

**MINUTES
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE
GREENWOOD COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016
GREENWOOD COUNTY LIBRARY
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Steven Brown, District Five
Vice-Chairman Mark Allison, District Two
Councilwoman Edith Childs, District One
Councilman Gonza Bryant, District Three
Councilman Chuck Moates, District Four
Councilman Bob Fisher, District Seven

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Councilman Robbie Templeton, District Six

STAFF PRESENT

Toby Chappell, County Manager
Stephen D. Baggett, Jr., County Attorney
Ketekash Crump-Lukie, Clerk to Council

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting's date, time, location and agenda was posted outside the main entrances of the Greenwood County Library and the Greenwood County Courthouse. Agendas were faxed to the *Index-Journal*, to local radio stations and posted on the Greenwood County website calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

INVOCATION – Councilman Bob Fisher, District Seven

Councilman Bob Fisher delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the October 18 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Moates and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: *The October 18 meeting minutes were approved.*

PRESENTATION

America in Bloom (AIB) Awarded to Greenwood County at the National Symposium
– Kelly McWhorter, Greenwood Regional Tourism

Ms. McWhorter presented the following information:

What is AIB?

- National awards program for quality of life in cities, towns, townships, colleges, university campuses, business districts, military installations and identified sections of large cities
- Founded in 2001
- Modeled after proven, successful programs internationally

Process

All participants were evaluated on six criteria through the judges' visit (in June) as well as the submission of a community profile outlining the following:

- Overall impression
- Environmental awareness
- Heritage preservation
- Urban forestry
- Landscaped areas
- Floral displays.

Additionally, they were judged on their community involvement across municipal, residential and commercial sectors. America in Bloom is the only national awards program that sends specially trained judges to personally visit participants.

Recognitions

- Greenwood received a four bloom rating out of a possible five blooms, and was the only community in SC to have ever participated.
- Greenwood also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for floral displays for its work and progress with the Signature Topiary Displays, as part of the SC Festival of Flowers.
- This award only goes to one participant among ALL the AIB entrants across ALL population categories. Greenwood was nominated along with Castle Rock, WA and Gallipolis, OH.

2017

Plan to apply in 2017 and partner with the Festival of Flowers

Asked for Council support

- ***Greenwood has received a detailed written evaluation (handout) from the recent visit that can be used as a guide to future improvements. This can be accessed in the News section of www.cityofgreenwoodsc.com***
 - Indicated things that can be done to improve

- Need Steering Committee volunteers
- Working towards establishing a Greenwood Bloom organization complete with logo and marketing material (led by Steering Committee in place at the time of this meeting)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to appoint Edward Baylor to fill the vacant position on the Greenwood County Farmers Market Board – James Hodges, Clemson Extension

Chairman Brown question the appointment because he thought the vacancy was filled with the appointment of the Vice-Chairman Allison during the October 18 Regular meeting.

Ms. Crump-Lukie reminded Council that Vice-Chairman filled the Council representative vacancy. There was still one (1) vacancy to which Mr. Baylor would fill.

Chairman Brown asked Council if they knew Mr. Baylor.

Councilwoman Childs informed Council that Mr. Baylor was a generational farmer that began with his father.

Councilman Bryant stated that Mr. Baylor lived in District Three.

- B. Lake Greenwood Master Plan Steering Committee Update – Jimmy Peden, Chairman of Connecting Lake Greenwood

Mr. Peden presented the following information:

Bridge Safety/Navigation Lights

- Two Bridges complete – Lower Railroad trestle and Hwy 72 Bridge
- Remaining two bridges pending installation approval – CSX Bridge (pending) and the DOT Bridge at Harris Landing (DOT approved)

Wayfinding Map/Historical Signs (handout)

- 22 Various locations: Marinas, landing, ramps, etc, plus signs on 5 bridges
- Installation complete
- Original \$160,000 budget, came in at \$132,000; funded by the Heritage Grant

- Saving came from reduction in sign size and install by volunteers on lake bridges and islands.

Gateway Signs

- Greenwood signs funded by Heritage grant to be installed November 2016
- 3 signs for Greenwood
 - Main bridge going towards Greenwood
 - Near Buzzard’s Roost before crossing the bridge going into Greenwood; and
 - Harris Bridge on Old Laurens Road
- Includes landscaping, irrigation and lighting

Laurens Gateway Sign

- Laurens sign located above Subway before crossing main bridge into Greenwood
- Laurens County Council approved October 26



Lake Greenwood Blvd sign

- Initially declined by DOT because it looked too much like a street sign (being negotiated at time of meeting)
- Signs
- Looking for options



Update on landscaping on both sides of the bridge.



- Working with Davis & Floyd to put ideas together
- Working with DOT on details (type of trees and bushes that will be used, etc.)
- Initially, Duke Power had no interest in the street lights on the bridge
- Laurens Electric asked that conduit be on the bridge and provide the brackets
- Getting cost comparison in the private sector
 - How much it would cost if lights were purchased?
 - How much it would cost if power was purchased?

- Three conduit lines already on the bridge – need to determine what is in that and if they can be used

Street Lights on Bridge

- Quotes from Laurens Electric and private sector

Current view of Highway 221/72 bridge crossing over Lake Greenwood.

RECOMMENDED OPTION FOR LIGHTING & HARDWARE.

