



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall – Council Chambers
200 West 5th Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garrett Taylor, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gordon Darragh |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jaimie Yahnker, Vice-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hasan Hilliard |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darin White | <input type="checkbox"/> McLean Godley, City Council Liaison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audrey G. Nealy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Saad |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nikki Caswell | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Ann Blanck |

STAFF:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Fenton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura J. Davenport | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Foy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Octigan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lamarco Morrison | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darris Sawyer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sara Caropreso | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Shank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travis Clemmons |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Barrow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bershuan Thompson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cam McFarley |

GUESTS:

Robin Morris and Jim Barrett for Public Comment period.

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

The meeting opened at 5:32 PM and the following items were addressed:

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the January 11, 2017 agenda as presented.

Motion: Gordon Darragh

Second: Nikki Caswell

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the November 9, 2016 minutes as presented.

Motion: Gordon Darragh

Second: Nikki Caswell

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Presentation by Robin Morris (Pickleball Ambassador for Greenville) regarding the popularity of Pickleball and the desire to have more Pickleball courts available in Greenville. Ultimately would like to have a dedicated court for just Pickleball. She has talked with Mr. Octigan and Mr. Thompson about the opportunity to have a possible play date at South Greenville (indoors), possibility of indoor courts at the Drew Steele Center, and possibility of outside courts at Eppes Recreation Center.

Darin White arrived at 5:42pm.
Jaimie Yahnker arrived at 5:47pm.

VII. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

- A. Shana Kriewall left GRPD to accept a position with the Asheville Parks and Recreation Department. She is responsible for adding many programs and services to our recreational menu. This job has been posted and will close on 2/5.
- B. Director is working with Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner on a series of proposed capital projects that hope to be included within the City's Capital Improvement Plan over the next 10 years. There are many needs that could have a positive economic impact on the City, therefore hopeful City Council will provide funds for these needs. GRPD has been fortunate the Facilities Improvement Plan program and the City's capital budget have been able to make headway on capital needs.
- C. Director is traveling tonight to assist Elizabeth City Parks and Recreation with their interview process for a new Parks and Recreation Director. Parks Superintendent Dean Foy will sit in for the Director at the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting in February while the Director attends the annual NC Parks and Recreation Directors Conference in Durham.
- D. City Council will host its annual planning session on Friday evening, 1/27 and all day on Saturday, 1/28 at City Hall.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

- A. Don Octigan, Recreation Manager
 - 1. Recreation Update

Mr. Octigan provided a PPT presentation regarding recreation events to include the Town Common Playground Opening on 11/19/2016, the South Greenville Recreation Center Grand Re-Opening on 12/3/2016, GAFC Pool Updates, November programming (Future Stars Soccer, Adult Softball, Adult Flag Football, and Youth Flag Football), and December programming (Greenville Gives, Ballet/Tap Recital and Specialized Recreation Mike's Farm visit). Also, currently taking registration for spring programs. The Spring/Summer brochure is scheduled to print in late January.
 - 2. Darris Sawyer, Recreation Supervisor, Eppes Recreation Center
 - a. Mr. Sawyer provided a PPT presentation of the programs and events that take place through Eppes Recreation Center to include facility amenities, current programming (Days of Joy, Summer Day Camp, Fit Group, Summer Day Camp, Late Night Hoops, Intro to Reading Music, Piano Lessons, Jackie Robinson Baseball League, Youth Basketball League and Camp, and Adult Summer Basketball League.
 - b. Collaborative programming includes Caution Step Team (Pitt County Schools); PAL Cheerleading (GRDP/Police Department); Aerobics (Pitt County Schools); Line Dancing, Senior Cards, and Senior Bingo (Senior Programming); Food Bank (Koinonia Church), and Winter League Adult Basketball.
 - c. Future programming includes Computer Lab Classes, Indoor Adult Soccer (GRPD Athletics), Jackie Robinson Baseball League Camp, Bucket Drumming, and Outdoor Pickleball.
 - d. Special Recognitions include the Eppes Ensemble, Jack & Jill Computer Lab Dedication, and the CM Eppes Alumni.
- B. Dean Foy, Parks Superintendent
 - 1. Accolades for Parks staff for good job and positive attitudes on Monday in regards to the ice storm.
 - 2. Chris Horrigan recently received a \$62,000 grant for a STEM Lab at River Park North. Since 2012 Parks has received \$125,000 in grants from partnerships.
 - 3. Greenway Cleanup Day on Saturday, 2/11/2017. Contact River Park North for more details.

4. Facility Improvement Plan Update

		Actual	Budget
Thomas Foreman Park- Irrigation Repair	In progress	\$6,311	\$24,000
Eppes Park Parking Lot Repair	Complete	\$30,821	\$30,000
Interior Plumbing Renovation at GAFC	In progress	\$83,265	\$152,000
Resurface Pool at GAFC	Complete	\$50,000	\$48,000
Replace Shelter Roof at Hillsdale Park	Complete	\$5,100	\$6,000
Replace HVAC for Boyd Lee Gym	In progress	\$11,900	\$135,000
Fencing Repair at Jackie Robinson	Complete	\$8,850	\$15,000
Tennis Court Demolition at Jaycee Park	Complete	\$9,475	\$28,000
Replace Playground at Hillsdale Park	Complete	\$77,010	\$75,000
River Birch Tennis Center Tennis Ct. Resurfacing	Complete	\$41,100	\$45,000
Replace Playground at Westhaven Park	Complete	\$39,028	\$75,000
		<u>\$362,860</u>	<u>\$633,000</u>

C. Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner

1. Capital Project Updates

a. Town Common Improvement Project: Phasing concepts include:

- i. City Council approved Town Common Schematic Plan and updated Master Plan.
- ii. Getting ready to start on fishing pier, should be finished by late spring/early summer. Public Works will be working on culvert.
- iii. Parking lot improvements.
- iv. Sycamore Hill Memorial Baptist Church Tower and Plaza (Commemorative Tower and Restroom to City Council on 01/12).
- v. Reviewed cost estimate of Sycamore Hill Memorial Baptist Church Tower and Plaza (\$2,000,000 for tower and \$500,000 for restroom in 2017/18).

b. River's Edge Park Pavilion

- i. Tar River Legacy Plan ongoing on projects for next 5-10 years.
- ii. Overlook Pavilion at River's Edge Park is 90% complete; will be finished by the end of January.
- iii. This pavilion cannot be reserved due to poor access to the pavilion.
- iv. Will eventually add a 12' promenade.

c. River Park North Camping Platform

Platform is completed and is the only platform that has road access from River Park North. Unsure on exact dates and when it can be reserved. The GUC property will be the next property to have a camping platform.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Jaimie Yahnker – STAR will have Cultural Arts Day at Jaycee Park the last Saturday in February.
- B. Hasan Hilliard – Great presentation.
- C. Darin White – Safe travels for Mr. Fenton to Elizabeth City.
- D. Nikki Caswell – No comments.
- E. Garrett Taylor – Happy New Year to everyone, great presentations tonight, and safe travels for Mr. Fenton.
- F. Gordon Darragh – Great presentations.
- G. Mike Saad – Wonderful presentations tonight.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Motion: Hassan Hilliard

Second: Jaimie Yahnker

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura J. Davenport
Administrative Assistant
Recreation and Parks Department