auzenne will also be required to complete additional training and achieve other milestones as outlined, in writing, by the Superintendent.

Acceptance of Recommendations of the Recreation Program and Community Resources Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Commission approve the fee changes for the Recreation Programs and Facilities.

1 hour class/week

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|---------------|--------------|
| \$18.00/month | Beginner |
| \$22.00/month | Intermediate |
| \$30.00/month | Advanced |

1 ½ hour class/week

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| \$26.00/month | Beginner |
| \$30.00/month | Intermediate |
| \$38.00/month | Advanced |

1 hour class/2 per week

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|---------------|--------------|
| \$36.00/month | Beginner |
| \$40.00/month | Intermediate |
| \$48.00/month | Advanced |

1 hour class/2 per week - (Aerobics only)
\$24.00/month

Private Lesson
\$31.00/month (30 minutes/week)
\$44.00/month (45 minutes/week)

After School (meets 5 days/week; 2 ½ hrs/day)
Fee is dependent upon location
\$36.00/month
\$54.00/month

Playgroup (meets 4 days/week; 3 hrs/day)
\$42.00/month

Short courses
4 Hour Course - \$33.00
6 Hour Course - \$49.00
8 Hour Course - \$66.00

Summer Day Camp
1 week session - \$73.00
1 week session - \$36.00

Facility Rental (Minimum 4 hours)
Gymnasium - \$120.00
Large A/C Room - \$180.00
Meeting Room - \$96.00
Meeting - \$72.00
Additional Hours - \$30.00

Resolved, That the Commission approve adjusting facility hours of operations for the Recreation Programs and Facilities as follows:

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|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Alsen | Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday | 4:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Farr Park | Monday, Thursday, Friday | 4:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Hamilton | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday | 4:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Hooper Rd | Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 4:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Kathy Dr | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday | 4:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Kernan | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday | 4:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Monte Sano | Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 4:00pm – 8:00pm |
| City/Brooks | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday | 4:00pm – 8:00pm |

The following facilities open only during program hours:
Barringer (7401 Barringer Rd)
Drusilla (2546 Drusilla Lane)
Terrace St (7000 Terrace St)
Saia Park (855 Donmoor)
Red Oaks (2100 Greenoaks Dr)

Permanently close the following single room facilities:

St. Jean Recreation Center (15441 S. Harrell's Ferry Rd, within the St. Jean Apartment Complex)

S. 15th St. Recreation Center (542 S. 15th St.)

N. 48th St. Recreation Center (628 N. 48th St.)

Acceptance of Recommendations of the Special Facilities, Athletics, Therapeutics, Aquatics, and Special Populations Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Commission approve the fee increases for Therapeutics Adult Leisure, Extreme Sports, Fitness/Wellness and Inclusive Recreation programs and activities as listed below.

Therapeutics Class Fee Structure

Monthly: based on in-parish residents

1 hour class/1x wk

\$18.00/month – Beg.

\$22.00/month – Int.

\$30.00/month – Adv.

1 ½ hour class/1x wk

\$26.00/month – Beg.

\$30.00/month – Int.

\$38.00/month – Adv.

1 hour class/ 2x per wk

\$35.00/month – Beg.

\$38.00/month – Int.

\$46.00/month – Adv.

Short Courses: based on in-parish residents

4 Hour Course - \$30.00

6 Hour Course - \$42.00

8 Hour Course - \$60.00

Adult Leisure Programs

Computer Class – 4 hour

Line Dance – monthly (1 hour week)

Quilting for Beginners – 8 hour

Tours

Daily Programs

Fees

\$30

\$22

\$60

Cost + 10%

Cost + 25%

Extreme Sports Programs

Skate 101 Class

BMX101 Class

Skate Camp

BMX Camp

ABA Races

Skate Park

Fees

\$42

\$42

\$100

\$100

\$12 per person

Free

Fitness Memberships

Non-Residents Individual

Resident Individual

Non-Resident Family

Fees

\$36.00

\$30.00

\$90.00

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| Resident Family | \$74.00 |
| Additional Family Member | \$16.00 |
| Non- Resident Weekly Pass | \$14.00 |
| Resident Weekly Pass | \$12.00 |
| Non-Resident Daily Pass | \$7.00 |
| Resident Weekly Pass | \$6.00 |

| <u>Inclusive Recreation Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunshine Summer Camp | \$75 week |
| Sunshine Extended Care | \$15 week |
| Inclusive Leagues | \$10 per person |
| Sunshine Socials/monthly | \$5 per person |
| Wii Wednesday | \$2 per person |
| TR Recreation Classes | \$5 per class |
| Special Events | \$7 per person |
| TR Adaptable Cooking Class | \$30/ 4 hours |

Resolved, That the Commission approve the fee increases for programs and activities at BREC's Special Facilities as listed below:

