



HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:00noon
Government & Justice Center, Multipurpose Room B, 2nd floor
1301 Second Ave, Conway, SC 29526

- 1. *Call to Order***
 - 2. *Pledge of Allegiance***
 - 3. *Invocation***
 - 4. *Introduction of Board Members***
 - 5. *Minutes***
 - Approval of April 9, 2024 Minutes
 - Approval of July 9, 2024 Minutes
 - 6. *Public Input***
 - 7. *Discussion***
 - Staff Member Updates
 - Board Member Updates
 - 8. *Announcements***
 - Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting – August 20, 2024 11:30am in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
 - Next Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee – September 19, 2024 at 9:30am in the Conference Room at C.B. Berry Community Center in Little River
 - Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – September 17, 2024 in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
 - 9. *Adjourn***
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HORRY COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD 2024

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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

Board Meetings are typically held in the Multi-purpose Room of the Government & Justice Center located at 1301 Second Avenue in Conway, unless otherwise noted. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Date	Time	Event
January 9, 2024	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – Multipurpose Room B Government & Justice Center
March 5, 2024	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – Multipurpose Room B Government & Justice Center
April 9, 2024	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – Location TBD
May 14, 2024	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – Multipurpose Room B Government & Justice Center
July 9, 2024	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – Multipurpose Room B Government & Justice Center
August 6, 2024	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – Multipurpose Room B Government & Justice Center
September 17, 2024	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – Multipurpose Room B Government & Justice Center
November 12, 2024	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – Multipurpose Room B Government & Justice Center

There are no meetings scheduled for February, June, October, and December. If needed, additional meetings can be scheduled.

*According to the Bylaws, the Board must hold *at least* four (4) Meetings annually. Meetings may be changed to a Workshop.

Horry County Parks & Open Space Parks & Open Space Board Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2023

Staff present: Director, Ray Dunham; Deputy Director, Ashley Cowen; Superintendent, Robert Freeman; District Supervisor, John Fraiser III; and Intern, Ethan Barber.

The following visitors attended: none

Chairman Robert Ziegler called the meeting or order at 12:04pm. Chairman Ziegler led the Pledge of Allegiance. No Invocation was given.

Chairman Ziegler asked all Board members to introduce themselves and announce their County Council District. Chairman Ziegler then asked staff to introduce themselves and give their position titles.

Approval of November 14, 2023 Minutes,

Review of March 5, 2024 Minutes,

Chairman Ziegler introduced the agenda item and asked the Board to take a moment to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Thomas Mezzapelle made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 5, 2024 with the correction of scribblers errors. Sonny Parrish seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ***The motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024 with the correction of scribblers' errors, of the Parks and Open Space Board carried unanimously.***

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

OLD BUSINESS

Revolutionary War General Isaac Huger Park

Chairman Ziegler introduced topic and gave an overview. Ashley Cowen gave an overview of the prior discussions and meetings that had occurred in regard to this topic. On February 12, 2020 the Horry County Parks and Open Space Board hosted the “Huger Park Conceptual Planning Workshop at the Carolina Forest Recreation Center. The workshop’s purpose was to assist with the planning and development of a conceptual master plan for the future park. Attendees included representatives from Horry County Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, the Historic Preservation Commission, Parks and Open Space Board, Beautify Carolina Forest, Coastal Carolina Horry County Archives Center, Horry County Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Carolina Forest Civic Association, D.R. Horton, and Thomas and Hutton. Representatives were grouped into teams to develop conceptual plans of the site, taking into account connectivity, design elements, tree health, and other critical components each group determined were necessary for the future park.

Following the workshop, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution began seeking additional funding through their state and national chapters to assist with portions of the project. At their June 9, 2020 meeting, the Board noted a desire to hold additional input at the Carolina Forest Recreation Center when masterplans were developed. At the Board’s August 2020 meeting, staff presented a temporary measure to sod, irrigate, hydro-seed, and provide temporary maintenance while the neighborhood was developed around the park.

In Fall 2023, Doyle Architecture began developing three masterplans based on the conceptual plans developed at the above referenced planning workshop. Staff suggested that to proceed with engineered plans, input needs to be gathered per the guidance of the Parks and Open Space Board to narrow three plans into one masterplan. Public input could be a valuable tool to assist with this process. A public input meeting should be held to allow residents and stakeholders the ability to provide feedback, and share their opinions about the three masterplan options. This information will be provided to Doyle Architecture to develop a finalized plan.

Sonny Parrish inquired about the input gathering process. Ashley Cowen stated that a meeting at the Carolina forest Recreation Center could be held in early June where the three conceptual plans could be presented in a walk-through style. Participants could be asked to place a sticker next to the plan they like the most. Comment cards could be provided for any written input. The input then could be collected and provided to Doyle Architecture. Thomas Mezzapelle noted that he didn’t want to see the input to result in a “back to the drawing board” type response. Mr. Parrish noted the same. Suzanne Pritchard inquired if particular elements from each plan could be combined to create one plan. Staff noted that if the input desired that response, then Doyle Architecture may be able to create a design that reflected that desire. Ms. Pritchard noted that

she likes the connection that the sidewalk offers in one of the plans. Mr. Parrish noted that he liked the circle trail, but also likes the connection that the other plan offers.

