Approved Minutes
Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission (CCPRC)
Public Hearing
861 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC, 29412
Monday, January 12, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Commission Members Present: Brad Taggart, Amy Adams, Garrett Lacy, Lisa King , Mattese Lecque and Merriweather Mulé.

Staff Present: Kevin Bowie, Phil Macchia, Charlie McManus, Gina Ellis-Strother, Steve Hutton, Eric Stewart, Mark Madden (via teleconference), Melissa Muse, Patty Newshutz, Renee Dickinson, Tommy H., Shanté Ellis, Robert Lavarnway, and Josh Blackstone.

Legal Counsel Not Present: Dwayne Green.

Guests Present: Jeremy Cook.

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

   Introduction of Guests and Notification to Media

   The Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission met on Monday, January 12, 2026 at CCPRC's Headquarters, Charleston, SC and virtually via www.charlestoncountyparks.com. Commission Chair, Brad Taggart, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to news media and persons requesting notification.

2. **Public Comments**

   A public hearing was held to receive comments on the 2026 General Obligation Bonds requested. There were no public comments.

3. **Next Meeting**

   Regular Commission Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2026, 5:30pm at CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mattese Lecque, Commission Vice Chair

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   None.

3. **(Action) Approval of December 8, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**

   Motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Commissioner Lacy and approved by the Commission. (#035-2526)

4. **(Action) Election of Officers**

   Motion to nominate Brad Taggart for the office of Chair, Mattese Lecque for the office of Vice Chair, and Amy Adams for the office of Secretary/Treasurer was made by King, and there being no other nominations, Brad Taggart, Mattese Lecque, and Amy Adams were elected by acclamation. (#036-2425)

5. **(ACTION) 2026 Bond – Petition to Charleston County**

   Motion to authorize a petition to Charleston County Council for a public hearing to authorize the Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed $70,000,000 was made by Commissioner Adams and approved by the Commission. (#037-2526)

6. **Planning and Development Update**

   Planning & Development Director, Patty Newshutz, reviewed the progress staff are making related to their assigned Capital Improvement Projects, project solicitations, and potential land acquisitions.

7. (ACTION) Award Contract – Exterior Building Painting & Exterior Stair Replacement at the Cooper River County Park (CRCP)

Motion to enter into a contract with Roofing USA for painting and stair replacement at the Cooper River County Park in the amount of $223,550 with funds coming from the CIP budget was made by Commissioner Lacy and approved by the Commission. (#038-2526)

8. Financial Services Update

Chief Financial Officer, Charlie McManus, presented and reviewed the checks over $7,500 and financial reports for the month of November.

9. Commission Report Update

Marketing Director, Renee Dickinson, presented and reviewed the changes to the Commission Report (not Agenda/Motion Packet) that can be anticipated in February going forward.

10. Executive Session: Contractual/Personnel/Legal Matters

Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss a potential real estate acquisition in the East County for development of a future recreational site was made by Commissioner Lecque and approved by the Commission. (#039-2526)

11. Post Executive Session:

Upon returning from Executive Session, Commissioner Taggart stated that no action was taken.

12. Next Meeting

Regular Commission Meeting, Monday, February 23, 2026, 5:30pm at CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mattese Lecque, Commission Vice Chair

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