Long poles should be a perfect match to existing lighting located in UpTown Greenwood streetscapes.

Laser cut metal embellishment

Decorative banners

Future Sky Cam on Light pole-main bridge

Working with Northlands as service provider

Skycams

PARIS MOUNTAIN SKYCAM
Take a Live Look at the Paris Mountain Skycam

LAKE HARTWELL SKYCAM
Take a Live Look at the Lake Hartwell Skycam

ASHEVILLE CHAMBER SKYCAM
Take a Live Look at the Asheville Chamber Skycam

HILTON SKYCAM
Take a Live Look at the Hilton Skycam

I-85 AT I-385 SKYCAM
Take a Live Look at the I-85 at I-385 Skycam

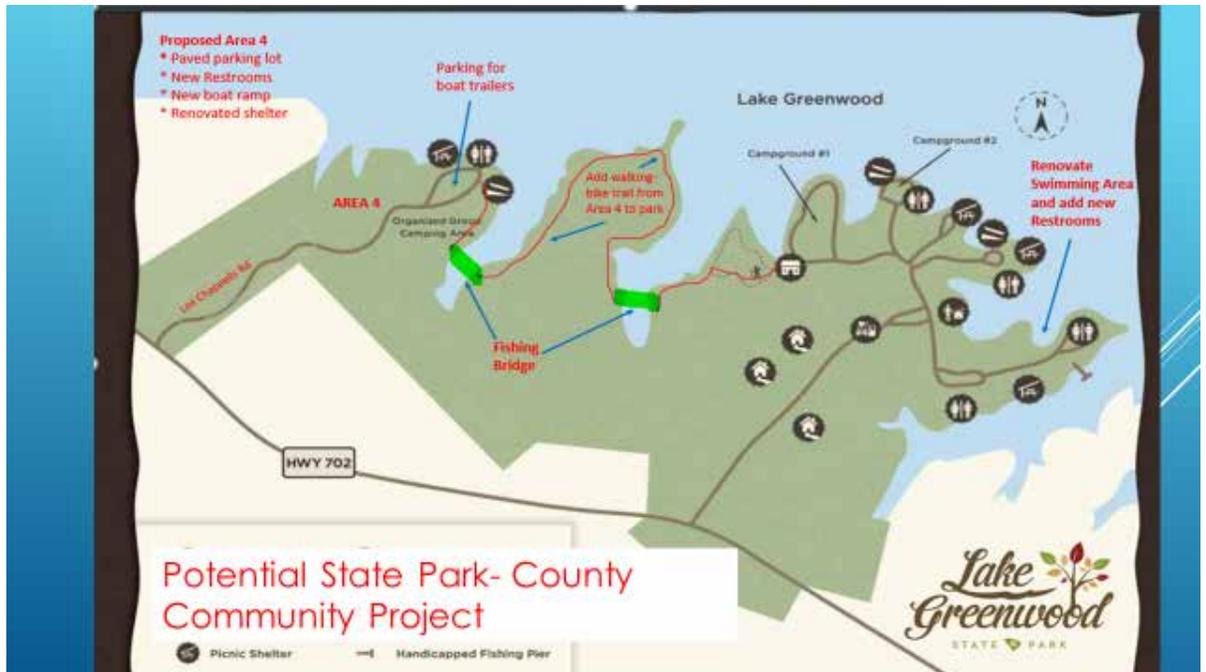
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WOFFORD SKYCAM
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CHAMPION HILLS SKYCAM
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PEACE CENTER SKYCAM

- Two (2) cameras to record sunset and sunrise



- A few meetings with the County and the State Park (Representatives)
- New boat ramp in Area 4 with a lot of parking
- Renovate a shelter and bathroom; possibly a walking trail along the edge of the Lake with two (2) fishing piers
- Renovate and designate an official swimming area and add bathrooms



- Third Party that rates other social media in Greenwood; Connect Lake Greenwood at the top with 78 out of a possible 100
- Regular newsletters are distributed

Chairman Brown asked for Wayfinding Sign for Irvin's Fish Camp; the history of the Fish Camp deserved recognition.

Ms. McWhorter advised that she would include Irvin's Fish Camp signage in the next budget.

Chairman Brown made an observation that a year and a half ago at a meeting in Columbia, he was led to believe that they (State) had the funds and were ready to move on the preservation project and nothing had been done.

Mr. Chappell advised that at that point the State was willing to run the project if the County had a portion of the funding.

Chairman Brown was led to believe that the State had the money to take care of the preservation of the African American history of the State Park and would be able to take care of that immediately.

Chairman Brown asked the County Manager from this point forward to make provisions to have all meeting minutes recorded and transcribed for this point forward in an official capacity.

Mr. Peden remarked that notes and the status of projects were being recorded on a Google Drive.

PENDING ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property; the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- B. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the body pertaining to Project Café and Project Pinnacle

Chairman Brown advised Council that they had need of an Executive Session to the negotiation of a proposed contractual agreement and to receive a legal briefing from the County Attorney on matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

Councilman Fisher motioned to go into an Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Moates and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: A 4:35 p.m., Council went into Executive Session.

RECONVENED

Vice-Chairman Allison motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Moates and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: At 5:20 p.m., Council reconvened from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Ketekash Crump-Lukie, Clerk to Council, transcribed the minutes.

Approved: Tuesday, November 15, 2016


Ketekash Crump-Lukie
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