

ROCK HILL PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Scherry, Ballard, Kachulis, Christiansen, Reardon  
Members Absent: Milligan

The first item of business was a presentation by the Save the Rock Hill Church Committee represented by Chris Musial and Donia Hunter. They submitted a request to be placed early on the agenda. Mr. Musial informed the commission that their committee has stated that they would like to see the Fairfax House and Rock Hill Church moved to Rock Hill Park. Mr. Musial said that a sit plan has yet to be developed, but any plan would include a playground area and keep the site as a park. He also said that the plan is in the early stages and will depend on the success of the fundraising campaign. After additional discussion, the commission approved a motion “to support the concept of moving these buildings to Rock Hill Park provided the site plan preserves the park like atmosphere in the park.”

OLD BUSINESS

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

A brief recap of the contest was given. It was noted that 15 homes were entered in the contest, and while that made judging more difficult, it was more enjoyable.

SATURDAY MORNING WITH SANTA

A recap of this program was presented. It was noted that 36 children were registered, which was the same number as last year. It was also noted that there was a very nice comment on the city’s Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET

A proposed budget for 2012-13 was presented. It was noted that the operating budget proposal is similar to previous budgets, however there is a large increase in the capital budget. The capital budget includes a request to fund the remainder of the Whitfield Park improvements and resurfacing of the Oakhaven tennis courts. The cost of the recommended surface is \$95,000.00. This surface is an artificial grass surface with an anticipated 20 year life. Other less expensive options are available, however those options have a much shorter life. It was the consensus of the commission that the best option is the artificial grass surface.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

FEBRUARY MEETING DATE

The commission was reminded that the February meeting has been moved up a week to February 9

SPRING WORK DAY FOR WHITFIELD PARK

The director asked the commission if they would like to set a date for the spring work day at Whitfield Park. After some discussion, Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am was selected as the work day. The director will notify Cub Scout Pack 316 and ask for their assistance with this project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.