Magnolia Mound Plantation

| <u>Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Tours: | |
| Adult | \$10.00 |
| Seniors | \$8.00 |
| Students | \$8.00 |
| Ages 5-17 | \$4.00 |
| Under 5 with family | FREE |
| Grounds only | \$3.00 |
| Groups (10 or more) | \$7.00 |
| Folk Art and Crafts | \$2.00 |

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| Camp Programs: | |
| Summer Day Camp | \$110.00/wk |
| Holiday Camps | \$22.00/day |

Facility Rentals:

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|--|-----------------------------|
| Individual/For Profit groups | |
| The Hart House | \$350.00/4 hrs; 75/add hr |
| La Grange (barn) | \$600.00 4 hrs; 125/add hr |
| Site (Hart house, barn back porch, gazebo and grounds) | \$1250.00/4 hrs; 125/add hr |
| Gazebo | \$100.00/2 hrs; 50/add hr |

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| Non-Profit groups | |
| The Hart House | \$250.00/4 hrs; 50/add hr |
| La Grange (barn) | \$400.00/4 hrs; 75/add hr |
| Site (Hart house, barn back porch, gazebo and grounds) | \$950.00/4 hrs; 100/add hr |
| Gazebo | \$75.00/2 hrs; 25/add hr |

Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center

| <u>Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| General Admission: | |
| Adults | \$3.00 |
| Children | \$2.00 |
| Seniors & College Students | \$2.50 |
| Group Tour (10 or more; 2 hrs) | \$5.00; \$2.00/add hr or craft |
| Annual Pass: | |
| Individual | \$25.00 |
| Family | \$35.00 |
| Seniors & College Students | \$20.00 |
| Education/Recreation Programs: | |
| Saturdays at the Swamp | \$8.00 |
| Swamp Night Hikes | \$6.00 |
| Swamp Haunted Hike | \$5.00 |
| Swamp Toddler Adventure | \$40.00/ 4 wk |
| Swamp Sleepover | \$35.00 |
| Dog Days | general admission rates |
| Camp Programs: | |
| Summer Camp | \$110.00/full day \$90.00/ half day |
| Holiday Camp | \$22.00/day |
| Facility Rentals: | |
| Conference Room | \$30.00/hr |
| Art Room | \$30.00/hr |
| Building | \$480.00/4 hrs (after 5:00)* *\$100 discount for non-profit |

Baton Rouge Gallery

| <u>Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| Camp Programs | \$90.00/half day \$110.00/wk |
| Facility Rentals: | \$450.00/4 hrs (after 6:00 pm)* *\$100 discount for non-profit |

Farr Park Horse Activity Center & RV Campground

| <u>Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Education/Recreation Programs: | |
| Group Riding Lessons | \$27.00* *\$25.00/per additional family member in same lesson |
| Private Riding Lessons | \$47.00 |
| Hearts & Hooves | \$120.00/6 wks |
| Camp Programs: | |
| Summer Day Camp | \$125.00/half day |

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| Services: | |
| Horse Hotel | \$20.00 |
| RV Campground: | |
| Full Hook-up | \$20.00/night |
| Storage | \$10.00/day |
| Dry parking | \$10.00/day |
| Facility Rentals: | |
| Indoor Arena practice: | \$30.00/hr |
| Magnolia Bend (cross country) schooling (practice): | \$30.00/2 hrs |

Independence Park Theatre & Cultural Center

| <u>Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Facility Rentals: | |
| Individual/For Profit Groups: | \$900.00/4 hrs |
| Auditorium | \$1300.00/8 hrs |
| Non Profit Groups: | \$700.00/4 hrs |
| Auditorium | \$900.00/8 hrs |

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| Labor Fees: | |
| House Manager | \$19.00/ hr |
| Technical Director | \$21.00/hr |
| Lighting Technician | \$17.00/ hr |
| Box Office Attendant | \$17.00/ hr |
| Stage Manager | \$17.00/ hr |
| Spot Operator | \$17.00/ hr |

BREC-LSU-BRAS Highland Road Observatory

| <u>Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|------------------|------------------|
| Camp Programs: | |
| Summer Day Camp: | \$90.00/half day |
| Holiday Camp: | \$18.00/ day |

Baton Rouge Fairgrounds

| <u>Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Facility Rentals: | |
| Pavilion only | \$300.00/day |
| Pavilion/grounds | \$1200.00/ day |

Resolved, That the Commission approve the fee increases for Athletics and Tennis programs as listed below.

