

**COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 3, 2020  
4:00 P.M.**

Present: John Watley, Curtis Moses, L.W. Nolan and Brenda Abercrombie. Also present, Julio Haulcy, Fred Carr and Johnny Buckley.

Mr. Watley called the meeting to order. Mr. Watley led the group in prayer.

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Nolan and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Julio Haulcy addressed the committee regarding the Space Age Center/Ball Park. The Space Age Center used to be used for general meetings, boys and girls club, day care and after school programs. It then became used for the Union Parish Little League – Union Parish Youth Association. Daniel Hunter was in charge of the ball field and recreation center. That organization no longer exists with the Secretary of State nor with the Little League Charter. The building has deteriorated due to lack of maintenance and attention.

Mr. Haulcy has started a new little league organization, Union Parish Little League District 5, and is requesting to use the Space Age Recreation Center and ball field for the youth of Union Parish. Mr. Haulcy is requesting the Union Parish Police Jury lease the facilities to Betty Street Community Center dba Union Parish Little League District 5.

In addition to little league, Mr. Haulcy also plans to offer an Interleague. The Interleague would play against Bastrop, Calhoun, West Ouachita and the Parish of Jackson. There will also be a 17 & 18 coed softball league, adult coed softball league, men's softball, youth/adult kickball, flag football, soccer, football, volleyball and implement a basketball league.

The board members of Union Parish Little League District 5 include Julio Haulcy, President; Fredrick Carr, Vice-President; Sonja Page, Secretary/Treasurer; Daniel Robinson, Moses Williams, Eric McCray and Sharon Jones, Player Agent. Johnathon Ellison, Rico Haulcy, Anya Burch, Roderick Simmons, Claude Gibson, Walto Hendricks and Fredrick Fields are volunteers that will volunteer time for taking care of the grounds, etc.

Betty Street Community Center has many activities planned. Those include a boys and girls club, big brother program, senior citizen social activities, general meetings, funeral receptions, family reunions, weddings, baby showers, kids/adult birthday parties, sick/shut-in fundraisers, church fundraisers and community events.

The Secretary/Treasurer gave a brief history of the Space Age Recreation Center. In 2007 the jury entered into a twenty-five (25) year Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Union Parish

Little League-Union Parish Youth Association. The agreement pertained to the usage of the Space Age Recreation Center. Daniel Hunter was authorized to sign the agreement as the duly authorized President of the Union Parish Little League-Union Parish Youth Association. That organization has since ceased to exist. The lease agreement states that the “lease may be terminated at any time by either party, without cause, by giving notice in writing to the other party thirty (30) days prior to termination. In such event, Tenant shall have an additional period of thirty (30) days in which to remove its movable property from the premises.” The Secretary/Treasurer has furnished an unsigned copy of the lease agreement to counsel and counsel confirmed that the lease agreement can be terminated. A copy of the signed lease agreement has never been located nor has Mr. Hunter provided one.

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to terminate the lease agreement with Union Parish Little League – Union Parish Youth Association and send a certified letter to Daniel Hunter regarding the termination of the lease agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to enter into a twenty-five (25) year lease agreement with Betty Street Community Center dba Union Parish Little League District 5 for the use of the Space Age Recreation Center and ball field; authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Watley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan and duly seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.**

**John Watley, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**