

AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

9/17/2020

Teddie Pryor, Chair
Henry Darby
Jenny Costa Honeycutt
Anna B. Johnson

AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 17, 2020

5:00 P.M.

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| 1. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 | - Request to Consider |
| 2. PROJECT GENESIS/RURAL SWIMMING INITIATIVES | - Presentation
Bennett |

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MINUTES

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Public Safety Committee

FROM: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

DATE: September 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee Minutes

At the Public Safety Committee meeting of September 17, 2020, the draft minutes of September 3, 2020, will be presented for consideration.

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**PROJECT
GENESIS/RURAL
SWIMMING
INITIATIVES**

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Public Safety Committee

FROM: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

DATE: September 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Project Genesis/Rural Swimming Initiatives

At the Public Safety Committee meeting of September 17, 2020, Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission Executive Director David Bennett will make a presentation regarding Project Genesis and Rural Swimming Initiatives.

CHARLESTON COUNTY PARKS

Charleston County Parks
Foundation's Genesis Project



CHARLESTON
COUNTY PARKS

FOUNDATION

Mission & Vision

Help ALL residents experience Charleston County Parks and Programs.

Charleston County Parks Foundation has a vision to develop and sustain projects that enable people to access the Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission's facilities, programs, and services for living an active and healthy lifestyle.

Foundation Projects

- ❖ **The Pass It Forward Project**
- ❖ **The McLeod Plantation Project**
- ❖ **The SK8 Forward Project**
- ❖ **The Genesis Project** focuses on drowning prevention in the Lowcountry by raising funds to offer aquatic programs in the following areas:
 - ❑ Johns Island,
 - ❑ Awendaw/McClellanville; and
 - ❑ Ravenel/Hollywood.

Charleston County Parks Foundation Board Members

- **David Bennett (Executive Director)**
- **Eva Ravenel (Chair)**
- **Frannie Reese (Co-Chair)**
- **Kai Yeh (Treasurer)**
- **Lisa King (Commission Liaison)**
- **Kevin Isaac**
- **Shannon Brigham**
- **Jason Barton**
- **Dr. Lou Robinson**
- **Krista Barnes**
- **Richard Waring**
- **John Warren**

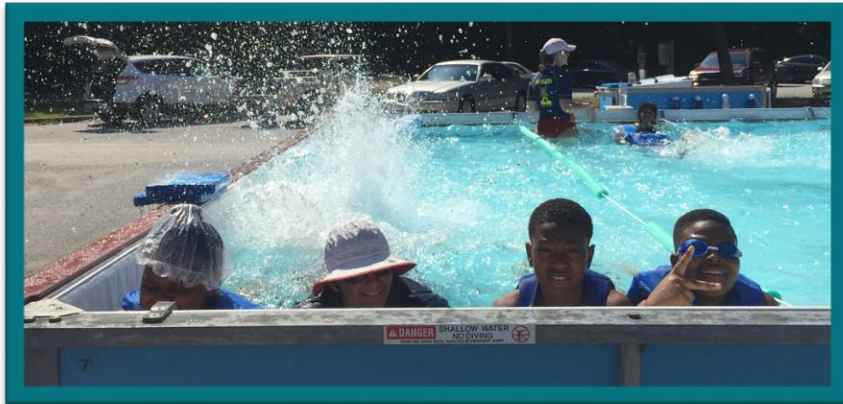


The Genesis Project

The Genesis Project was established after the tragic drowning of a 13 year-old boy in Hollywood, SC named Genesis Holmes. The project aims to raise funds to provide swim and water safety programs in rural areas of Charleston County.

The Genesis Project – The Portable Pool Program

- ❑ established in 2013
 - rotates between:
 - 3 CCPRC Community Recreation Camps and
 - Edisto Community (Jane Edwards Elementary);
 - the McClellanville Community; and
 - Johns Island Community.
- ❑ Each camper receives 8 lessons in 2 weeks.
- ❑ Typically serve 400 children annually.



Did you know?

It takes approximately a week for breakdown, transport, assembly, filling and inspections. The portable pool is divided into three lanes with each having an instructor and up to six swimmers.

West County Aquatic Center – Hollywood, SC



- ❑ Built with a mission and vision to save lives!
- ❑ So far this summer,
 - over 150 swim lessons have been taught; and
 - over 3,500 facility visitors.
- ❑ During a typical summer, CCPRC would also transport campers from the Hollywood/Ravenel, Johns Island and Awendaw/McClellanville Communities to WCAC for lessons and swimming.
- ❑ Open May – Labor Day
- ❑ \$2 per person, \$25 Season Pass, 4 Admissions with CCPRC Gold Pass



❑ Amenities include:

- ✓ Lifeguards (Star Guard Elite trained like all waterpark staff)
- ✓ Competitive swim lanes
- ✓ Zero-depth entry area
- ✓ Restrooms, showers and changing area
- ✓ Lounge chairs

Swim for It Campaign



- Soliciting donations for the Foundation at the three waterparks, WCAC, and beach parks each year from May -Labor Day.
- Donations go toward drowning prevention initiatives provided by the Genesis Project.

Thank You!

