

MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Colleton County Council
Council Chambers, Old Jail Building
109 Benson Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Present: Chairman Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe, and Scott Biering in attendance.

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Kaela Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, Joey Campbell, David Greene, KC Campbell, Janet Laney, Jeff Laney, Mikey Banks, Scott Feather, Roger Johnson, Marty Stallings, Susan Keith, Joshua Rowland, Kenny Delee, Lorenzo Nills, Denise Rhodes, Herbert Brown, Leslie Holmes, Regina Brown, Mark Pinckney, Audrey Henderson, Marilyn Fryar, Johnnie Fryar, Felicia Johnson, Charles Davis, Clarence Wiggins, Lisa Langdale, Sara Lightner, Juanita Harvey, Helen Rigley, and Carolyn Robinson.

Councilman Phillip Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, he would like to make a motion to amend the agenda to add one item under "Post-Election Actions", item "B" appointment to the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors. Also, under "New Business", item "C", Ordinance 23-O-05, the tax map number needs to be corrected to 132-00-00-054.000. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Post-Election Actions:

- A. Chairman's appointment of Standing Committees—Administrative Committee: Scott Biering, Chairman, Phillip Taylor, and Steven Murdaugh. Capital Projects Committee: Dr. Joseph Flowers, Chairman, Bubba Trippe, and Scott Biering. Finance Committee: Steven Murdaugh, Chairman, Phillip Taylor, and Dr. Joseph Flowers. Planning & Development Committee: Bubba Trippe, Chairman, Scott Biering, and Steven Murdaugh. Public Health & Safety Committee: Phillip Taylor, Chairman, Bubba Trippe, and Dr. Joseph Flowers.
- B. Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance Board of Directors Appointment:

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, Dr. Flowers is up for reappointment and has expressed a desire to remain on the board. Councilman Taylor made a motion to reappoint Dr. Flowers to the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance Board of Directors. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor: Asked, do any further appointments need to be made to the Lowcountry Community Action Agency?

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, at this time I plan to serve in my position without a designee, Councilman Trippe will serve in his position without designee, and Councilman Taylor has selected Romeo Edwards to serve as his designee.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting January 10, 2023— Dr. Flowers moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

- A. Proclaiming March 20, 2023, as “Barry McRoy Day” in Colleton County— Chairman Murdaugh read the Proclamation into the record. Dr. Flowers moved to adopt Proclaiming March 20, 2023, as “Barry McRoy Day” in Colleton County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, not only did we have the Proclamation, but we received some letters from Mr. Moultrie Plowden and Dr. Craig Ward. The letters give extreme commendations to Mr. McRoy. I will not read the letter, but I will point out some items listed. In August 2021, The SC Municipal Association awarded CCFR for its Whole Blood Administration Pilot Program, August 2022 David Greene was given the National Training Officer Recognition runner up award from the International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer and Combination Officer Section, June 2022 Colleton County was named a “Fire Safe Community” thru the State Fire Marshall’s Office for CCFRs community risk reduction plan for 2021, and March 2022 CCFR was award the 2022 South Carolina EMS Large System of the Year for 2021. This is quite an accomplishment. Also, we were entered into the 2022 J. Mitchell Graham award competition and Colleton County placed second. This is an award we received for the accomplishments of all of you Fire Rescue guys here tonight, and we were recognized at council’s annual conference. Out of all the things that Barry has accomplished, what struck me the most was a statement in Dr. Ward’s letter, “In spite of his stellar accomplishments as a leader and administrator... it’s very common for Barry to hop in the back of an ambulance and provide direct hands-on patient care.” When Councilman William’s was on council with us, he always talked about when he went to the hospital once and he caught Barry in there singing to a little kid. Ladies and gentlemen, we should really be proud of this guy, and if anyone deserves to have a day named after them, it is Barry McRoy.

Councilman Biering: Stated, I am obviously a newer council member, but I have been in this community a long time. The measure of an extremely good leader is how the people who work for him think of him. I haven’t found not one person who works for you that doesn’t have amazing things to say about you. We are lucky to have you in our community.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, I would like to echo that. As a physician in this community, nobody appreciates your hard work as much as I do. I have seen it go from having the funeral home

ambulances to where we are today, and that speak volumes to this community. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do for this community. I know your mother and father would like to be here tonight if they could. You deserve recognition and we would like to thank you for everything that you do.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I wanted to say, Barry, thank you and congratulations. We've worked well together for many years, and I just want to say thank you.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, I would like to echo the same thing. I work with Barry on several different things in the county. He goes out of his way to do whatever he can to help you. He is a great asset to our county.

