

Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting

May 5th, 2025

6:00 PM

Present:

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Harris Houston, Steve Kiser, Ryan Agostinelli
- Staff: Recreation Director Crystal Reed, Office Manager Arielle Mann

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Glass.

General Public comments:

- Coaches or team moms that had questions or concerns about athletics. Equipment condition, and questions regarding the possibility of having a Booster Club.
- The former Boster Club from the Recreation Commission. The residual money left over donated to Central Creek Park
 - Therapeutic Thursdays have been a great addition.
 - Bicycles and scooters are being driven through the Central Creek Park Playground.
 - During a birthday party this weekend, park goers walked into the reserved pavilion.
 - We-Go Swing: we have fixed the swing twice already. We have the piece of equipment needed to fix it and it will be taken care of soon.
 - The zipline isn't protected. The community has learned to watch for the zipline area. The company was called and any barricades posted would violate the safety regulations.
 - The bathroom locks: The locks look like a keypad. Instructions have been placed on the doors. Smart locks were placed to automatically lock when the park closes for safety reasons.
 - Commissioner Glass heard positive comments from people in the area regarding the park.
 - Baseball equipment complaint: Angela handled the issue with the equipment, emailed coaches and let them know that they can request new equipment. The focus of the conversation was "don't let them play with unsafe equipment".
 - Park Circle is also a free park. We toured the park, and the directors and coordinators communicated with other Recreation Centers in the area. The solution is to staff the park as an investment to have a set of eyes out there.
 - We are trying to figure out putting more staff at the park. We have 2 shifts and are looking at adding a 3rd shift. Will look at the budget to invest in more staff at the park.
 - We have so many people in the Summer because of the free Splash Pad.
 - As we talk about what we value, accessibility is huge.
 - We want people there, and the focus is on how to keep everybody safe.
- Foster Creek and Dogwood parks: Commission Parks. We are putting a food forest on the far side. The green space will be edible food. Education classes, gardening, etc. We want to expand

environmental education. Neighborhood Parks have been on our list. Movement to include improvement. Crystal went through all the parks and made lists for needed improvements.

- Dogwood Park: Walked the park with the Mayor and City Administrator to look into improvements.
- Painting the press box, concession stands, repainting the goals, power washing the playgrounds and courts, repainting benches, etc.
- Last week there was an email: we looped in the chief to have conversations with members of the public who are causing issues at the park.
 - Let's try to open the gates and fill it with positivity and positive programs and hopefully it will push out the negative behaviors.
 - Crystal reached out to our IT Director for quotes for temperature control for the building and cameras.
- There is a strong disc golf community.
- Signage at the park. We have ordered new signs for all our parks. We re-did them for our branding. We want to follow up with re-branding to the City's branding signage. We will keep the Recreation Commission name on the signage. In-season we have entry and exit signage. If we open the park and if it is not an organized activity, the entry and exit signage can be updated for "in-season" direction.
 - Commissioner Agostinelli questioned putting Portuguese and Spanish translation on the signs.
 - Commissioner Agostinelli questioned fencing the fields in similar to how Foster Creek is fenced off. Fencing is expensive, and the battle right now with investment is putting more of our money where people are.
- At some point we need to have conversations about updating lighting at all our fields.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025, meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Ryan Agostinelli
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Steve Kiser
 - Discussion: N/A
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports:

- Discussion: Our budget is healthy right now. Staff are cautious at the beginning of the year.
- Crystal is working on a proposal to increase staffing.
- Looking into adding a Maintenance Tech for afternoons/evening. We can pay them with the revenue we've generated.
- Youth Sports are doing really well. Added Adult Sports.
- Wrapping up on Spring Season. Bringing in a lot of revenue from a lot of different areas.
- Commissioner Glass received comments from public: Where can we practice? Specifically, an Adult Softball Team. The teams should be able to work with our coordinators to schedule practice.

