Approved Minutes
Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission (CCPRC)
Regular Commission Meeting
861 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC, 29412
Monday, June 8, 2026 at 5:30 pm

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

Staff Present: Kevin Bowie, Phil Macchia, Charlie McManus, Gina Ellis-Strother, Steve Hutton, Eric Stewart, Kelly Campbell, Mark Madden, Melissa Muse, Patty Newshutz, Renee Dickinson, Tommy Hale, Shanté Ellis, and Mark Patrick.

Legal Counsel Present: Dwayne Green.

Guests Present: None

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

   Introduction of Guests and Notification to Media

   The Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission met on Monday, June 8, 2026 at CCPRC's Headquarters, Charleston, SC and virtually via 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**

   None.

3. **(ACTION) Approval of May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

   Motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Commissioner Rosenthal and approved by the Commission. (#058-2526)

4. **Staff Updates**

   Bowie and Ellis-Strother introduced Kelly Campbell as the new Human Resources Director and gave a brief background of her experience. The Commission congratulated Campbell on her appointment.

5. **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.

   a. **(ACTION) Acquisition of Property for Sol Legare Boat Landing Expansion**

      Motion to allow the Executive Director to execute a purchase sale agreement for the acquisition of 2421 Sol Legare Road, TMS# 330-08-00-005 for the appraised value of $2,535,000 and associated closing cost with funds coming from the 2026 GO Bond was made by Commissioner King and approved by the Commission. (#059-2526)

b. (ACTION) Design Services for ADA Parking Improvements at James Island County Park (JICP) and Wannamaker County Park (WCP), Change Order 002, PRC-005

Motion to approve a Change Order to the A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. contract for additional engineering services, in the amount of $162,650.00 with funds coming from the approved CIP budget was made by Commissioner Mulé and approved by the Commission. (#060-2526)

6. Financial Services Update

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

7. (ACTION) General, Financial, & Procurement Policy Review/Approval

Motion to approve the recommended changes to the Commission's General, Financial, & Procurement Policies was made by Commissioner Lacy and approved by the Commission. (#061 -2526)

8. (INFO) Fleet Management

Stewart introduced, Assistant Parks Director-District 2, Mark Patrick. They proffered further investigating a fleet manager to handle future acquisitions/non-traditional leasing and county-wide service/repair options. Bowie noted that the vendor will look at the fleet to maximize the resale value of the vehicle. Specialized vehicles will still be managed by staff. Bowie clarified that staff are asking the Commission for permission to continue their research and bring back options. McManus clarified the financial incentives and implications. Patrick noted there'd potentially be a monthly fee per vehicle. Stewart, King, and McManus discussed how beneficial it will be to have vehicles serviced closer to agency's facility's rather than funneling them all through one vendor on James Island.

9. Agency Highlight: Summer Hiring

Ellis-Strother reviewed the summer staffing levels, marketing/recruiting efforts, and on-boarding process. Hutton reviewed the lifeguard and camp counselor requirements. He also provided an update on an ocean rescue drone (Dolphin3).

10. Executive Session: Personnel Matter

Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss a potential legal matter involving a personnel matter. Upon returning to open session, the Commission may act upon matters discussed in Executive Session was made by Commissioner Lecque and approved by the Commission. (#062-2526)

11. Post Executive Session:

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

12. Committee Assignment

Taggart appointed the full Commission to the Performance Review Committee.

13. Next Meeting & Announcements

Regular Commission Meeting, Monday, July 13, 2026, 5:30pm at CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mattese Lecque, Commission Vice Chair

Shanté Ellis, Executive Administrative Manager