***Council stepped down from the dais and presented the proclamation to Chief Barry McRoy.

Chief McRoy: Stated, I would like to thank all of you. I want everyone to understand that I put a lot of effort into it, and I really enjoy it. None of this would be possible without all of these people. I am not talking about just the commissioners and firefighters, our volunteers, and the career staff, but all the citizens as well because everybody supports the system. I realize that it serves them, but we couldn't do any of it without council. I came here tonight because I thought we were getting four or five more ambulances. I do greatly appreciate it, thank you very much. I am humbled by this.

Appearances & Public Presentations

A. Neyles Community Center- Mark Pinckney, Community Center Board Chairman

***Mark Pinckney thanked council for putting them on the agenda and for the support that they have given already. Attached is the presentation that was given by Leslie Holmes and Dr. Denise Rhodes.

Dr. Denise Rhodes: Stated, we are seeking funding for the following items to improve our grounds: pavilion with covering similar to the one located at the Cottageville park, aluminum benches, and fencing to create a safe space and sense of security. Finally, we would like to thank County Council.

Regina Brown: Stated, the executive board is asking for a generator for the community center. It would provide electrical service to our community in the event of a catastrophic event, as well as provide a back up to those who have medical devices that require power or medications that need to be refrigerated. In other words, this would provide a safe place for our senior citizens during these times.

Audrey Brown: Stated, on behalf of the Neyles Community Center we would like to thank you for the opportunity for you all to hear our concerns. We thank you for what you have done for us in the past and we look forward to working with you in the future. Emergencies are not planned, and we need to be prepared.

Mark Pinckney: Stated, I would like to reiterate what Ms. Brown said. A generator is a necessity for our community center. We would love to have it to be able to assist those in our community and other surrounding communities. We would hope that you all would consider it, and we thank you all for taking the time to listen to us and your continued help. We would also like to give a special thanks to Mr. Kevin Griffin, he has helped us a lot in the past.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin: Stated, I would like to remind council that on February 22nd, SCAC: Counties Connect will be hosting the Legislative Action Day. Please let Ms. Brinson know if you are available for that evening, and the following day to meet with our Legislative Caucus and especially our local delegation with the state. Also, under "Old Business" Item "A", this is primarily a clean up from our recent passing of the new zoning Ordinance. There were a couple of items that needed a clean up as far as buffers with some industrial properties. There are some classifications unique to zoning district that we made some adjustments to. There is also an addition there with solar farms, which has become of great interest lately. We have received probably three or four inquiries, and maybe one permit/application. We do not have an extensive regulation for solar farms to protect joining property owners from that use, and to ensure that they are screened properly. I have Mr. Rowland here, our planning director, when we get to that item on the agenda if you all have any extensive questions, we can certainly answer those at that time. The solar farm regulations were added to this second reading. They will also go to the planning commission on February 23rd, and they will be ready for third reading as we move forward. We do also have building code updates that we do have to do as it has been passed down from the state. If you have any questions, I would be glad to take those at this time.

Chairman Murdaugh: Asked, what is the date that you said again?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, February 22nd.

Chairman Murdaugh: Asked, Is this an all-day event?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, We would get up there mid-morning and then they have a recess in the evening at the Palmetto Club. Then follow up with them later that evening, maybe with a meal, to have the opportunity to connect with our local Legislative Delegation.

Councilman Biering: Stated, On the 23rd Councilman Trippe and I are scheduled to be in training that day. If we need to reschedule due to something more important, we will be happy to do so.

No further discussion.

Old Business

- A. 2nd Reading Ordinance 23-O-01, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Section 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations and Section 14.08-4 Landscaping, Buffering and Environmental Protection, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances. *This ordinance will have a public hearing on March 14, 2023.***

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 2nd Reading Ordinance 23-O-01, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Section 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations and Section 14.08-4 Landscaping, Buffering and Environmental Protection, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances. *This ordinance will have a public hearing on March 14, 2023.* The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 2nd Reading Ordinance 23-O-02, To Provide for the Sale of a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Jason McMillan for the property identified by TMS No. 195-00-00-181.000 on Cooks Hill Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 2nd Reading Ordinance 23-O-02, To Provide for the Sale of a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Jason McMillan for the property identified by TMS No. 195-00-00-181.000 on Cooks Hill Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- A. 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-03, By Title Only, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,355,000 General Obligation Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; to Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-03, By Title Only, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,355,000 General Obligation Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; to Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-04, By Title Only, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 26.5 Acres of a Portion of Real Property Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-018 to Fuller Properties, LLC**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-04, By Title Only, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 26.5 Acres of a Portion of Real Property Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-018 to Fuller Properties, LLC. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers: Asked, where is Fuller Industries?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, it was formerly the old brake plant behind Dayco. They purchased that and are expanding rapidly.

