

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF JANUARY 2011, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Mary K. Jones, Chairman, Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Vice Chair, Roberts District
James G. Kennedy, Stonehouse District
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Powhatan District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District

Robert C. Middaugh, County Administrator
Leo P. Rogers, County Attorney

C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

1. Lake Powell Restoration

Mr. Middaugh updated the Board on the negotiations by the Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Land Trust and the Timmons Group to acquire the Lake Powell property for restoration. He stated that after the group is selected, the County may be involved in the process for legal reasons, but not financial investment.

2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Mr. John Carnifax, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Mr. Jay Lipscomb, Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Mr. Lipscomb introduced other members of the Commission in attendance: Mr. Chris Basic, Scott Van Vorhees, and Mr. Michael Hand, with Ms. Linda Wallace-Cody arriving later. Not in attendance was: Mr. Craig Metcalfe. Mr. Carnifax explained that the discussion would be geared toward the Mid County Park Master Plan. Mr. Lipscomb gave a brief history of Mid County Park and its importance to the County.

Ms. Nancy Ellis, Recreation Superintendent, gave an overview of the proposed Mid County Park Master Plan. Ms. Ellis discussed issues such as parking deficiencies during peak times, equipment and building degradation, fencing problems, and safety concerns related to baseball hazards on Monticello Avenue. She noted that the safety issues were addressed by reorganizing the fields of play. She noted there were sometimes user conflicts because of the close proximity of the facilities. She stated that Parks and Recreation was sensitive to the community interest in the creation of Kidsburg. She explained that there were several challenges for the entire park that needed to be addressed. She explained how the Master Plan would support familiarity, community accessibility, revenue generation possibilities, and safety needs of the park.

Mr. Chris Basic reviewed the current layout of Mid County Park and how the proximity of the sites contributed to user conflicts. He gave an overview of the proposed layout with a removal of the baseball fields

with open space areas for passive recreation. He noted the relocation of Kidsburg away from the basketball court area. He showed that the area designated for volleyball courts was available for County citizens' use and the expanded parking options with Low Impact Development (LID) features.

Mr. Carnifax stated that there was a possible expansion of News Road. He indicated that the Master Plan would take that into account prior to the Master Plan approval process, along with other necessary traffic improvements. He commented that with the new school openings, there were seven additional lighted baseball fields, so there would be minimal impacts as a result of the removal of the baseball fields at Mid County Park. He noted that the high school baseball fields were also expected to be lighted for community use. Mr. Carnifax stated that there would be community meetings and in the near future the plan would come before the Planning Commission. He stated that the master plan would need to be completed if the funding would come forward in FY 2012.

Mr. Icenhour asked where the lighted high school fields would be.

Mr. Carnifax stated the new lighted fields would be at Warhill and Jamestown High Schools.

Mr. Icenhour asked if neighborhoods would be impacted by lighting these fields.

Mr. Carnifax stated that Jamestown High School had adjacent neighborhoods that would be impacted, but this would require adjacent property owners to be notified if the lighting was to be installed.

Mr. Icenhour asked about the location of the crosswalk.

Mr. Basic stated that the citizens would give guidance on that access point during the community meetings.

Mr. McGlennon noted that bicycle access should also be considered. He thanked the Commission and staff for looking forward to address these concerns. He asked about the concept of self-facilitated parks and the utilization of these areas.

Ms. Ellis responded that Mid County Park was an unstructured park aside from the baseball fields. She stated that the benefit would be that the shelter areas would be able to carry over into the open space areas. She stated that staff would only schedule the shelter, but the activity was not structured.

Mr. McGlennon stated that information reinforces the need for bicycle and pedestrian access. He also asked for more information about the new building.

Mr. Basic explained that the building would be about 2,300 square feet with a meeting space, vending area, restrooms, extra storage, and janitorial spaces. He stated there was a possibility that the meeting space could open into the park. He noted that the design would be vandalism-resistant.

Mr. Carnifax stated that the idea was to create a multi-purpose meeting space.

Mr. Icenhour asked about the time frame that the restrooms would be available.

Mr. Carnifax stated that the restrooms were usually open unless there were plumbing problems or issues with the restroom.

Mr. Middaugh asked about the water feature included in the open space.

Mr. Carnifax stated that there was a playground with an included sprinkler water feature to eliminate the need for lifeguards. He stated that Kidsburg was a major attraction for Mid County Park. He noted that he hoped a resident group would take an active role in the design process to create a sense of community ownership. He noted that the Commission intended to show the history of Kidsburg at the new facility.

Mr. Carnifax reviewed the Freedom Park Master Plan and explained the upcoming phases that were being added to the site. He reviewed the current construction and usage of Freedom Park, with a majority of the use by the bike and multi-use trails and botanical gardens.

Ms. Ellis reviewed the FY 2012 budget for Freedom Park. She explained that the costs were within the existing Parks and Recreation budget.

Discussion was held on the number of citizens served by Mid County Park and Freedom Park in relation to budget constraints. Discussion was held on the possibility of delaying improvements at Freedom Park and moving forward on the Mid County Park Master Plan. Mr. Rogers stated that he would look at the referendum language to see if there were any constraints from that perspective, but believed it was a policy decision for the Board.

Discussion was held on staffing needs and volunteer assistance for trail maintenance. The Board and staff discussed the intersection improvements and low-maintenance restroom facilities for Freedom Park.

Additional discussion was held on the positive and negative points of delaying the Freedom Park improvements and moving forward on the Mid County Park improvements instead. Discussion was held on additional improvements at Freedom Park anticipated in the future.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Goodson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the consideration of a Personnel Matter Involving the Six-Month Performance Evaluation of the County Administrator, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the consideration of a Personnel Matter, the appointment of individuals to County boards and/or commissions.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: Kennedy, Goodson, McGlennon, Icenhour, Jones (5). NAY: (0).

At 5:08 p.m. Ms. Jones recessed the Board into Closed Session.

At 6:00 p.m., Ms. Jones reconvened the Board.

Mr. Goodson made a motion to adopt the Closed Session resolution.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: Kennedy, Goodson, McGlennon, Icenhour, Jones (5). NAY: (0).

RESOLUTION

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

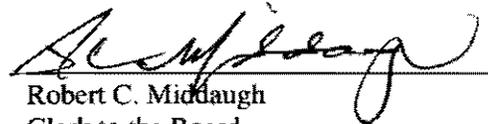
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, (Board) has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge: i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and ii) only such public business matters were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board as were identified in the motion, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, to consider a personnel matter, the appointment of individuals to County boards and/or commissions, and Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, to consider a personnel matter, the six-month evaluation of the County Administrator.

E. BREAK

At 6:00 p.m., the Board took a break.


Robert C. Middaugh
Clerk to the Board