



City of Greenville  
**Recreation and Parks Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 10, 2016 @ 5:30 PM  
City Hall – City Council Chambers  
200 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garrett Taylor, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nikki Caswell            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audrey G. Nealy       | <input type="checkbox"/> McLean Godley, City Council Liaison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler Clark                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darin White              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Jones          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Williams          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jaimie Yahnker        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gordon Darragh           |

**STAFF:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Fenton               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Foy         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura J. Davenport |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shana Kriewall | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lamarco Morrison |  |

**MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:**

The meeting opened at 5:30 PM and the following items were addressed:

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Gordon Darragh was introduced as our new Commissioner.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Darin White

Second: Jaimie Yahnker

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes as presented.

Motion: Jaimie Yahnker

Second: Darin White

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**VI. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT** (given by Dean Foy, Parks Superintendent)

- A. Mr. Fenton is attending the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Director's Annual meeting in Durham, so Mr. Foy is reporting on his behalf.
- B. Welcomed Gordon Darragh to the Commission. Mr. Fenton has worked with Commissioner Darragh throughout his involvement in the Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL) and appreciates his desire to be a member of the Recreation and Parks Commission.
- C. Saddened to hear of the news about Dave Mirra. Dave has meant so much to our community and our department, and we've lost a special friend. He leaves a legacy.
- D. Thanks to Council Member Godley for his recent blog and Daily Reflector letter regarding the importance of the Tar River and following up on the recommendations of the Tar River Legacy

- Plan. His letter was insightful, visionary and well written. Appreciate him taking the time to share his thoughts on this exciting initiative.
- E. Monday evening briefed City Council on the Trillium Playground Project. Mr. Morrison will comment later on the progress of this exciting initiative.
  - F. Recently completed this year's Spring/Summer Program brochure and staff has planned a wide variety of recreational activities. These brochures are available at all staffed facilities, as well as at various restaurants and other businesses throughout the City.
  - G. Summer camps are a big interest this time of year. There are close to 30 different camps offered and many include numerous one (1) or two (2) week sessions. Most have a fee, so a summer camp payment plan is available for those who find it helpful.
  - H. Met recently with some of the participants in the Chamber's Leadership Program regarding the improvement project they are working on at Beatrice Maye Garden Park, which is considerably impacted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Connector project. The project includes the installation of a concrete patio and bench under a 12x12 Pergola, plus landscaping. The group has some additional money to raise and must complete their work by late April. We appreciate their interest and efforts on this project. Final plans will be shared with Beatrice Maye's daughter before construction begins.

## VII. STAFF REPORT

- A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent
  - 1. Recreation Update
    - Provided pictures/information for the Specialized Recreation Valentine's Dance tonight at the Drew Steele Center from 6:00-8:00pm; Overhead Arm Care Clinic (with professional athletes) held at The Sports Connection; Youth Basketball ages 5-6 and 9-10; Church League Basketball; Old and New Basketball Tournament; and the YellowFins swim team competing in Kinston.
    - 2. Cultural Arts Day at Jaycee Park on 2/27 from 9:00am – 4:00pm.
    - 3. AKA Annual Quiz Bowl at the Drew Steele Center on 2/28.
    - 4. Commissioner Jones shared that the Jackie Robinson Baseball League will host its first St. Patrick's Day Tournament on 3/12 and 3/13 at Thomas Foreman Park.
  
- B. Dean Foy, Parks Superintendent
  - 1. Parks Updates
    - a. Shared photos of vandalism on the Green Mill Run Greenway which was a property management company advertising in ten (10) separate locations along the greenway. Property manager was very apologetic and will be paying the cost of removal of the paint.
    - b. Shared photos of flooding issues on the South Tar River Greenway and at the Town Common. For the most part, flooding in the parks is not problematic because when the water resides, Parks staff is able to come in and clean up the dirt so it looks like normal.

Commissioner Audrey Nealy arrived at 5:46pm.
  - 2. Facility Improvement Plan Updates
    - a. Shared photos of the new entrance at H. Boyd Lee Park which has helped with the flow of traffic.
  
- C. Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner
  - 1. Capital Project Updates
    - a. Trillium Playground Update
      - Mr. Morrison provided a PPT presentation with an update of the Trillium

Playground project. The playground will be located on the eastern side of the park. The plan has been approved by Trillium staff. Planning for the playground to consist of the following elements: dual zip line approximately 60 feet long, 2-5 yo playground, mister/water feature, 5-12 year old playground, ADA sidewalks, Liberty swing (wheelchair accessible swing), adult workout circuit, reconfigured parking lot for safety, and a river theme to tie into the Town Common/Tar River. A celebratory event will be scheduled when the playground is complete.

- b. South Greenville Recreation Center Renovations Project  
Shared pictures of some of the demolition that has taken place. In a couple of weeks the building will be demolished. New concrete will be poured in February. The facility will have all new furnishings. On 2/25 there will be some sort of celebration for the beginning of construction.

Commissioner Garrett Taylor arrived at 6:00pm.

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Nominating Committee Present Slate of Officers for Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Jaimie Yahnker volunteered to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Commission.  
A motion was made to elect Jaimie Yahnker for Vice-Chair.  
Motion: Darin White  
Second: Audrey Nealy  
Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Don Williams arrived at 6:04pm.

#### **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Fee Waiver Changes, Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent  
Ms. Kriewall recommends the following changes to the Fee Waiver Assistance Program:  
All registrants will be required to pay a minimum of \$5 for each registration and will be limited to a maximum of \$100 in assistance per person during a 12-month period. Financial assistance is not available for organization or club memberships, adult teams, special event fees, trips or rentals. The Commission was in agreement with these changes.

#### **X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- A. Don Williams – no comment.
- B. Audrey Nealy – Thanks to staff at Boyd Lee Park for their help and patience while registering her child for camps.
- C. Robert Jones – Invited Commission to the St. Patrick's Day baseball tournament in March.
- D. Darin White – Likes that Recreation and Parks is looking into the future as the City grows.
- E. Jaimie Yahnker – Welcomed Commissioner Darragh, reminder of Cultural Arts Day on 2/27.
- F. Nikki Caswell – Likes the new look of the agenda and Spring/Summer Program Brochure looks nice.
- G. Garrett Taylor – Thanked Commissioner Jones for starting the meeting, welcomed Commissioner Darragh, and thanked Commissioner Yahnker for stepping up to be Vice-Chair. Reminder to all that it's Black History Month, but encouraged turning to older citizens for them to share their history.
- H. Gordon Darragh – Pleasure to be here and serve.

**XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 PM.

Motion: Darin White

Second: Don Williams

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura J. Davenport  
Administrative Assistant  
Recreation and Parks Department