Athletics Department

| <u>Jr. Sports</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Jr. Basketball | \$175.00 |
| Jr. Girls Softball | \$175.00 |
| T-Ball | \$175.00 |
| Coaches Pitch | \$175.00 |

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Flag Football | \$175.00 |
| Jr. Baseball | \$350.00 |
| Jr. Tackle Football | \$825.00 (28 players) |

| <u>Adult Sports</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Men's Softball | \$395.00 |
| Women's Softball | \$395.00 |
| Coed Softball | \$395.00 |
| | \$295.00 - Sunday |
| Golden Sr. Softball | \$395.00 |
| Men's Flag Football | \$450.00 |
| | \$395.00 - Sunday |
| Men's Basketball | \$430.00 |
| Women's Basketball | \$300.00 |
| Women's Flag Football | \$300.00 |
| Volleyball | \$150.00 |

** This does not include the new sports being offered.

| <u>Tennis Programs</u> | <u>Fees</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Day court fee | \$ 4/hr |
| Premium court fee | \$ 6/hr |
| Youth/High School court fee | \$ 2/hr |
| Group lessons fees | \$40 |
| Novice leagues fee | \$50 |
| Racquet stringing fee | \$14 |
| Ball machine rental fee | \$ 4/hr |
| Adult mixers | \$15 |
| Adult tournaments | \$60 |
| Racquet Demo | \$ 3/day |

Acceptance of Recommendations of the Zoo Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Commission authorize fee increases as follows:

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|-------------------|--------|--------|
| General Admission | | |
| Adults & Teens | \$7.00 | |
| Senior Citizens | \$6.00 | |
| Ages 2-12 | \$4.00 | |
| Group Rates | | |
| Adults & Teens | \$6.00 | |
| Senior Citizens | | \$5.00 |
| Ages 2-12 | \$3.00 | |
| Rides | | |
| Train Fee | \$2.00 | |
| Tram Fee | \$2.00 | |

Resolved, That the Commission allow Friends of the Baton Rouge Zoo to host Brew at the Zoo.

Presentations

The Commission viewed a brief informational video.

Mr. Palmer presented the following employee service awards:

10 Years

Christine Marchiafava

5 Years

Kimberly Lodrigue

Yvette Marshall

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Mr. Palmer reviewed the circumstances that made program and facility fee increases necessary. He explained that the staff is continuing to identify areas where expenditures can be reduced.

Tommy Green was recognized to introduce Coach Maelen Brooks and some of the members of the KY Track Club from the Sports Academy who competed in the AAU Junior Olympic Games. The 11-12 year old boys won the national championship in the 4x100-meter relay. Ms. Kamaria Brown is the 200 and 400 meter national champion. The eight year old and under boys are the 4x100-meter relay national champions. The 13-14 year old boys are national champions also. The AAU basketball team finished second out of 112 teams in the AAU Basketball Tournament in Coco Beach, Florida. Mr. Edward Robinson is the team coordinator. Mr. Benedetto congratulated the team and the athletes introduced themselves.

Mr. Palmer recognized Tommy Green, Dale Auzenne, Diane Drake, and Stephanie Trim who had recently graduated from the NRPA Directors School.

Mr. Guillory was recognized and gave the Finance Advisory Committee report. He asked Mike Proctor to provide a summary of the financial statements.

Resolved, That the Commission approve financial statements for month ended August 31, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Guillory

Seconded by Mr. Woodall

Approved by unanimous consent

Resolved, That the Commission accept a bid Dyna-Play, LLC for a Model "NTS" Custom Scotsdale pavilion at the Independence Park Iris Garden for \$51,808.00.

Motion by Mr. Ausberry

Seconded by Ms. Nabors-Jackson

Approved by unanimous consent

Mr. Woodall was recognized to give the Golf Advisory Committee report. Mr. Woodall made a motion to approve the golf fee increases as shown, with the exception that the weekday Junior/Senior fee for Beaver Creek Golf Course be amended to read \$15 instead of \$22, as recommended by the Superintendent and with the concurrence of the Golf Advisory Committee; that the Superintendent be authorized to make further temporary adjustments to the golf fees on all courses, without prior Commission approval, to accommodate such issues as market changes, seasonal issues on courses, unscheduled or scheduled golf course renovation and repairs, golf promotional opportunities, other specific needs. The Superintendent shall report such changes to the Commission at the Regular Commission meeting following the change.

| | CITY | CLARK | DUMAS | HOWELL | WEBB | S.MARIA | B.CREEK |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|---------|------------------------|
| Weekday | 10.00 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 10.00 | 15.00 | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| Twilight | 8.00 | 8.00 | 9.00 | 7.50 | 13.00 | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| Jr/Sr | 8.00 | 8.00 | 9.00 | 7.50 | 13.00 | 22.00 | 22.00 15.00 |
| Weekend | 12.00 | 12.00 | 14.00 | 12.00 | 18.00 | 38.00 | 38.00 |
| Twilight | 10.00 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 10.00 | 16.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Jr/Sr | 10.00 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 10.00 | 16.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Cart - 9 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Cart - 18 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 |

After discussion the motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and unanimously approved.

Mr. Robertson was recognized to give the Zoo Advisory Committee report. He stated that all action items were on the consent calendar and that the fee increases approved still offered good entertainment value to the public.

Mr. Palmer introduced Dale Auzenne who the Commission had approved as Interim Assistant Superintendent earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Robertson stated that the BREC tennis program had been mentioned during the U.S. Open Tennis Championship television coverage because of our participation in the USTA Best Tennis Town contest.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

 William G. Palmer, Superintendent
 and Ex-Officio Secretary

 William L. Benedetto, Chairman