

**Approved Minutes**  
**Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission (CCPRC)**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**861 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC, 29412**  
**Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:30 pm**

**Commission Members Present:** Brad Taggart (Chair), Mattese Lecque (Vice Chair), Amy Adams (Secretary/Treasurer), Lisa King, Merriweather Mulé (via teleconference) and Noah Rosenthal.

**Commission Members Not Present:** Garrett Lacy

**Staff Present:** Kevin Bowie, Phil Macchia, Charlie McManus, Gina Ellis-Strother, Steve Hutton, Christine Volousky, Eric Stewart, Mark Madden, Melissa Muse (via teleconference), Patty Newshutz, Tommy Hale, Shanté Ellis, Joel Warren, Ande Oliver, and Abby Umberger.

**Legal Counsel Present:** Dwayne Green.

**Guests Present:** Lewis & Patricia Porcher.

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Introduction of Guests and Notification to Media

The Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission met on Monday, April 20, 2026 at CCPRC's Headquarters, Charleston, SC and virtually via [youtube.com/@CharlestonCPRC](https://www.youtube.com/@CharlestonCPRC). 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**

Commission welcomed new Commissioner Rosenthal. Rosenthal stated his excitement about the new role and noted that he met with Bowie and Macchia to get a better understanding of the agency and its people focused mission.

Taggart thanked Bowie and Macchia for the Old Towne Creek County Park tour. He also thanked staff for their thoughtfulness with putting the facility together.

Mr. Porcher stated he wanted to put a face to his name and field any questions the Commission may have for him. Mr. Porcher reviewed how he became partners with CCPRC. Mr. Macchia noted that the agency is glad to be partners with the Porchers and noted the refreshed gym floor and additional recreational opportunities being offered.

**3. (ACTION) Approval of March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Commissioner Lecque and approved by the Commission. (#047-2526)

**4. 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.

## 5. Financial Services Update

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

## 6. (ACTION) 2026 General Obligation Bond

Motion to approve a Bond Resolution authorizing the sale of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 was made by Commissioner Rosenthal and approved by the Commission. (#048-2526)

## 7. Agency Highlight: Recreation Division Report

Madden showcased how the Commission's decisions are impacting the public. He introduced Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, Abby Umberger, Outdoor Adventure Coordinator II- Youth, Ande Oliver, and Community Recreation Manager, Joel Warren. Warren reviewed the types of programs/special events that are hosted at the rural recreation sites and their attendance. Oliver reviewed the current youth programming opportunities and summer camps. Umberger discussed the agency's involvement with the Leadership, Environment, Adventure Program (LEAP) Program at multiple schools throughout the county and its potential to expand to other schools. Adams and King inquired about summer camps and its occupancy. Oliver and Madden confirmed that certain locations have long waiting lists and others take longer to fill. Hutton stated that camps were retrofitted into already established facilities limiting their capacity. However, with the approval of the General Obligation Bond there the potential to add camp spaces to new facilities is more viable and may assist with camp occupancy challenges.

## 8. Next Meeting & Announcements

Regular Commission Meeting, Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:30pm at CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Brad Taggart, Commission Chair

  
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Shanté Ellis, Executive Administrative Associate