

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
County Government Center Board Room
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
February 28, 2017
4:00 PM

ADOPTED

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Ruth M. Larson, Vice Chairman, Berkeley District
Michael J. Hipple, Powhatan District
P. Sue Sadler, Stonehouse District
John J. McGlennon, Roberts District
Kevin D. Onizuk, Chairman, Jamestown District

Bryan J. Hill, County Administrator

C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

1. Hands Together Event Presentation

Ms. Rebecca Vinroot, Director of Social Services, addressed the Board and introduced Ms. Natalie Miller-Moore, one of the founding members of Hands Together.

Ms. Miller-Moore addressed the Board with an overview of the upcoming event, Hands Together, as detailed in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Onizuk inquired where people can get more information on how to help or volunteer.

Ms. Miller-Moore replied that more information is available at the Hands Together Historical Triangle website.

Ms. Sadler reported that she enjoyed volunteering at last year's event.

Mr. McGlennon wondered about the long-term impact of the event.

Ms. Miller-Moore revealed that participants complete an exit survey for feedback regarding how they found out about the event, if they have ever been to a Hands Together event before and what they got out of it.

Ms. Vinroot added that last year's exit survey also included questions on whether participants had follow-ups scheduled for services and what services they were seeking, which was used for this year's event to ensure services that are needed are brought in.

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Mr. McGlennon commended the group on giving agencies an opportunity to network.

2. Parks and Recreation Presentation

Mr. John Carnifax, Director of Parks & Recreation, addressed the Board, introducing Ms. Veda McMullen, Communications Specialist, and Ms. Julie Northcott-Wilson, Business Analyst, who have put together the draft Master Plan Update. He additionally gave kudos to staff for their teamwork in having public meetings and going through the accreditation process the same year as the Master Plan Update. He then gave an overview of the national accreditation process and the Master Plan Update included in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. McGlennon congratulated Mr. Carnifax and staff for an exceptional job over the years and on a daily basis. He also described the need for more Parks & Recreation opportunities in the Roberts District.

Mr. Hipple commented on Freedom Park, pickleball and how the County's parks compare to parks in other localities. He remarked on the number of out of town visitors for tournaments recently held at the Williamsburg Indoor Sports Complex (WISC) and County schools. He ended by thanking Parks & Recreation for its efforts in the community.

Ms. Larson stated that she looks forward to reading the Master Plan Update and noted that she and her family have taken advantage of many of the programs offered by Parks & Recreation. She expressed concern for the lack of aquatic facilities, but acknowledged that the County is moving forward in this regard. She thanked Mr. Carnifax and staff for all they have done.

Mr. Onizuk echoed the other Board members' comments in giving kudos to Parks & Recreation. He noted the excellence of the soft trails for running and how extremely well maintained they are, reported on the positive feedback about Jamestown Beach he has received from citizens and commented on the Marina project, recognizing the important role Parks & Recreation plays in tourism.

Mr. Carnifax thanked the Board for its continued support.

Mr. McGlennon suggested the use of emails and the Communications Department in getting the word out about lesser known Parks & Recreation facilities.

Mr. Hill acknowledged the annual block party and efforts in the Grove area to engage citizens and help promote what the County has to offer.

Ms. Larson noted the expense of printed materials and questioned how it is determined where to spend money to promote Parks & Recreation offerings.

Mr. Carnifax responded that Parks & Recreation is looking at ways to improve its communication with residents and park users by being as

technologically advanced as possible.

3. The Williamsburg Running Center

Mr. John Hopke, architect, addressed the Board with an overview of the proposed Williamsburg Running Center, a public-private partnership, as detailed in the materials included in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Hopke introduced Mr. Rick Platt, writer for the Virginia Gazette and President of the Colonial Roadrunners. Mr. Platt talked about why the Williamsburg Running Center is being proposed and how it will be accomplished with funding through the Rick Platt Foundation.

Mr. Bob Singley, RJS and Associates, talked about the success of WISC and pointed out that the proposed Williamsburg Running Center could similarly be an asset to the County.

Mr. Vernon Geddy, III, Geddy, Harris, Franck & Hickman, talked about working on the lease for the property with Mr. Adam Kinsman, County Attorney.

Mr. Carnifax explained that the Williamsburg Running Center was included in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update. In addition, he pointed out that the community room in the proposed facility would be available for other public events.

Mr. McGlennon commended Mr. Platt on his generosity in creating a foundation that can have this kind of impact.

Ms. Larson had questions regarding the softball fields near the proposed facility and whether there is enough room for them to coexist.

Mr. Carnifax indicated there is room for four softball fields and the proposed building.

Ms. Sadler inquired how many races per year would be held.

Mr. Platt explained the seasonal types of meets and races that could be hosted throughout the year.

Mr. Hipple remarked that he liked how the proposed location fits in without disturbing anything else while adding more offerings to Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Onizuk concurred with the other Board members' comments about the benefits of the proposed facility.

4. Williamsburg Lawn Bowling Club

Mr. Carnifax introduced Mr. Clyde Haulman, Williamsburg Lawn Bowling Club, who addressed the Board with an overview of the Club's objective to construct a multi-activity lawn sports facility, details of which are included in the Agenda Packet.

Ms. Larson asked where the green would be located.

Mr. Carnifax answered that the plan is to put it next to the proposed Williamsburg Running Center, but the final location would be determined after Board approval.

Mr. Hipple inquired how much Colonial Williamsburg spent to maintain their green.

Mr. Haulman replied that they reported spending \$35,000 a year. However, based on research, he assured the Board that the estimated \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year as listed in the presentation is more accurate.

Mr. Hipple explained that from his experience in maintaining the green near Chowning's Tavern it took a lot of effort and required special equipment.

Mr. Haulman acknowledged Mr. Hipple's concerns and replied that a Memorandum of Understanding would be required between the County and the Williamsburg Lawn Bowling Club to specify the responsibilities of each. He reported that Club members have a history of providing service in manning as well as helping maintain the green.

A general discussion ensued regarding how the Club is functioning currently and further maintenance concerns.

Mr. McGlennon inquired about the timing between the running center and the green.

Mr. Carnifax indicated the running center design phase will be significantly longer than the green.

Mr. Hill asked when the green would open.

Mr. Haulman advised that to maintain enthusiasm and interest in the sport, it would be best to move quickly on the project.

A general discussion ensued concerning other possible locations, the contribution of the City of Williamsburg and how the green would be operated.

Mr. Onizuk inquired what the County was being asked to do right now.

Mr. Haulman stated that he would like the County to consider putting aside \$25,000 in the next Fiscal Year for funding the green contingent upon other anticipated funding.

Ms. Larson suggested that Mr. Carnifax would first need to get more information regarding costs, maintenance and County staff.

Mr. Hill reminded the Board that the County is in the last year of its biannual budget.

Mr. McGlennon remarked that this is an activity with support in the community and potential for the County to benefit from it; however, it has to be balanced against the difficult fiscal situation the County is in. He recommended that it be included as part of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update to be funded as available.

Mr. Haulman replied that fair consideration is all the Club is requesting.

Mr. McGlennon pointed out that if the Club had sponsorships and grants to start the project, maybe the County would be able to give the go-ahead to get it started next year.

5. Discussion of Joint Resolution to Amend Contract for the Joint Operation of Schools

Mr. Hill addressed the Board with an overview of the proposed resolution included in the Agenda Packet and asked for the Board members' input for any suggested changes.

Mr. McGlennon requested compression of the factor rate list in Section 1a, Operational Costs as this does not change from year to year.

Mr. Onizuk requested that the final resolution be brought before the Board at its next meeting for approval.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. ADJOURNMENT

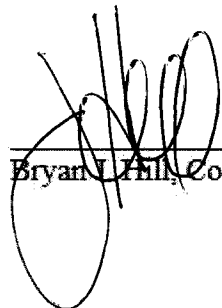
1. Adjourn until 5 p.m. on March 14, 2017, for the Regular Meeting

A motion to Adjourn was made by Sue Sadler and the motion result was Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Ayes: Hipple, Larson, McGlennon, Onizuk, Sadler

At approximately 6:06 p.m., Mr. Onizuk adjourned the Board.



Bryan Hill, County Administrator