

IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA STRATEGIC MASTER PLANNING TASK FORCE Saluda Shoals Park - River Center March 23, 2009 6:00 p.m.

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of March 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes**
- **Purpose of the Task Force:** *to review, research, and make recommendations to the Commission regarding facilities, programming and finance. . Based on information received through the findings of the of focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and the community needs assessment, the Task Force will present options to be considered by the Commission to be included in a long range plan for the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission.*
- **Discussion of Task Force Members Comments**
- **Facilities Focus Group, Jay Downs**
 - Approval of Level of Standards for determining facilities utilization and needs
- **Community Values - confirm**

Those who live within the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission and those who participate in its programs cherish a high quality of life as guided through these core community values:

 - *Safe and accessible recreation*
 - *Health and wellness for all residents with particular focus on youth development and senior programs and services*
 - *Preservation of green space*
 - *Emphasis on the Arts*
- **Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission Market - confirm**

The Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission serves a regional market in the Midlands of South Carolina through programs that attract participants from the district as well as surrounding towns and counties and special events that attract people from throughout the State.
- **Discussion of Priorities and Benefits** – The Task Force will be asked to discuss and provide opinions of benefits for each priority program and facility and for the desired locations of facilities.
 - **Priority Programs**

- Team Sports
- Senior Programs
- Aquatics
- Youth Activities
- The Arts

- **Priority Facilities**
 - Multi-purpose outdoor fields
 - Aquatics Center
 - Lower Saluda Greenway and trails throughout the district
 - Multi-purpose indoor/outdoor facility: outdoor sports fields (soccer, baseball, softball, football, tennis and other team sports such as lacrosse), gymnasium for indoor sports, fitness center and walking/running track
 - Nature’s Theatre – outdoor performance venue at Saluda Shoals Park

- **Priority Facility Locations**
 - Multi-purpose outdoor fields: Chapin
 - Aquatics Center: Richland County in central/mid-point between Irmo and Chapin
 - Lower Saluda Greenway and trails throughout the district
 - Multi-purpose indoor/outdoor facility: outdoor sports fields (soccer, baseball, softball, football, tennis and other team sports such as lacrosse), gymnasium for indoor sports, fitness center and walking/running track: BC Components Property
 - Nature’s Theatre – outdoor performance venue at Saluda Shoals Park

- **Discussion of specific recommendations to forward to the Commission**
 - Work in concert with the Lexington Richland Five School District and the Richland County Recreation Commission to better and more fully utilize and maintain existing and currently planned facilities in order to develop strategies for implementing the ICRC Long Range Plan.
 - Explore building an aquatics center in partnership with the Lowman Home, Lexington Richland Five School District and the Richland County Recreation Commission.
 - Evaluate use, maintenance, safety, connectivity, accessibility, and benefits of small parks within the ICRC inventory in order to determine the cost/benefit to providing and supporting. Neighbors adjacent to these parks should be involved in the evaluations. The surveys support a balance of large and small parks. Small parks (mini, neighborhood) provide places of play and passive recreation, contribute to the aesthetics and environmental quality of neighborhoods, and provide places for people to gather.

- **Presentation of Nature’s Theatre and the Lower Saluda Greenway Plans**

- **Public Comment**

- **Adjourn**