



## **7. Greetings from Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police**

Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police discussed his support for the continuance of the Civic Liaison Program. The programs implemented in Greenville are great, but he also has some of his own ideas which he will share in the near future. Additionally, Chief Holtzman discussed the importance of citizens voicing their concerns in their community. Law Enforcement Officers goals are to be problem solvers in the community. However if citizens don't voice their concerns, the officers will resolve what they perceive to be the problems in the community. Communicating with Police Officers is a key element of creating a safe environment towards making our city a better place to live, play, work, and visit.

An example of the outstanding work that is done by the Police Department is an incident that occurred on October 6, 2015. The Regional Drug Task Force was successful in the arrest of several individuals that was marketing large amounts of marijuana. The Task Force was placed in an extreme dangerous position that involved gun fire leading to the apprehension of several individuals. Chief Holtzman noted that, upon the task force entering the home, proper protocol was used throughout the entire incident. Attributable to the profession and training the Police Department undergo, this episode concluded with no one being hurt. The danger that the Task Force goes through daily is often unrecognized by the citizens whom they serve.

## **8. Parks and Recreation Presentation**

Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks discussed the recreational activities that Greenville had to offer.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- Sunday in the Park
- Several 5Ks
- Greenville Gives
- Exercise in the Park
- Celebration of Youth Expression – Gave youth opportunity to show off their talent
- Tournament of State Champions
- Doggie Pool Party
- River Fest
- Annual Dirt Day

### **FACILITIES:**

- Drew Steele Center
- Extreme Park
- Elm Street Park
- Arts Center at Jaycee Park
- River Park North
- Walter Stasavich Science and Nature Center
- South Greenville Recreation Center (New project to be complete in 10 months)
- Greenville Community Pool
- Aquatics Fitness Center
- Magnolia Arts Center
- Greenville Greenways (Which will be expanding from the endpoint at Elm St Park all the way to Evans Park. Along with the portion that stops at Town Common which will

progress toward Memorial and eventually will stop somewhere around the Veteran's Clinic)

**PROGRAMS:**

- Athletics
- Camps
- Trips, Excursions for Seniors
- The Arts

**TAR RIVER LEGACY PLAN**

In time changes will be made to the Tar River so that we can benefit the community in a enhanced way environmentally, recreationally, and economically. There will be camping platforms which will cost approx. \$10 to rent so that individuals can stay overnight at the river. There's going to be a new dock and fishing pier at Town Commons so that when it floods it doesn't overflow onto the pier. A new kayak launch site and floating dock will be created and will also be accessible to those will disabilities. Finally, observation decks will be built along with the continuing of providing new furnishings in Town

Mr. Fenton also discussed other pressing priorities. The "Park Poor" West and Southwest Greenville areas will be soon getting parks. These areas don't have any parks within walking distance, so new parks will be built so that individuals don't have to drive out of their way. There also will be upgrades coming to the aging facilities around Greenville so that these places can continue to be used while up-to-date. Lastly, because of a new grant that won't have to be matched with money from the City, Town Commons will be getting an accessible playground.

**9. Recycling Roll Out – Kevin Mulligan, Director of Public Works**

**RECYCLING AND BONDS PRESENTATION**

Kevin Mulligan, Director of Public Works present on the Recycling Roll Out Program. This was a 5 year program that has been accelerated, and is not in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Recycling bins will be delivered to the West Greenville neighborhoods starting the week of November 16, 2015. Mr. Mulligan found that in order to avoid congestion it would be best to start around 6am in the area between Elm and the West End of East Carolina University. This is because around 7am traffic picks up and makes it more difficult to collect trash.

Mr. Mulligan also discussed bonds which were voted on November 3, 2015 (Election Day). Refer to the September 2015 NAB minutes for a more in-depth look about the bonds.

**10. Code Enforcement Comments – Corporal Chris Viverette, Police Department**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT PRESENTATION**

Corporal Viverette addressed the trash and debris in lots related to the increase of traffic due to football games. He also discussed parking on unapproved surfaces. Parking on unapproved surfaces could be damaging to the environment as the surfaces would absorb any drainage from your vehicle. He is working with his officers to implement a more holistic approach, so that when they evaluate a citizen's concern they are also sure to evaluate surrounding homes.

The Trap, Neuter, and return program (TRN) will be starting soon. The educational materials for the community are currently being prepared. Parking Pay Stations are also in preparation of becoming available online in the near future.

**11. Public Comments - Limit 3 minutes each**

THREE (3) MINUTES ALLOTTED PER SPEAKER

FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES ALLOTTED FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**12. ADJOURN**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Brenda Diggs                      Second: Blythe Tennent

Motion Passed

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Tiana Keith, Neighborhood Liaison Ombudsman



# NAB Hosting Monthly Meeting at *Cypress Glen Community Meeting*

