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Lake Wylie Marine Commission
February 27, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Red Fez Club
16,600 Red Fez Club Road
Charlotte, NC

**New
Location**

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
 - January 23, 2006 Meeting Minutes
- II. Consent Agenda
 - No items
- III. Public Comments – (Limited to three minutes)
(The public may speak on matters either on or not on the agenda)
- IV. County Reports
 - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and SPLASH Report – Officer Everhart
 - Gaston County Police Department – Sgt. McCants
 - York County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Ware
 - N.C. Wildlife Resources – Sgt. Barry Rowell
 - Tega Cay Police Department – David Nelson
 - S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources –Sergeant Todd Campbell
 - Mecklenburg County Land Use Environmental Service – David Buetow
 - Duke Power – Eric Smith
 - Lake Wylie Lakekeeper Reporter – Steve Johnson
 - Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – Woody Woodward

- V. Presentation of the FY 2004-2005 Audit
Pete Teague
Dixon Hughes
- VI. Request to Purchase Safety Sticker and Magnets for
The Splash Program
Dave Cully
- VII. Consideration of Funding Registration for Officer
Everhart in the Amount of \$ 350 to Attend the
International Boating and Water Safety Conference
From April 30th Through May 3rd
Michael McLaurin
- IX. Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet
And Discussion of Any Revisions Needed
(Note: The Commissioners should use this time to
report on any areas that they have been assigned)
Chairman Joe Stowe
- X. Finance
A. Finance and Activity Report
- XI. Other Business
A. Chairman's Report
-Meet with the Mecklenburg County Natural Resources Committee
-Bassmasters Tournament
B. Executive Director's Report
-Marine Commission Website
-Discussion on the 2006-2007 Budget
-Discussion of Changing the Meeting Location from McDowell Park to
the Red Fez Club
- XII. Public Comments (Limited to 3 Minutes)
(The public may speak on matters either on or not on the meeting agenda.)
- XIII. Adjournment

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Riverhills Community Association
102 Hamilton Ferry Rd.
Lake Wylie, SC

Meeting Minutes

Marine Commissioners Attending

Chairman Joe Stowe
Commissioner Dave Cully
Commissioner Bo Ibach
Commissioner Billy McLean
Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy

Gaston County
Mecklenburg County
Mecklenburg County
Gaston County
Gaston County

Marine Commissioners Attending

Vice Chairman Ron Montgomery
Commissioner Don Cloninger

York County
York County

Staff Attending

Michael McLaurin
Chris Clark
Annette Lawing

Executive Director
Commission Counsel
Marine Commission Clerk

Chairman Joe Stowe opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed all present.

Approval of the November 28, 2005 Meeting Minutes - Minutes were approved on motions by Commissioners Ibach and McLean.

Consent Agenda

Request to support the relocation of a 230vK Transmission Line to allow for the installation of Flue Gas Desulphurization System (scrubbers) at Plant Allen Generation Station.

Approval of Consent Agenda - *The Consent Agenda was approved on motions by Commissioners Cloninger and Ibach*

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

County Reports

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and SPLASH Report - Terry Everhart reported that he and other lake enforcement officers are preparing for the upcoming Boat Show in Charlotte beginning on February 1st.

Gaston County Police Department - Sgt. McCants reported that their boat is currently not in the water.

York County Sheriff's Office - No Report

N. C. Wildlife Resources - No Report

Tega Cay Police Department - No Report

S.C. Department of Natural Resources - Sgt. Campbell reported that SC DNR is currently off the water but will be gearing up very soon.

Mecklenburg County Land Use Environmental Service - No report.

Duke Power - It was reported that Duke Power had approved 11 docks and 2 stabilizations.

Lake Wylie Lakekeeper Reporter - Steve Johnson briefed the Commission on its work. An earlier written report had been submitted to the Marine Commissioners.

Mecklenburg Co. Parks and Recreation - Woody Woodward reported the following activities that the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department is currently involved.

- Working on the Phase II of the Middle Catawba Canoe and Kayak Trail is underway. This is an 83-mile trail beginning at Lookout Shoals and continuing to the Catawba Dam.
- Ms. B.B. Harrison with S.C. Department of Natural Resources will be conducting a Reel to Reel Fishing Program geared toward youth.
- Certified instructors from James Island are going to come in and train five (5) staff members in kayaking.
- Safety buoys have been installed at McDowell Park
- Outdoor education program will start up in March 2006 with fishing and canoe/kayaking classes.

