

IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION
STRATEGIC PLANNING
TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
Saluda Shoals Park - River Center
January 26, 2009
3:00pm

Task Force Members Attending: J.B. Brown, Julia Lee, Jimmy Addison, Barbara Willm, Lynn Willis, Stan Shealy, Nickie Dickson, Gary Reinhart, Lee Parker, George Duke, Danny Brabham, David Edwards, John Holladay, John Taylor

Task Force Members Unable to Attend: Steve Gantt, John Gibbons, Byron Roberts, David Wright, Cynthia Robinson, Glenn King

Non-Members Attending: John Sowards, Scott Wilhide, Emily Shuman, Tom McLean, Bruce Loveless, Elizabeth Taylor, Eve Mittendorf, Jay Downs, Jack Terrell, Belinda Rhodes, John Cantey, Irene Tyson, Andy Simmons, Jason Kent

At 3:00pm task force members were given a facility tour of indoor and/or outdoor facilities maintained by Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission: Saluda Shoals Park (350 acres), formerly BC Components property (130 acres), Seven Oaks Park (38 acres), Leaphart Elementary (8 acres), Irmo/Cross Roads Middle School, Irmo Elementary, Nursery Road Elementary, Beverly Brandes Park, District Office, Alternative Academy (Chapin Complex), Boundary Field, Chapin Elementary, Crooked Creek Park (57 acres).

At 6:00pm Elizabeth Taylor welcomed guests, communicated her appreciation to the task force members for coming and introduced John Sowards, Chairman of the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission.

John Sowards introduced each of the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission members: Emily Shuman, Bruce Loveless, Scott Wilhide, Tom McLean. Mr. Sowards expressed his appreciation to the task force members for serving on the committee and acknowledged their leadership skills, community involvement and service to Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission. John Sowards also communicated the history of the strategic planning process and the purpose of the task force committee.

Elizabeth Taylor requested each of the task force members introduce themselves and the connection with Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission: Andy Simmons and Jason Kent - Central Midlands, Irene Tyson – facilitator of task force committee, Lee Parker – baseball coach (Crooked Creek Park), Gary Reinhart – coach/umpire (Crooked Creek Park), Nicki Dickson – child plays sports (Seven Oaks Park), Stan Shealy – Mayor of Chapin, J.B. Brown – 2016 committee for Chapin, George Duke – Chapin citizen, Barb Willm – SSP Foundation member, Lynn Willis – user of Seven Oaks and Crooked Creek Parks and special needs teacher, John Holliday – commissioner on first Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission, Jimmy Addison – former SSP foundation member and children participate in activities at Seven Oaks Park, Julie Lee – former ICRC Commissioner, John Taylor – user of Irmo facilities, David Edwards – volunteer, coach and children participate in activities at Crooked Creek Park, Danny Brabham – actively participated in ICRC referendums, assists with recreation and a former school board member.

Elizabeth Taylor presented the goals, approach and role of the task force committee (see Addendum A); all meetings will be advertised publicly and opportunity will be provided on the agenda for public comments. Ms. Taylor introduced Andy Simmons and Jason Kent from Central Midlands. Mr. Simmons presented demographic, data trends and anticipated population growth in the Irmo and Chapin area (see Addendum B). Andy Simmons asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Stan Shealy asked how much of the figures presented are from the 2000 census. Mr. Simmons communicated the data is provided by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board, local input and the Central Midlands research department; numbers were not used from the census.

John Sowards asked where the older population is located. Mr. Simmons stated around the Chapin area.

Jimmy Addison asked in terms of projections how much investment in infrastructure and schools come first in terms of development. Andy Simmons stated residential growth appears to drive everything else.

Mayor Stan Shealy asked how many users in Chapin are out-of-district. Elizabeth Taylor stated 30% of ICRC users are out-of-district agency wide.

Danny Brabham expressed the importance of working with Richland County regarding schools, facilities and users in the Richland portion of School District V.

Elizabeth Taylor introduced Irene Tyson facilitator for the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission task force committee. Irene Tyson reviewed the challenges and goals of the committee over the next four meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2009 at Saluda Shoals Park – River Center; an agenda will be provided and the facility and program focus groups will present their reports.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.