No further discussion.

- C. **1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 20 Acre Parcel Located at 2824 Jefferies Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-054.000, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Urban Development – 2 (UD-2).**

. Flowers moved to approve the 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 20 Acre Parcel Located at 2824 Jefferies Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-054.000, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Urban Development – 2 (UD-2). The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. **1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-06, To Amend Chapter 13, Section 13.04.010 of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Provide for the Adoption of Certain Updated Codes as Mandated by State Law**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-06, To Amend Chapter 13, Section 13.04.010 of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Provide for the Adoption of Certain Updated Codes as Mandated by State Law. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. **Resolution 23-R-06, To Officially Name the Colleton County Fire-Rescue Station 19, Located at 1118 Thunderbolt Drive the “W. Gene Whetsell Fire Station.”**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-06, To Officially Name the Colleton County Fire-Rescue Station 19, Located at 1118 Thunderbolt Drive the “W. Gene Whetsell Fire Station”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. **Resolution 23-R-07, To Declare the Results of a Referendum held on November 8, 2022, in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Purpose of Determining Whether or Not, Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, a One Percent (1%) Sales and Use Tax (The "Tax") Should be Imposed Within Colleton County for Not More Than Seven (7) Years, the Proceeds of Which Would be Expended for the Purpose of the Costs of Certain Capital Projects Within Colleton County as Set Forth in the**

Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum (The “Referendum Projects”) Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-07, To Declare the Results of a Referendum held on November 8, 2022, in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Purpose of Determining Whether or Not, Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, a One Percent (1%) Sales and Use Tax (The "Tax") Should be Imposed Within Colleton County for Not More Than Seven (7) Years, the Proceeds of Which Would be Expended for the Purpose of the Costs of Certain Capital Projects Within Colleton County as Set Forth in the Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum (The “Referendum Projects”) Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Resolution 23-R-08, To Declare Colleton County’s Support for Four Holes Indian Organization’s Application for the Social and Economic Development Strategies Grant from the Administration for Native Americans

Councilman Biering moved to approve Resolution 23-R-08, To Declare Colleton County’s Support for Four Holes Indian Organization’s Application for the Social and Economic Development Strategies Grant from the Administration for Native Americans. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh: Asked, if any of the members were present tonight?

Councilman Biering: Stated, that they had a meeting tonight at the exact same time and were unable to attend.

H. Resolution 23-R-09, To Establish Priorities for the 2023 Annual CDBG County Needs Assessment

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-09, To Establish Priorities for the 2023 Annual CDBG County Needs Assessment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Resolution 23-R-10, To Award the Contract for the Harrelson Building New Entrance and Improvements Project

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-10, To Award the Contract for the Harrelson Building New Entrance and Improvements Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, for the record, IP Builders, Inc. was awarded the contract.

J. Resolution 23-R-11, To Reschedule the March Council Meeting

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-11, To Reschedule the March Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, this is being moved due to several council members being unable to attend due to a conference we will be attending on that day.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, this is the 2nd Tuesday, correct?

No further discussion.

K. Resolution 23-R-12, To Advertise Board Vacancies

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-12, To Advertise Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, line item “4” should be “Lowcountry Council of Government”.

Chairman Murdaugh: Asked, if we have two vacancies available on the LCOG?

Councilman Taylor: Stated, yes, the at- large and the minority seat is open. Ms. Esther Black decided to step down and she recommended Rev. Robinson. Some of the things that we have been seeking to do is to look into the other communities outside of Walterboro.

No further discussion.

L. Resolution 23-R-13, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-13, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

The following appointments were made by acclimation: Walter Runck – Colleton County Edisto River canoe and Kayak Trail Committee and Anthony Black – Colleton County Keep Colleton Beautiful.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, he spoke with Mr. Black and everyday he cleans up litter in front of his house. He stated he was more than willing to serve.

