

**Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission
Work Session Meeting**

October 28, 2020
Michael J. and Mary Meech Mungo Park
Meech House
6:30 PM

Members Attending: Bill Harmon, Bruce Loveless, Tim Stewart, Akil Ross

Member Absent: Gary Boyd

Non-Members Attending: Mark Smyers, Eve Mittendorf

Mark Smyers presented an overview of the agenda items as follows:

Mr. Smyers provided an update on the Mungo Park bridges; staff are waiting on the final deed and title for the property at the bridge sites. The Meech House has a church interested in rental opportunities; discussion occurred regarding rental fees and other potential customers.

Mark Smyers shared that full-time staff returned to regular full-time hours on Monday, October 26, 2020; the shift from a 20% reduction back to full pay was well received; no staff left the agency due to the cut in pay; there were three planned retirements. Discussion occurred regarding the fund balance. Mr. Smyers shared that no PPE or Cares Act dollars were available for the agency as a Special Purpose District. Discussion occurred regarding Cares Act, customers, resources to support the agency, and management of the agency's cash flow.

Mr. Smyers communicated that programmatically the agency is operating at 50%- 70% of normal operations; staff are looking at the efficiencies of the agency and how comfortable the community is willing to return to park and recreational opportunities. Mark Smyers shared the timeline of closing the tennis courts in Chapin; bids will begin in November and final closure of the courts at Crooked Creek Park will occur in January; staff will advertise to the public ahead of time.

Discussion occurred regarding the opportunity to acquire additional property connected to Mungo Park; the attorney is reviewing the resolution. Mr. Smyers shared that a citizen is requesting an easement within Mungo Park; the easement request is for an underground power line through Dominion right of way. Discussion occurred regarding location and future development.

There being no further discussion, the Commission moved to the General Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Mittendorf
Recording Secretary
IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION

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GENERAL SESSION**

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7:00 PM

Members Attending

Bill Harmon, Bruce Loveless, Tim Stewart, Akil Ross

Members Absent

Gary Boyd

Non-Members Attending

Mark Smyers, Eve Mittendorf, Jay Downs, John Cantey, Jessica Johnson, Mark Baker, Joanne Loveless, Mary Grace Loveless, Elizabeth Taylor, John Sowards, Johnny Jeffcoat, Representative Chip Huggins

Bill Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Chairman Harmon delivered the invocation. Guests were welcomed.

I. REQUIREMENTS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The news media was notified of the meeting; it was posted on the website and a notice and agenda was posted at the park sites one week prior to the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Ross submitted for approval the September 23, 2020 minutes as presented, Commissioner Stewart seconded; there being no objections the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

A. Retirement Recognition - Commission Loveless

Representative Chip Huggins presented a resolution to Commissioner Bruce Loveless for his tireless work and leadership over the past 15 years. Elizabeth Taylor shared appreciation for Commissioner Loveless' commitment to the success of the agency and for his support and friendship over the years. John Sowards thanked Commissioner Loveless for his service, for all the accomplishments during his tenure, for his unwavering commitment to the community, and for all his work in partnering in the acquisition of Mungo Park. Johnny Jeffcoat shared appreciation to Commissioner Loveless, Elizabeth Taylor and John Sowards for their laser focus and achievements during their tenure at Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission. Commissioner Loveless thanked Johnny Jeffcoat, Representative Huggins, John Sowards and Elizabeth Taylor for their friendship and support; it was a privilege to serve as a Commissioner. Commissioner Loveless acknowledged Joanne and Mary Grace Loveless for everything they have done to support him. Commissioner Loveless shared appreciation and thanked the current ICRC board.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were submitted as presented.

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smyers presented a gift to Commissioner Loveless from the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission and staff. Mark Smyers shared appreciation for Commissioner Loveless' leadership, for his care for kids across the community, for volunteering to coach when needed, for teaching sportsmanship, for teaching kids how to win and how to lose gracefully. Mr. Smyers thanked Commissioner Loveless for his commitment to the community, for his care for staff and for being a tremendous mentor to the Executive Director.

VII. COMMISSION RESPONSE

Chairman Harmon thanked Commissioner Loveless for his 15 years of service and as a role model. Chairman Harmon also thanked Commissioner Loveless for his leadership during two strategic planning phases, the expansion of park facilities across the district, the development of Leo's Landing; and most importantly how Commissioner Loveless touched the lives of all generations and backgrounds; he understands unfulfilled needs and has the fortitude to push the envelope, as well as build bridges and relationships in order to make all things possible. Commissioner Stewart echoed Chairman Harmon's comments; and expressed how Commissioner Loveless is an example to follow as a Commissioner, as a human and as a citizen. Commissioner Ross shared that Commissioner Loveless has a way of making things happen; but he always finds the time and a gentle heart for kids. Commissioner Ross thanked Commissioner Loveless for his leadership and friendship.

Bruce Loveless shared appreciation for the opportunity to be part of the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission and appreciation for each individual who is part of the organization; the goal is to leave the community and agency in a better place than when you started.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned the General Session at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Mittendorf, Recording Secretary
IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION