



MINUTES RECREATION REVIEW TASK FORCE

January 16, 2018

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

MEMBERS

Mr. Julian Davis, III, Chairman
Mr. Herb Poole, Westminster
Mr. Rusty Cater, Westminster
Mr. Brian Ramey, Westminster
Mr. John Galbreath, Walhalla
Mr. Danny Edwards, Walhalla
Mr. Brent Taylor, Walhalla
Mr. Rick Lacey, Seneca
Mr. Dan Alexander, Seneca
Ms. Terry Swain, Fair Play / Oakway
Ms. Janet Hartman, Destination Oconee

Mr. Derek Burnette, Fair Play / Oakway
Mr. Travis Oliver, Salem
Mr. David Poulson, Salem
Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, OCSO
Corporal Charles Mulwee, OCSO
Lt. Mark Lyles, OCSO
Mr. Phil Shirley, Parks, Recreation, & Tourism
Ms. Linda Oliver, West Union
Mr. David Scealf, West Union
Ms. Katie D. Smith, Staff Liaison

The Oconee County Recreation Review Task Force met at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present [except Mr. Rusty Cater, Mr. Danny Edwards, Mr. Dan Alexander, Mr. David Poulson, Ms. Linda Oliver, & Mr. David Scealf] and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council acting as staff liaison.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the media were present.

Call to Order:

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Brian Ramey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rick Lacey, approved 10 – 0, to approve the November 21, 2017 minutes as presented.

Mr. Phil Shirley arrived after the approval of minutes.

Development of Priorities for Inclusion of Strategic Plan

The idea for the development of priorities for this year's process for establishing the strategic planning goals was for the committees to discuss the goals for the upcoming year based on their respective topics.

Discussion Items

Mr. Davis opened the discussion noting this is the third meeting and there are some issues that were not moving fast enough and others were moving too fast. He noted he was trying to find a "happy medium" and the design of the task force so recommendations can be made and make some strategic plans moving forward. He further noted the reason the task force was formed was to have a direct line of communication to the County and to create the best recreation programs and be successful.

Corporal Charles Mulwee, Ms. Janet Hartman, and Mr. Brent Taylor arrived as this time.

Mr. Davis asked each of the members to identify items that we are heading in the right direction in this task force.

City Budget Review

Ms. Terry Swain / Fair Oak Youth Center

- Helping decide what we need to do in planning for recreation programs
- In need of lights and Recreation Director

Mr. Brian Ramey & Mr. Herb Poole / Westminster

- Budget
- Provide services for citizens
- Served 687 participants in 2017 from the county that doesn't pay city taxes
- If the County would take care of providing this service for these participants, give room in budget
- Facility upgrades
- Cut programs
- Brought in \$34,000 out of city fees and city cost was \$204,000

Ms. Janet Hartman / Destination Oconee

- Projects
- Assess the needs
- Prioritize
- Figure out where funding is coming from

Mr. Phil Shirley / Parks, Recreation, & Tourism [PRT] Director

- Money issue
- Determining goal of County Council and how they want to assist
- Facilities
- Priority rank with Council

Mr. Rick Lacey / Seneca

- Budget
- Give back to the County participants and they are getting everything that city participants get

Lt. Mark Lyles, Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, & Corporal Charles Mulwee / Oconee County Sheriff's Office

- Children & family of Oconee County
- Friendship & learning good discipline in sports
- Motivation to attend school
- Money issues
- Cities have a viable recreation department
- Decrease in juvenile arrests

Mr. Travis Oliver / Salem

- Do not have a facility that Salem maintains
- DAR allows them to use gym and ball field
- Provide funding to fix different items, line the fields, purchase nets, etc.
- Limited to basketball, soccer, and baseball

Mr. Davis addressed the Committee, noting the following:

- Larger opportunities for everyone
- Budget
- Multiple children participating
- Transportation
- Volleyball at Fair Oak & Westminster

Mr. John Galbreath / Walhalla

- Improve the recreation department
- Budget
- Travel expenses of all-stars

Mr. Brent Taylor / Walhalla

- Opportunity to partner with the cities or independent organizations
- Develop a plan
- Accountability
- Facility development
- County interested in subsidizing some of the fees

Derek Burdette / Fair Play / Oakway

- Most participants in recreation do not live in the cities
- Take burden off of city taxpayers
- Incorporate entire County residents to fund recreation programs throughout the County
- Budget
- Maintenance of the facilities
- Utilities

Discussion continued to include:

- Talk with Council to see what monetary looks like
- Will not always be the same
- Cities will carry the largest burden
- Fundraisers
- Capitol sales
- Talk with City Councils
- Annual contribution vs. one time contribution
- Volunteers
- Tourist attraction
- Budget
- Let the County pay their part

Recommendations to Council

- Funding for out of county residents
- All Star teams
- Funding level

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Oconee County Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Mr. Davis asked each member to talk with their cities council and see where they are headed toward recreation and what do they have in mind regarding recreation. Absorb funded money and keep recreation budget as the same or keep funding at the current amount

Other Business:

Mr. Phil Shirley noted the two points of assisting with out of county supplemental money back to the cities and travel money for all stars are two priorities that everyone has agreed upon.

Discussion continued to include:

- Recreation budget
- County's participation on a certain level
- Servicing County children
- Growth
- Economic Development investment
- Parks & Recreation

Adjourn:

Mr. Ramey adjourned the meeting, approved unanimously, at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council & Staff Liaison