No further discussion.

Public Comment

Ms. Lisa Langdale: Stated, I have some information that I want to give you. It is a rebuttal from their press release that they are still coming to Colleton County. I have not been able to get in touch with Mr. Murdaugh to ask a few questions. One question we as the community have is, "Where are we on this? What is our next step besides sitting and watching them come?" They are not doing anything on the building, but they are on the property 2-3 times a week.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we still do not have anything from them do we?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, we do not have a formal application that I am aware of at this time.

Ms. Langdale: Stated, this is our rebuttal from their press release (information given to council). Last time they gave a rebuttal to everything we said, so I will let you all read it instead. Where should I go next?

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we have not received any formal application from anyone, so we do not have anything to take action on. Obviously, there are some zoning issues on the agenda. We are at second reading, so we have another reading on that. However, until they submit an application, there is nothing any of us can really do.

Ms. Langdale: Stated, if nothing has been resolved, we will see you next month.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, Ms. Felicia Johnson is next on the list.

Ms. Johnson: Stated, I am still coming about this club. Are you all making any kind of head way, because I can not get through to Hazel Sanders. All she cares about is making a dollar. It is getting more ridiculous because it is a drug zone now also. They are out in the parking lot selling drugs. Not to mention the traffic light. Like I said last time, that man was standing out there in broad daylight and got killed at that stop sign. When I left here last month, the following Sunday there was a wreck right there at that stop sign. People do not respect that stop sign. Where I live at is not considered a street, it is a highway. Officers need to come and sit right by my home and they will see what I am talking about on a daily basis. It is bad enough the club is on my left. Then I have the stop sign on my right. I have watched plenty of wrecks right there. We truly need a light there. If you go up Rivers Steet, it is pitch dark. I got hit back in the 90s walking on that street. I have grandchildren that are wanting me to ride bicycles. I tell them I am sorry they will have to wait until time change because I am not trusting it. I want my grandchildren on the weekend, but the club is still right there. Like I said before, my house still has the bullet holes in it. Why is this junk pit still open? It is a hole in the wall. It is not sanitized either. I called the DEHEC lady in Beaufort because she is the only one helping me. It is a hazard, and the people that work in there... Lord have mercy on them. I wouldn't take my dog out there to eat from that place. I am glad she closed her restaurant. Please consider closing this club and getting us some sort of lights.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, thank you. I do not have anyone else on the list. Is there anyone else who would like to make a comment.

Ms. Sarah Lightner: Stated, I am up here to ask a follow up question to Ms. Langdale's statements. I am concerned that this organization may have had work done without permits in the past. How would we know if it is something that we needed to report to the council? It is fine to say that no permits have been received, but what is permitted work and what is not?

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, let me say this without getting into anybody's personal business. There is a process that they would have to go through with the county. If they failed to go through that process, the county has certain procedures we can go through. They would have to stop the project. Now, we have not received anything. The county is aware of the project, and they are probably watching to see what is going on at this point. At this point, we don't have anything really other than hearsay about what this project is even going to do. They need to go through a formal process, and that process should address the concerns of everybody. Would anyone else like to make any public comments at this time?

Mr. Ernest Wiggins: Stated, for the last six months Ms. Johnson has come in here and complained about this and that. What is the County Council going to do to help her?

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we hear you Mr. Wiggins.

No further comments.

Council Time

Councilman Taylor: There is an educators appreciation going on with members in the community. They want to make sure that we recognize all of our teachers that are working in all of the schools. Ms. Wanita Harvey is here tonight. She is one of the spear headers of that. I have asked her to come and tell us a little bit about that.

Ms. Wanita Harvey: Stated, we have decided to say a collaborative thank you to all of our educators. Starting tomorrow we will be visiting every school. We have four schools this week, but by the 24th of February, we will have visited every school. We will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert for all of our educators and their support staff.

Ms. Helen Wrigley: It is a big endeavor. There are 875 staff that we will be providing for, so that takes a lot of money. Ms. Wanita is heading this up, but we are volunteering to help with this.