- Our Youth programs are a priority over the adult programs right now. We will look into scheduling practice times.
- Commissioner Agostinelli asked how we have put \$8000 into the pool. The revenue was between Swim Team and Swim Lessons through Lowcountry Swim School.
- Commissioner Agostinelli brought up trying to cover the pool in the winter. Crystal will get quotes now to see how much it would cost to get a bubble. We have kept a lot of people on. Instead of separating, we would shift them to Central Creek Park, Fitness Center, Athletics.
 - With a cover, would there be a possibility of adding a heater? It would be a chiller and a heater. If we get sponsors, we could put their logo on the bubble.
- Expenditures and revenues are looking pretty well.
- Commissioner Glass questioned the possibility of putting in a Skate Park.
 - Councilman Harmon has brought it up at meetings with the mayor. There is a desire to look at adding a skate park. It will fall under Recreation and there are other projects going on right now.
 - It would be really cool to have the Skate Park in combination with the Graffiti Park.
- Commissioner Houston questioned the State Government Shared Revenue.
 - Crystal will look more into that budget.
- Commissioner Glass questioned accessibility at the pool. Hannah does schedule therapeutic camps and classes at the pool.
 - Commissioner Agostinelli offered looking into the Scuba community, Kayak classes, etc.
- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the financial reports for February, March and April 2025.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Steve Kiser
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Recreation Director's Report – Crystal Reed:

- Crystal will hit the highlights of all the fun things happening in our city.
- The key is the variety offered. There are different programs, different age groups, etc.
- In February we had our Sweetheart Family Dance.
- The Color Run had over 200 kids participate. That week after registration closed, we added more supplies.
- We are struggling the Summer with Adult Kickball. There was a social league with Montana's. We had 11 people sign up. Adult Sports in the Summer are not as popular.
 - Looking into getting sponsorships.
- In March the Daning was busy.
 - The Shadowcast Move: The Princess Bride. It's unique and thought it was really cool. We will do another one in June.
 - We've had movie night and concerts. The last concert we had was the biggest. Digital Underground and Color Me Badd.
 - We are having a Taylor Swift tribute band perform.

- We are proud that we are hitting different populations with different types of bands and entertainment offered.
- This weekend is the Fishing Rodeo. 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. DNR Stocked the pond with catfish.
 - Commissioner Kiser questioned any issues with the gator in the pond. We will look at it this week.
 - DNR will assess and what they usually say to us is if the gator is away from us, they usually leave it alone.
- The team has been busy. Great programming.
- Creek Collective is opening May 28th. Hosting first art gallery, hors d'oeuvres, violinist. It will be an introduction to what the building will feature.
 - We tried to keep the look of the Chapel, and the space can be rented. A lot of our focus is moving into that space. There are 20 spots, and the back gate will be opened behind Central Creek Park.
- Commissioner Houston questioned many Geese are out in the Community? 38 out right now, 52 have been ordered. We pay artists to paint them.
 - We may increase the price to pay the artist.
 - Commissioner Agostinelli questioned in the local high schools have art programs that paint the geese? Most of the schools that order a goose have their art programs design and paint the goose.
 - We have a new app. Goose Chase – where you can track all the Geese.
- Commissioner Glass asked when the next Christmas parade is going to be. Crystal will get a copy of the yearly calendar to share. The Tree Lighting is on December 5th, and the Parade is December 13th.
- Commissioner Glass mentioned there was an ice cream truck at the park during the birthday party he attended. He asked if the vendors pay to park there. Crystal responded that all the vendors have an agreement with us that they must have a business license. There is a special permit for ice cream trucks and where they can sell. The ice cream truck owners have been notified that if there are other vendors out at the park that have paid to be there that day, that they move along to another location.
- Commissioner Glass asked if there is a restriction for groups to set up booths or tents at the park?
 - Crystal responded that the rule is to give us heads up, and the groups cannot harass or directly approach participants. The participants must show interest and approach the groups that are set up.
 - We welcome different groups to come out and share their information. There are rules regarding political activity, etc. in our park reservations and permits. Communication is the key.
- We will reach out to Councilman Philip Obie regarding a possible new commission member. If Councilman Obie approves the individual, the group is okay with moving forward with that person. The only thing in question is confirming if they are a City Resident or if they live in the district.
- Commissioner Agostinelli questioned how preserving history and documents is going.
 - We are working on scanning documents and how they will be saved.

- Commissioner Agostinelli mentioned he would love it if there was pamphlet/link with the information and history.
- We are working on a Recreation Commission landing page.
- Bullet Points and dates can be added.
- It would be cool if we could possibly have a video of Commissioner Glass giving the history of the Commission.

Public Comments:

- N/A

No closing public comments.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.
 - The motion was granted by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steve Kiser
 - All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 2nd, 2025, at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for May 5, 2025, meeting.