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At an adjourned meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Thursday, the 27th day of June, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Robert H. Combs Board Room, 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia:

PRESENT: C. Stephen Wolfe II, Chairman
Dale W. Sisson, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Cedell Brooks, Jr., Member
Joseph W. Grzeika, Member
James B. Howard, Member
R. Bryan David, County Administrator

The Chairman called the adjourned meeting to order, stating the purpose of the meeting was to meet with the members of the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Amendment to the Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Sisson, seconded by Mr. Grzeika, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Brooks, Aye; Mr. Howard, Aye; Mr. Grzeika, Aye; Mr. Sisson, Aye; and Mr. Wolfe, Aye – the Board amended the agenda to include a closed session pursuant to State Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel regarding renovation of Fire Station 1.

On a motion by Mr. Sisson, seconded by Mr. Howard, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Brooks, Aye; Mr. Howard, Aye; Mr. Grzeika, Aye; Mr. Sisson, Aye; and Mr. Wolfe, Aye - the King George County Board of Supervisors went into closed session pursuant to State Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel regarding renovation of Fire Station 1.

On a motion by Mr. Sisson, seconded by Mr. Howard, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Brooks, Aye; Mr. Howard, Aye; Mr. Grzeika, Aye; Mr. Sisson, Aye; and Mr. Wolfe, Aye - the King George County Board of Supervisors returned to public session and certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered.

Work Session with Recreation Advisory Committee

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Recreation Advisory Committee, and asked Mr. Ken Novell to make the introductions. Those attending included Stevie Gray, Lawrence Eskey, Alice Hutnyan and Tony Scaramozzi, and staff members Lorenzo Smith, Athletic Programs Supervisor, and Janine Paulson, Recreation Programs Supervisor.

Mr. Novell stated the purpose of this joint meeting with the Board was to provide an update on the issues addressed at the last work session in June, 2005 and to present recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Tony Scaramozzi addressed the Board, and expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Theresa O'Quinn for her assistance in preparing the presentation for the Board.

Mr. Scaramozzi presented the outline of the information to be presented. The first action item from the June, 2005 work session related to creating a prioritized list of design changes for the proposed YMCA pool, and this item was complete with recommendations delivered to the County Administrator. The next item also related to the YMCA and coordinating the use of the facility and programs. Mr. Scaramozzi noted this could not take place until the YMCA staff was in place.

The next set of action items related to a comprehensive review of the fee schedule and user policies by the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC had developed a Youth Sports Policies and Procedures handbook which was included as part of the agenda package for the Board at tonight's meeting. Mr. Scaramozzi outlined the review process used during the development of the handbook, and reviewed the purpose and objectives of the handbook. The handbook had also been transmitted to the County Attorney for review to ensure changes recommended by Mr. Britton during the development of the handbook had been incorporated. Mr. Scaramozzi indicated they did not expect any substantive changes. Mr. Scaramozzi stated that the RAC was requesting the Board's approval of the document at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Scaramozzi then addressed the RAC's review of Citizen Center Operating Fees, including a review of various trends including population by age groups, participating in the soccer program, football program, and basketball program as well as trends in school age population. Also of concern was the field use capacity, noting increased usage decreases the time for recovery of fields and the limited number of fields available. Mr. Scaramozzi added that it had become very difficult to maintain the fields due to the combined school and recreation use. Mr. Scaramozzi provided pictures for the Board to show some of the wear and tear on all the fields.

Mr. Scaramozzi stated that it was the RAC's recommendation that the Board take action to begin field development at Sealston Park as soon as possible, and consider other park development options now to support tomorrow's needs. The RAC also recommended that the Board consider initiating a referendum to add 2¢ to the Real Estate tax and dedicating those funds to park development.

Mr. Brooks thanked the RAC for its very comprehensive presentation.

Mr. Sisson agreed with Mr. Brooks' comments, noting that he did have some questions regarding the draft youth sports policy.

A discussion ensued regarding the issue of having the youth athletic programs age based as opposed to grade based, with Mr. Sisson noting that right now basketball was grade based. Mr. Sisson suggested having basketball teams also be based on age as opposed to grade. Mr. Howard requested the RAC to take a look at this issue prior to adopting the proposed policy.

Mr. Howard asked what type of certification was in place for referees, particularly soccer. Mr. Smith responded that at this time they contracted with an officials organization. However, for basketball they had been unable to get a contract with an officials organization and therefore were providing a one-day class for people from the community and they were paid as a County employee. Mr. Smith also noted that it was not possible to get a contract for football officials, so staff tried to hire officials who were willing to perform the officiating in a free-lance capacity. Mr. Sisson noted he had seen it both ways, volunteer officials and paid officials, adding that

however it was handled it represented a direct impact on how much citizens paid in fees to participate.

Mr. Grzeika thanked the RAC for its hard work on the Youth Sports Policy, stating that if the Board adopted it and it was implemented as written a lot of problems would be solved. Mr. Grzeika also recognized the plight with the lack of fields, and agreed that while it was something that needed to be addressed a resolution would not happen over night.

Mr. Brooks commended the staff, particularly Mr. Smith, for holding things together for the community during times of transition.

Mr. Wolfe thanked the RAC for its hard work, noting that speaking for himself, he did not see this Board taking any action on the proposal to increase the real estate tax rate. Mr. Wolfe noted that there were other resources the Board could use to try and address some of the needs presented tonight, and expressed his appreciation for the hard work done by the RAC members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, July 5, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Citizens' Center.