Thomas Mezzapelle made the motion to host a public engagement session to obtain input about current three design plans for the park to guide final decision making on the master plan, without going back to the drawing board. Sonny Parrish seconded the motion. Bob Ziegler requested that the Board attend this meeting and that staff coordinate with the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and other members of the original working group to attend. ***The motion to approve hosting a public engagement session to obtain input about the current three design plans for Huger Park to guide the final design making on the master plan, without going back to the drawing board, carried 4-1, with Suzanne Pritchard voting “Nay”.***

Keep Horry County Beautiful Update

Chairman Ziegler introduced topic and gave an overview. Ashley Cowen stated that to maintain affiliation with Keep America Beautiful, Keep Horry County Beautiful meets multiple criteria. Four of these include: The Community Cleanup Program, the completion of the Annual Litter Index, completion of annual reporting, and community education/outreach efforts. The Community Cleanup Program offers three avenues for the public to lead litter cleanups, including one-time cleanup events, 2-year adoptions, and community-wide cleanups. Keep Horry County Beautiful provides the supplies, offers advertising assistance, coordinates cleanup location, offers guidance for event planning, and assists with day-of coordination for cleanup groups. They also inform the Horry County Police Department of upcoming cleanup events, provide Community Services letters, and support at Solid Waste Authority Convenience Centers. The SC Department of Transportation continues to offer their Adopt-a-Highway program for state roadways. Ms. Cowen highlighted specific important statistics from the Community Cleanup Program from the Board’s packet including the number of requests for supplies, the distribution points for supplies, the number of volunteers, and the estimated pounds of litter picked up in 2023. Ms. Cowen also highlighted the community outreach events, annual reporting and litter index results.

DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

Ashley Cowen briefly announced progress on the Pee Dee Park playground installation, James R. Frazier Community Center kitchen, outdoor courts, and gym renovation, as well as the Carolina Forest Recreation Center gym floor resurfacing.

Board Member Updates

Thomas Mezzapelle inquired about the greenway connections in Horry County, specifically the section from the HULK Bike and Run Park to North Myrtle Beach. Mr. Mezzapelle mentioned Santos Recreation Park in Ocala Florida. Mr. Mezzapelle noted the paved 10foot trails through the wooded areas that are both commuter and recreation-friendly.

Bob Ziegler mentioned a rail trail project in New Jersey that similarly was frequently used by commuters and for recreation purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting – April 30, 2024 11:30am in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway

Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – May 14, 2024 in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway

Next Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee – May 16, 2024 at 9:30am in the Conference Room at C.B. Berry Community Center in Little River

ADJOURN

With no further discussion the Richard Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thomas Mezzapelle seconded the motion. The adjourned at approximately 12:55 pm.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) Horry County Parks & Open Space
COUNTY OF HORRY) Parks & Open Space Board Meeting
) Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board met on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 12:00 pm at the Government & Justice Center, Multipurpose Room B in Conway, SC 29526. The following Parks &

Open Space Board members were present: Robert Ziegler, Royce Sonny Parrish Jr., and Sarah Diaz

Staff present: Director, Ray Dunham; Superintendent, Robert Freeman; Administrative Assistant, Taylor Ard

Board members absent: Thomas Mezzapelle, Suzanne Pritchard, and Richard Carroll.

The following visitors attended: none

CALL TO ORDER

Seeing no quorum was present, Chairman Robert Ziegler called the meeting or order at 12:06pm. Chairman Ziegler led the Pledge of Allegiance. No Invocation was given.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Ziegler asked all Board members to introduce themselves and announce their County Council District. Chairman Ziegler then asked staff to introduce themselves and give their position titles.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Ziegler invited Director Dunham to give staff updates. Director Dunham updated the Board on Huger Park and the public input staff received. He told the Board they would forward the results on to the design team and that they had received forty-four votes total with a favorite of Option 3 of the designs.

DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

Director Dunham then presented the Litter Index Results to the Board, highlighting the problematic areas in the county. The Board expressed they would like to have a community clean up. Superintendent Freeman then updated the Board on the current community projects. James R. Frasier playground proposal, completed PeeDee playground, and partial completion of the Socastee Recreation playground. Additional parking and sidewalks are wanted for the Socastee Recreation playground. The Loris playground will be deemed a National Demonstration Site as an all-inclusive playground. Parks and Recreation Development funding was used for most playgrounds and a hospitality grant was used to replace the James R. Frasier gym floor, kitchen update, and pickleball and tennis courts. Updates on the Green Sea and the Aynor Recreation Center were also given to the Board.

Board Member Updates

Robert Ziegler was pleased to see the movement of community and focus to the west of the county. Royce Parrish Jr stated that the shed at The Hulk was broken into.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting – July 26, 2024 11:30am in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway

Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – August 6, 2024 in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway

Next Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee – July 26, 2024 at 9:00am in the Conference Room at C.B. Berry Community Center in Little River

ADJOURN

With no further input, Chairman Robert Zeigler motioned to end the meeting. Royce Parrish Jr seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:58pm.