Report on the Proposed Catawba River Center -Edna Chirico of Chirico Huber Properties updated the commission about the proposed Catawba River Center. She reported that approximately one year ago, D.L. Phillips Trust (who owns the Charlotte Merchandise Mart) approached her about moving the Merchandise Mart to another location. Since that time, the University Park Baptist Church has purchased the Mart property and the Mart must relocate in approximately two years. Ms. Chirico has been working with the city, county, D.L. Phillips Trust and others to create a Catawba River Center where the Mart would be located.

The proposed Catawba River Center is on the Catawba River near Wilkinson Blvd. The new Mart is proposed to be 250,000 sq feet building with parking. A "Village" type atmosphere has also been proposed. Other features include a 200-room hotel, condominiums and retail center. The proposed facilities are expected to be integrated into an Urban Park setting.

Ms. Chirico said the economic impact for Mecklenburg County is great considering how many people are employed by the Mart. She said that when visitors attend Mart events such as the Southern Spring Show, they make purchases, stay in hotels, eat in restaurants etc. Just the sales tax component for Mart events generate over \$4 million in revenue per year based on the existing business model. That revenue stream can be used in conjunction with city's enabling legislation to build and allow the county to own the exhibition hall, complete the infrastructure and develop the park.

A second component (hotel, condominiums, retail) is proposed to be constructed with a 99-year lease agreement with the County. This would allow a private developer to build, sale and lease those and after the lease expires it will all revert back to the County. The expected economic impact of this project exceeds about \$115 million. Also, this project is expected to have a very positive effect on the Wilkinson Blvd. corridor as well as Belmont and Mt. Holly.

Ms. Chirico noted that an Environmental Consortium consisting of representatives from UNC Charlotte, Urban Institute, Trust for the Public Land, and Catawba Lands Conservancy has been asked to form an oversight group to make sure that as this process, even through building phase, is of an environmental sensitive design.

Edna Chirico completed her report and opened the floor to questions.

- Chairman Joe Stowe asked what the proposed timeframe of completion was? Ms. Chirico stated that the facility would have to be operating no later than the Spring Show 2008. If the rezoning process is successful, grading should begin in about one (1) year.
- Commissioner McLean asked if there would be any waterfront improvements? Ms. Chirico noted that there would be no waterfront improvements except for a small pier.
- Commissioner Cully asked the total shoreline footage? Ms. Chirico approximated about 2100' and maintaining a 200' buffer.

Consideration of a Resolution Pertaining to an Interbasin Transfer (IBT) Application Submitted by the Cities of Concord and Kannapolis - Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy reported that LWMC needs to make a decision on creating a resolution regarding the application. She said that each commissioner should have received various resolutions that have been developed by others. Donna Lisenby, at the request of the LWMC, has compiled some helpful information to assist the commission in creating the resolution.

On motions by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy and Commissioner Ibach the Marine Commission voted to create a resolution opposing the Concord/Kannapolis IBT application.

Chris Clark, LWMC's Legal Counsel, informed the Commission that he could assist in working with the commissioners in crafting a resolution, which meets the intent of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission.

Chairman Stowe and several commissioners said that the Lake Wylie Marine Commission should create its own unique resolution and not use the same resolution that Mountain Island Lake or anyone else has created.

A discussion took place on how the commission should proceed. It was the consensus to allow DuPuy and Chris Clark to draft a proposed resolution and send to the commissioners for any informal feedback. The Commission would vote to allow DuPuy and Clark to draft the final resolution on behalf of the Marine Commission. **On motions from Commissioners Cully and McLean, the commission approved the creation of the resolution of the Concord/Kannapolis IBT and to allow Legal Counsel Chris Clark and Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy to draft the document on behalf of the Commission.**

A second motion was made by Commissioner DuPuy and a second was given by Commissioner Cully to allow Executive Director Mike McLaurin to draft a letter for Chairman Stowe to send to the EMC and the three funding counties stating the commission's opposition to the IBT and attaching the final resolution. The commission approved the motion.

Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet and Discussion of Any Revisions Needed -

Mike McLaurin begin review by reminding the Commission that they should have received a worksheet that listed the seven (7) goals that were previously adopted by the Commission. There are three (3) possible additions that could be added to this list. They are: 1) New member orientation. 2) Follow up from the Catawba River Tour 3) A need to develop a SPLASH educational program. With these additions, commissioners must commit to be responsible for the completion of the particular project.

