



**(1) Introductions**

a. Commissioner Patterson recognized Mario Chang, Mecklenburg County Sr. Fiscal Administrator. Mr. Chang, sitting in for Dot Law, introduced himself and shared personal, educational and past career information.

**(2) Proclamations and Awards**

None

**(3) Public Appearance**

None

**(4) Appointments – Advisory Councils**

a. *Aeromodelers*: In the absence of Commissioner Pearce, the Aeromodelers nominations were deferred to the November 14, 2006 PRC Meeting.

b. *Aquatic*: Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Jerry Clark to an unexpired term, expiring 6/2007, which was seconded by Commissioner McClettie and approved unanimously.

c. *East*: Commissioner Brown deferred EPD nominations, pending current council member re-appointments, to the November 14, 2006 meeting.

d. *Greenway*: Motion was made by Commissioner McClure to appoint Richard Winters to an unexpired term, expiring 6/2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Furuseth and approved unanimously.

e. *North*: Commissioner Taylor deferred the NPD nominations to the November 14, 2006 PRC meeting.

f. *Northwest*: In the absence of Commissioner Pearce, nominations for the NRPD were deferred to the November 14, 2006 PRC meeting.

g. *Off Leash Dog Area*: Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Elizabeth Beyers to an unexpired term, expiring 6/2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Chandler and approved unanimously.

h. *Renaissance Golf*: Motion was made by Commissioner Barry to appoint Dennis Shanahan to an unexpired term, expiring 6/2008, which was seconded by Commissioner Chandler and approved unanimously.

i. *Soccer*: In the absence of Commissioner Wilson the Soccer nominations were deferred to the

November 14, 2006 PRC meeting.

j. Sunset Hills Golf: In the absence of Commissioner Pearce the Sunset Hills Golf nominations were deferred to the November 14, 2006 PRC meeting.

k. South: Motion was made by Commissioner Huelsman to appoint Tim Morgan to an expired term, expiring 6/2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.

l. Stewardship: Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to appoint Alan Barnhad to an unexpired term, expiring 6/2008, which was seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.

m. Therapeutic: Motion was made by Commissioner Sharp to appoint Tracy Watkins to an expired term and Nancy LaFond to an expired term both expiring 6/2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Chandler and approved unanimously.

*Note: Commissioner Patterson reminded the Board members that neighborhood associations were great sources for new member recruiting.*

**(5) Public Hearings**

None

**(6) Advisory Council – Committee Reports**

None

**(7) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None

*Note: Interim Director Dot Law and members of Staff were attending the NRPA in Seattle, Washington.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**(8) Minutes for PRC Meeting of September 12, 2006**

**(9) Minutes and Reports: Advisory Councils/Committees/Subcommittees/Towns**

Commissioner Patterson asked that Item 5 under Special Reports in the September 12, 2006 PRC minutes be amended to include more detail regarding the concerns expressed by members of the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to defer approval of the September 12, 2006 minutes to the November 14, 2006 PRC meeting pending amendment as discussed, which was seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brawley to approve the advisory council minutes and reports, which was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved unanimously.

### **STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

(10) Commissioner Patterson recognized C.W. McIver, MCPR Resource Development Coordinator. Mr. McIver presented to the board the proposal for the Charlotte Bridge Association to operate Latta Recreation Center for duplicate bridge programming and public recreation. He noted that the proposal would be much like the public-private partnership with the Hawthorne Recreation Center and would free up First Ward Center and the Marion Diehl Center. None of the current programs will be lost as they will be moved to the Dilworth Recreation Center.

*Note: This proposal has been approved by the Park and Recreation Senior Leadership Team and at the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 CPD III Advisory Council meeting*

C. W. McIver recognized Jerry Pontius from the Charlotte Bridge Association who gave information on the history and programming of the Charlotte Bridge Association.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brawley to approve the Charlotte Bridge Association proposal, which was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved unanimously.

(11) Commissioner Patterson recognized Stephanie Frisbee, General Manager NPD/Jetton. Ms. Frisbee asked that the Board approve the CPDIII Advisory Council's recommendation to rename the Dilworth Recreation Center to the Thomas Sykes Recreation Center. It was noted that this renaming proposal has been presented to the CPDIII Advisory Council on August 16, 2006 and on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brawley to approve the Dilworth Recreation Center renaming, which was seconded by Commissioner Sharp and approved unanimously.

*Note: Kirk Otey, a member of the Dilworth Community Development Association spoke from the audience that Ms. Frisbee had inadvertently used the name "Thomas". The correct renaming will be "Tom Sykes Recreation Center".*

### **PARK COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

(12) Reports were giving from the following Commissioners:

- a. Commissioner Huelsman: The suggested annual PRC retreat date is Friday, January 26, 2007, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM and Saturday, January 27, 2007, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. The agenda and locations have not yet been determined.
- b. Commissioner Barry: Announced the Walker’s Branch Greenway grand opening on October 14, 2006 at 10:00 AM.
- c. Commissioner Chandler: Thanked Commissioners McClettie, Barry and Huelsman for their presence at the “turf presentation” at Revolution Park. Since the field opened for play, it has been used by four to five thousand individuals and drawn leagues and players from Cornelius, Matthews, and Mint Hill. This is an indication of how significant this park will be at its completion.
- d. Commissioner Brown: Shared a sample of the Trick or Treat bags provided by the Medford Acres Neighborhood Association. He also announced the Medford Acres 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookout on October 14, 2006, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- e. Commissioner Sharp: Attended the dedication of the Hickory Grove Elementary School Recreation Center, a partnership with CMS. The Therapeutic Advisory Council is on its way to rebuilding its membership base.
- f. Commissioner McClure: At the Sunday game, North and South Carolina PeeWee Football played on the field during halftime. RAY was there and Park and Recreation was mentioned several times and was a good representation of the Department.
- g. Commissioner Taylor: Announced a “soft” opening in early November of the new Off Leash Dog Park at Davie Park with a Grand Opening in December.
- h. Commissioner McClettie: Attended a Ground Breaking ceremony for the Stratford-Richardson YMCA on West Boulevard and wanted to share with the board that the Park and Recreation Commission was recognized.

*Note: Kirk Otey, a member of the Dilworth Community Development Association spoke from the audience. He said he stood in for the PRC on Sunday when he attended the dedication of the Latta Park/Dilworth Elementary School joint use facility/recreation center. Mr. Otey said it was a great crowd with School Board members, County Commissioners and the first Principal of Dilworth Elementary present for the dedication. He stated that he was impressed with what our bond dollars are doing.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Brawley to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved unanimously.

With no further business to come before the PRC Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

PRC Meeting  
Tuesday, December 12, 2006  
6:00 PM  
AOB Conference Room B

*Video archives of all meetings are on file in the Director's office.*