



BELVILLE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2020

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

Laura Copley, Vice Chairman
Keesha Starr, Member
Joe Cranford, Member
Cheryl Jefferson Page, Member by Zoom
Kent Goodman, Parks & Recreation Liaison

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent:

J. F. Larsen, Chairman
Jim McKee, Member

Staff Present:

Jim Bucher, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brenda Hewlett, Secretary
Charles Bost, Mayor Pro Tem

Others Present To Address The Board:

Mr. Brayton Willis, Chairman, Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.
Ms. Teneia Jones, Deputy Director and Head Administrator of the Skarure Woccon of the Cape Fear.

Item #s - 1 AND 2 - CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Laura Copley called the September 10, 2020 Belville Parks & Recreation Board Regular Meeting to order
At 6:10 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice Chairman Copley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Chairman Laura Copley, **MADE THE MOTION** to excuse J. F. Larsen, Chairman from the meeting. Member Keesha Starr seconded the motion. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Vice Chairman Copley, **MADE THE MOTION** to invite Cheryl J. Page, Member into the meeting by Zoom. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS**



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Item # 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION – Member Keesha Starr **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the agenda. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM # 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION – Member Joe Cranford **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the August 13, 2020 Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM # 5- PRESENTATION

- a. . Mr. Brayton Willis gave his presentation to the Belville Parks and Recreation Board on the Proposed Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Multi-Use Greenway/ Blueway Trail for Brunswick County “A Pathway to Freedom”. Mr. Willis related to the Board all of the Benefits of Greenways and how this is a grassroots effort to develop a plan that begins the process of developing support for the establishment of a 30-50 mile Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor in Brunswick County in the form of a Greenway/Blueway Trail. Each Board member received a hard copy of the presentation. Kent Goodman, Parks and Recreation Liaison recommended that we get the Gullah Geechee on our website. Member Joe Cranford asked about the cost and Mr. Willis stated \$150 million to \$160 million dollars.
- b. Ms. Teneia Jones gave her presentation to the Belville Parks and Recreation Board on the 2nd Annual Harvest Gathering Virtual Event on October 9th and October 10th. The Line-up will include Exploring your Roots, Raffle Giveaways, Special Guests and much more. Ms. Jones stated we will showcase a charity each year, highlight our park and local businesses. Member Keesha Starr Each Board Member was given a hard copy of the presentation.

ITEM # 6– UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Brunswick Riverwalk Park Update

1. UPDATE ON STORM RECOVERY / PARK REPAIRS

Jim Bucher, Director of parks and Recreation stated that by mid-week the Riverwalk will be open and the 15 fallen trees will be taken out.

2. The playground will open on Friday, September 11th at 5:00 pm. New mulch has been added and the Playground equipment will be sanitized daily. Director Bucher is expecting lots of kids.

There will be a 9-11 Ceremony on Friday, September 11, 2020.

b. Update on Other Events Presented to the Board of Commissioners

1. Parks and Recreation Liaison, Kent Goodman stated that the Board of Commissioners have given their Permission for Movie Night. They want complete details by their next meeting.



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c. Purchase of New Park Amenity

Vice Chairman, Laura Copley was asked by Chairman, J. Larsen to ask the Belville Parks and Recreation Board to consider the Nine Hole Frisbee Golf Course. That was previously presented to the Board. Member Joe Cranford stated that there was not enough room for a Nine Hole Frisbee Golf Course. This is a Star Scout Project. Vice Chairman, Laura Copley stated that we need this to be presented to the Belville Parks and Recreation Board again.

ITEM # 7 – NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

a. Upcoming Events

Movie night was discussed. Member Keesha Starr knows someone that has a large screen. She will check on pricing for the Board.

The Annual Harvest Gathering by the Skarure Woccon

b. Discussion And / Or Recommendations to the Board

None

Item # 8 – COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE STAFF AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

a. Chairman

b. Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman Copley thanked everyone for attending

c. Staff And / Or The Commissioners

There were no comments from the Staff or Commissioner

ITEM # 8 – ADJOURNMENT

ACTION – Member Keesha Starr **MADE THE MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**



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SIGNED:

J. Larsen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Brenda K. Hewlett, Secretary