Commissioner Cully suggest that \$750 be transferred out of the SPLASH budget and develop a SPLASH safety pamphlet/magnets to hand out. Cully stated that he would get his company to donate the design work.

On motions from Commissioner Cully and Commissioner McLean, the Marine Commission approved up to \$750 to develop a SPLASH educational program.

Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy commented on potential addition #1 (new membership orientation). Commissioner Dupuy feels that what is missing from new membership orientation is information on environmental issues and water quality information. This information would be extremely helpful for new commissioners to review before beginning their role.

Mike McLaurin suggested that he or a willing commissioner follow up with Jennie Stultz, Mayor of Gastonia regarding the Catawba River Tour. Chairman Joe Stowe asked Mike McLaurin to contact Mayor Stultz.

Chairman Stowe reported that the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission recently made a presentation to the Gaston County Commission. The report summarized that Marine Commission's activities and involvement that each commissioner had in its work plan. The Chairman was very impressed with the report and with the involvement level of each Mountain Island Lake Marine Commissioner. Stowe stressed that each Lake Wylie Marine Commissioner needs to start being more involved with projects and the Commission as a whole needs to be able to report to its funding counties.

Finance and Activity Report

Executive Director Mike McLaurin distributed an updated finance report. Mike reported that Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy is working diligently with Mecklenburg County to get an issue resolved regarding the gap in funding for FY 2005-2006. If this issue doesn't get resolved, Mike and Sandy will revise the budget to reflect the lesser county funding. No activity report was distributed.

Chairman's Report

Bi-State Catawba River Commission Meeting - Chairman Joe Stowe reported on the Bi-State Catawba River Commission, which was held at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens on January 13, 2006. The three speakers, John Morris, NC Division of Water Resources, David Bays, DEHEC and Ed Bruce, Duke Power gave presentations on water quantity and quality impacts relating to Interbasin Transfer (IBT.)

Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy asked Chairman Stowe if any of these three speakers would be willing to send any comments to the EMC? Chairman Stowe stated that there were some discussions but not as strong as contacting the EMC. Issues were discussed such as laws in both states. Commissioner Ibach is heading this effort in gathering this information for the Marine commission as part of the Marine Commission work plan.

Mike McLaurin added to Chairman Stowe's comments by saying that there was recognition of various legislative and administrative weaknesses in both states. Both North Carolina Senator Clodfelter and South Carolina Senator Haynes asked their staff to correct some of the weaknesses. Also, they asked the staff to work together on specific issues and will continue this discussion on these larger issues at the next meeting, which is scheduled for April.

Harris Holt Pictures - Chairman suggested that we take approximately twelve pictures that were taken of Lake Wylie by photographer Harris Holt and possibly create a 2007 calendar.

Fireworks - Commissioner Cully emailed the commissioners some outstanding advertisements that could be distributed to businesses to promote their support on raise funds for the upcoming fireworks show on Lake Wylie. After requesting contact information from the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce for area businesses in order to request donations, the Commission has received no information.

Executive Director's Report

LWMC Website - Website is slowing getting up and running. Commissioner contact information is available on website. The photo of Lake Wylie on website is not of the best quality. Mike is looking into using a photo from the Harris Holt Photography pictures. Website address is www.lakewyliemarinecommission.com

2006/2007 Budget - Mike McLaurin reported that the Marine Commission would need to submit its 2006/2007-budget request by late February 2006. Mike and Secretary/ Treasurer DuPuy will work on a strategy to involve each commissioner in the budget process.

Chairman Stowe's Retirement - The commission recognized Chairman Stowe's recent retirement from Pharr Yarns with an applause.

Commissioner Cully requested that Michael McLaurin place an item on the February 27, 2006 meeting agenda to consider funding a registration fee for Officer Terry Everhart to attend the International Boating and Water Safety Summit as recognition of his work with the SPLASH program.

Public Comments - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. on motions by Commissioners Cully and McLean. The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2006 at McDowell Nature Park, 15,222 York Rd., Charlotte, NC (Editor's note: the Marine Commission will be meeting at the Red Fex Club, 16,600 Red Fez Road, Charlotte. NC.

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Annette Lawing, Marine Commission Clerk