

**Smithfield
Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting
January 17, 2012**

The Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 8:00 a.m. at SRAC. Members present were:

Chris Howell	Daniel Sanders
Earl Marett	Scott Wright
Robbie Parker	

Members absent:	Clayton Narron	Jamie Stanley
	Harold Mitchell	Zach Parrish

Staff present:	Tim Johnson	Lyn Andrews
	Jan Ashley	Laura Crumpler
	Dale Ham	Gary Johnson
	Jon Moore	

Staff absent:	Dennis Tyner	Kristin Sasser
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Tim opened the meeting welcoming everyone back. It's been quite some time since RAC has met.

FRIENDS OF PARK FUNDRAISER REPORT

The Friends of the Park raffle/auction event raised around \$18,000. (A great success, especially for the first year.) Plan on this event again in October 2012. We believe we can sell 300 tickets this year. It was a good event and we believe everyone had a good time. Special thank you to Earl Marett and Robbie Parker for getting a lot of donations.

DID YOU KNOW (Fact Sheet)

Everyone had a "Did you Know, During the Past Year" fact sheet for their review. Tim pointed out that these were used at the FOP Event, and are helpful to get the big picture of what all goes on at our Parks and at the Aquatic Center.

\$1000 GRANT FROM NC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We received a \$1,000 grant from the NC Community Foundation - which goes to Friends of the Park.

JOCODEAL

SRAC 1-month memberships for a family of 4 were available on the new JOCODEAL website – for \$20.00! What a deal! These are only available for a limited time period. The SRAC membership was available last week, and 44 were sold. All monies paid to JOCO, and then split in half with us. Hopefully some of these will turn in to annual contracts. Will be looking for other ways to do "deals" with them.

JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE RATE PROPOSAL

This topic has come up with us before, but we are being approached again. The school system wants a better rate than our corporate rate, because of the school systems "partnership" in this facility. Chris Howell suggested that if we do offer them a discounted rate, that it should go through their payroll, so that it doesn't

tie up our staff. (Current Corporate Rate is \$35/mo.) Tim said he is looking at doing a rate of \$25 or \$30/mo., but that it has to go before the Council.

JOHNSTON COUNTY SPORTS COUNCIL

A new JOCO Sports Council has been formed, and will meet in February. The purpose is to hopefully bring other bigger sports events to the area, in which we would have to “partner” with other areas of the county.

2011-2012 BUDGET

Tim said that we are in Budget meetings now. Earl Marett suggested noting on items that the Council is cutting what revenues they are cutting too. Tim said he would definitely do that. One additional item that is in the budget is for a Pre-School Program to begin in the fall. This was initially proposed in the Fall, but some council members were afraid we would be competing with local churches. Tim said we already have a director lined up for the program – Vickie Newsome who recently retired from Johnston County schools and her assistant. This will be submitted in the budget.

MIRACLE LEAGUE & INCLUSION PARK UPDATE

Tim said Miracle League had recently gotten a \$25,000 grant from Andy’s. Tim also noted that there is a fundraiser event this weekend (Sat., 1/21, 7:00 pm) for Miracle League – the Hot Stove Banquet. Tickets are \$25 each or a whole table for \$125. Gary Johnson said they thought they might be able to sell about 30 tickets, but right now they have sold 50 tables. McCalls is catering the event, and several different speakers are lined up. Proceeds from this event will go towards building the Miracle League park. Gary also noted that SPRD and KS Bank will be hosting softball scrimmages the last weekend of the month – proceeds go to pay fees for kids playing Miracle League.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, 1/28

Tim said we are hosting the SE Regional Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on Saturday, 1/28. Tim said if you haven’t ever seen one of these, you might want to come take a look. They may be in wheelchairs, but they go at it!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARD

Laura Crumpler said that Smithfield Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the Organization of the Year by Special Olympics. (Clayton P&R also won.)

FARMERS MARKET

Tim updated everyone on last year’s market, noting that the market went really great until it got real hot, and then numbers went down. This year, the Market will open on April 13th, on Fridays and Saturdays from 9AM to 1PM, and the Market will close on Labor Day.

ONGOING / UPCOMING EVENTS

Gary noted that there is a Softball Clinic this Saturday. Also that there was a Triple Threat Tournament in the fall.

Lyn Andrews noted that there are two swim meets at the Pool this week, Thursday and Saturday. She also noted that the Marlins of Raleigh will be holding some of their swim meets here. She said that we currently host two HS teams, and that we may add two more next year. The SRAC summer swim team will start in May.

Jon Moore said we are currently signing up for Baseball, Softball, and Kinder Basketball signups begin next month.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:
Jan Ashley,
Administrative Assistant