

**IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FY 11-12 BUDGET PRESENTATION  
Saluda Shoals Park  
May 18, 2011  
6:30 P.M.**

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT**

Elizabeth Taylor      Eve Mittendorf  
Jay Downs              Jim Wellman  
Ed Yates                Ken Simmons

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**I. REQUIREMENTS OF A PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET ADOPTION UNDER SECTION 6-1-80 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS**

The news media was notified a minimum of 15 days prior to the meeting and a notice and agenda posted at the park sites one week prior to the meeting.

**II. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET**

Elizabeth Taylor presented the budget as submitted. The points of interest in the 2011-2012 budget include: 10% decrease from FY2010-2011, create a new maintenance position, allow for a 3% merit compensation fund pool, hold cost on employee health benefits, \$100,000 contingency fund, \$493,200 in capital investment focusing on facility repair, maintenance, park development, and technology, and reserve \$700,000 for identified capital needs in 2012-2013.

Following are questions and responses during the public presentation:

(Q) Ed Yates – what is the reason for the decrease in budget from last year?

(R) Elizabeth Taylor – there are less anticipated capital purchases for this year.

(Q) Ed Yates – does the agency keep grant money not spent and does the agency earn interest on grant money?

(R) Jim Wellman – these are reimbursable grants; the agency does not receive grant money until money is spent and receipts are submitted.

(Q) Ed Yates – is there means testing for seniors receiving meals or are they just getting a free meal through the federal government?

(R) Elizabeth Taylor – no, the meals program is not a means tested program; it is an age tested program. If an individual is over 60 years of age they are eligible to participate. The agency does ask and receive donations for the meals program. Also, it is important to understand that socialization contributes to healthier lives and the real benefit is the well being of individuals as well as a savings to tax payers by not having all seniors in nursing homes.

(Q) Ed Yates – how much revenue does Holiday Lights earn?

(R) Elizabeth Taylor – In 2010, it was \$260,000.

(Q) Ed Yates – how long has Holiday Lights been in operation?

(R) Elizabeth Taylor – eight years

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Mittendorf

Recording Secretary

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