

**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, July 14, 2011
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Daniel Gafgen, Jack Hamrick, Peter Keber, Robert Moore, Heather Rath, Marc Stuckart

Members Absent: Timothy Singleton

Town Staff: Anne Cyran, Marcy Benson, Charles Cousins

Other: Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*; Frank Babel, *Palmetto Cycling Coalition*

I. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Stuckart called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Freedom of Information Compliance

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

IV. Swearing in Ceremony for New and Reappointed Commissioners

Mr. Gregory DeLoach performed the swearing in ceremony for Heather Rath, Peter Keber and Daniel Gafgen. The term of service is July 2011 – June 2014.

V. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Moore made the motion to nominate Mr. Marc Stuckart as the new Chairman. Commissioner Gafgen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stuckart made the motion to nominate Mr. Jack Hamrick as the new Vice Chairman. Commissioner Keber seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 9, 2011 were approved as presented.

VII. Appearance by Citizens - none

VIII. Reports

Update from Island Recreation Association. Mr. Frank Soule welcomed the new Commissioners and gave a brief overview of the Island Recreation Association and how it interacts with the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mr. Soule reported on the following:

- Summer has been very busy – an average of 150 children a day have been participating in various camps and programs.
- The Summer Jam, July 4 and Water Fun Day have all been successful events.

- Next month Mr. Soule will be discussing the fall programs: gator football, lacrosse program, local swim teams and SHARE Center.
- The Island Recreation Center continues to have a strong working relationship with the high school.

IX. Unfinished Business - none

X. New Business – Mr. Frank Babel, cycling advocate, reviewed the bike safety progress and improvements that have taken place on Hilton Head Island over the past several years. Mr. Babel also listed the many items that have been distributed throughout the community to promote safety: helmets, reflectors and bike laws printed in English and in Spanish. Mr. Babel stated that nearly one million people ride bicycles on Hilton Head Island each year. Mr. Babel presented four bicycle safety videos that are part of a South Carolina “*Safe Streets Save Lives*” campaign. Mr. Babel asked the Commissioners if they had any suggestions on how to distribute these videos so that they will be viewed by visitors and residents. The Commissioners provided the following valuable input:

- Public Service Announcements (PSA) on local television channels.
- In movie theatres prior to the start of the movie.
- Contact Comcast and Time Warner.
- Beaufort County channel.
- Chamber of Commerce website.
- Hotel “in room” television channel.
- Palmetto Dunes Outfitters could play the videos in the store for customers.
- Facebook and YouTube.
- These one minute safety videos may have to be trimmed to 30 seconds.

Mr. Babel stated that becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Silver level was a collaborative effort to make Hilton Head Island a safer place to live.

XI. Updates

Ms. Marcy Benson presented the Mid-Year Grant Update for the calendar year 2011. Commissioner Moore inquired about the 2012 Firehawk boat and trailer grant. Ms. Benson replied that the fire boat is a specialized piece of equipment. Ms. Benson stated that there are no municipalities in the Beaufort County area that has water-borne fire fighting capabilities. This grant opportunity was a means of providing greater safety and security for the community.

XII. Park Commissioner Comments: The Commissioners welcomed the new members.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: Approved 8/11/2011
 Marc Stuckart, Chairman