Ms. Harvey: Stated, the other individual we have up here is Ms. Caroline Robinson. We are all neighbors. We have started this because we do not feel the teachers are appreciated for all that they do. The students not listening, the angry parents, and the teachers never getting told good job. We want them to feel that we appreciate them.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, the last thing I would like to mention is Cougar Nation. It is another activity that is going on in all the schools. We have a couple of our council members that are apart of that, but Mr. Mark Wysong is one of the people heading up the volunteers for hall monitoring, and individuals being trained to go into the schools and helping with having more order. They are in need of more

volunteers, so if you would like to help with that, please contact Mark Wysong, Bubba Trippe, Scott Biering, or myself. We will point you in the right direction to get you engaged with that.

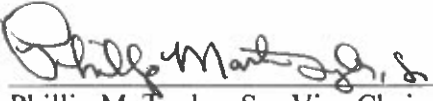
Councilman Biering: Stated, I would like to echo that. Cougar Nation is an innovative new program. We appreciate the teachers, and thank you for doing what you all are doing to show them appreciation. Mark called me and brought me in on it, and I was more than happy to be a part of it. It is very rewarding and very eye opening. This is a good program, so please encourage anybody that you know, you do not have to have children there, you only have to be vested in the community. I think that is something we can all agree on so, please if you have somebody with the time to volunteer, it is a worthwhile program.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I would like to point out that we have a school board member here with us tonight, Ms. Lynn Stroble. We appreciate you making the time to come to our meeting as a member of the school board. I would like to go back and ask a question, which ties into Ms. Johnson's issues, and how the county would have a mechanism to assist Ms. Johnson. I say to Ms. Johnson, I wish I could tell you it is easy to do things when there is a nuisance in the community, and to shut it down. However, it is never as easy as it seems, and you have to make sure you follow the letter of the law. It appears that law enforcements', from what they are saying, hands are tied. What we started at one time and tabled, because we had some definitional concerns with our county wide business registration application. I would like to get that back on track so that we would have some way to have "claw back" with these business that are not following the rules. One way as a council, arguably, that we would have some authority. I know we have had some issues with that, and we tabled it. I think we need to get that back on the agenda and get it adopted, not only to address issues like these, but I believe it will help the county in several other ways. We need to put that back on the agenda next month, and if nothing else try to help Ms. Johnson with her issues.

Adjournment

Dr. Flowers moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

This 14th day of March, 2023.


Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

Neyles Community Center Playground Project

Presented By: Dr. Denise Rhodes

Neyles Community Center Playground

AGENDA

- Playground Equipment
- Mold
- Safety
- Fencing
- Other Community Playgrounds



Playground Equipment

Jungle Gym



Slide



Playground Equipment

Activity Wall



Swing



Mold



Safety



Fencing



Other Community Playgrounds



Cottageville

Mayfield Terrace

Parks &
Recreation

The Neyles Community Center
would like to thank Colleton County
Council for submitting the
application to the Parks and
Recreation Development Fund.

Thank You!

Neyles Community Center

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February 7, 2023

Dear Colleton County Council:

We, the Neyles Community Center Board Members, remain grateful for all that you have done for the community. Our Community Center continues to grow and expand. We have and will continue to provide services to the Neyles, Sandhill, Mashawville, Ritter, Round O, Jacksonboro, Price Bridge Landing and surrounding areas. The Community Center has become a hub for resources and activities for all.

A few of our collaborative agencies that provide resources through our Community Center are The Lowcountry Food Bank, Council on Aging, Board of Elections, Health Services through Palmetto Palace, Community Crime Watch Group, Colleton County School District, and Senior meals when funds are available. In addition, our Community Center serves as a meeting place for Family Reunions, Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations, Repasts and Sporting Events for the Lowcountry. These events bring additional exposure to the facility as a safe space for community residents.

During the pandemic, the Colleton County School District utilized the grounds to provide mobile internet access for the children, which was necessary in completing school assignments. This was just one example of how the grounds and facilities provided essential services to the community.

We are requesting funding for the playground area. The playground's condition deteriorated with broken equipment, fallen trees, bee infestation and small reptiles.

We are seeking funding for the following items to improve the grounds of the Community Center playground area:

- Pavilion with covering, aluminum benches for seating for youth, community and Senior programs. This covering will protect families during inclement or hot weather. It will allow us to further expand all programs and to plan additional outdoor activities.

- Tree and stump removal to allow for safer use of the grounds for the youths, community and Seniors and reduce potential tripping hazards that presently exists.
- Fence and gates around the perimeter to define a safe space as the rear is adjacent to a wooded area.

We would like to continue to enrich the lives of youth, community and Seniors that utilize the space.

Thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,

Neyles Community Center Board