

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

6:00 PM

CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
VICE-CHAIR	RON MUNNERLYN
ADMINISTRATOR	JIM HAYNES
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN, RON MUNNERLYN, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, STEVE BLACKMON, AND	WILLIE GLADDEN, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, ANTHONY WOODS
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\* Absent

INVOCATION – Dr. Carolyn Prince

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

No items were added.

**Motion made Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PRESENTATIONS

RALI MARLBORO – Mr. Pat Rogers presented members of RALI Marlboro Board members to council. He stated that RALI stood for Rural Area Leadership Initiative and was founded in 2008. Mr. Rogers stated that the purpose of RALI was to cultivate leadership and development in rural areas. They chose as their first project Recreation Development in which they are dedicated to improving the quality of life for citizens. He stated they are not a recreational group, they are trying to facilitate change. He advised their board members went through a year long training program through Francis Marion College.

Mr. Rogers stated some of their concerns were: (1) Recreational opportunities in Marlboro County were limited to children; (2) the lack of a multi-sport facility; and (3) the lack of support and infrastructure for outlying communities.

Mr. Rogers stated they had looked at the feasibility of a YMCA for Marlboro County and determined it not feasible. They also looked at the possibility of merging the two Recreational Groups: City and County.

Mr. Rogers introduced three speakers: Mr. Marshall Johnson, Mr. Steve McCalla, and Mr. Phil Powell, all who had numerous years of experience in recreation. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Powell are the owners of Johnson & Powell Consultants. Mr. Johnson was employed with and retired from the Statewide Director of South Carolina's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Development Office. Mr. Powell was previously employed and retired from the Parks and Recreation Director for the Town of Cheraw.

Mr. Marshall Johnson – advised their sole purpose is to facilitate positive change. They want to help the county and are willing to share resources. He stated they had spent time in Marlboro County and had looked at four (4) basic areas: (1) looked at every park facility in Marlboro County; (2) spoke with citizens throughout the county including elected officials, and others; (3) compared the numbers with other communities; and (4) gathered information received from an assessment completed in 1998 in which he stated fifteen (15) years later a lot of the issues had not been addressed. Mr. Marshall stated that both the City and County staff do exceptional jobs with the resources which they have. He stated the general consensus of the community is that the staff do fantastic jobs at what they do.

A copy of their detailed presentation is attached as part of the minutes as Exhibit "A".

After completing their presentation, Mr. Rogers concluded the presentation by offering RALI Services. RALI proposed a task force composed of four county council members, four city council members, and two RALI board members. The following proposal was presented in which they requested Council consider:

- Hiring of Mr. Marshall Johnson and Mr. Steve McCalla on a part-time basis for one year for a salary of \$20,000 to complete a Recreation Assessment Report.
- Creation of the task force as recommended.
- Mr. Johnson and Mr. McCalla would each spend forty days (40) each working with the task force and staff.
- PARD Funding could be used for the assessment with RALI providing the 20% match and the City and County splitting the travel costs cost for Mr. Johnson and Mr. McCalla.
- Requested notice of council's intentions by April 30, 2013.

No decisions were made.



NON AGENDA ITEMS

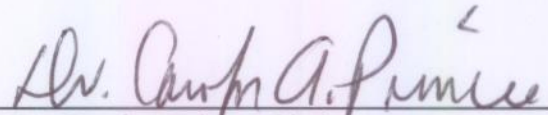
No items were heard.

ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

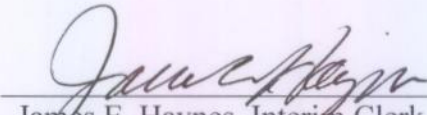
**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

(SEAL)



Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



James E. Haynes, Interim Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: March 12, 2013