



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 11, 2014 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall - City Council Chambers
200 West 5th Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Darin White, Chair
- Audrey G. Nealy
- Tyler Clark
- Robert Jones
- Donald Williams
- Debra Jo Garfi, Chair-Elect
- Deb Jordan
- Kandie Smith, City Council Liaison
- Garrett Taylor

STAFF

- Gary Fenton
- Shana Kriewall
- Mark Gillespie
- Laura J. Davenport

OTHER

- Council Member Marion Blackburn

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

The meeting opened at 5:30 PM and the following items were addressed:
Agenda items are in bold print and the highlights of the discussion and actions are below the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Recreation Supervisor Bershuan Thompson of South Greenville Recreation Center was introduced.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to remove the agenda item Ron Harris, Recreation Superintendent, Sports Connection from the June 11, 2014 agenda.

Motion: Donald Williams

Second: Audrey Nealy

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the May 14, 2014 minutes as presented.

Motion: Robert Jones

Second: Donald Williams

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

VI. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Gary Fenton)

- A. The Greenville Grooves Music Festival will be held at the Town Common on Friday, 6/13 at 5:30PM. Local jazz legend Carroll Dashiell will provide Contemporary, Motown, and R&B Classics music. This event is free to the public thanks to the following sponsors: City of Greenville, FM 107.9 WNCT, AM 1070 WNCT, and 101.9 KISS FM.

- B. The Magnolia Arts Center will kick-off the first of six performances of “Picnic” on Friday, 6/13, beginning at 7:30PM. Additional shows are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, as well as 6/19-21. Tickets and additional information are available at www.magnoliaartscenter.com.
- C. Sunday evening at 7:00PM, the Pitt Community College Symphony Orchestra will perform at Sunday In The Park at the Town Common. In addition to the City, Sunday in the Park sponsors include News Channel 12, FOX Eastern Carolina, FM 107.9 WNCT, AM 1070 WNCT, the Greenville Times, Physicians East, and the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge.
- D. Last Friday the Dream Park project was completed with two public arts project unveiled in the park.
- E. Discussion continues for a possible City bond referendum in the fall of 2015, which will likely include capital improvements within the park system. A Bond Advisory Committee is being established with the Mayor and members of City Council each appointing two residents to the committee. Recreation and Parks was asked to come up with a preliminary list of about \$10 million in projects that might be proposed for the referendum. In regards to the renovation at South Greenville Recreation Center, the City is still hoping Pitt County Schools will be a partner in planning and funding, considering the South Greenville Elementary School students utilize the Recreation Center gym daily during the school year.
- F. On Monday night, City Council endorsed the resolution of support for the Pitt County Health Department’s Tobacco Free Parks Initiative. In August the Board of Health will likely recommend the Pitt County Commissioners pass a Tobacco Free Parks ordinance for parks in Pitt County.

VII. STAFF REPORT

- A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent
 - 1. Recreation Update
 - a. Shared a video regarding ECBL, 160 participants with three leagues.
 - b. Yellowfins, 153 on the swim team, from ages 3-18.
 - c. Sunday in the Park is the PCC Symphony Orchestra and the PCC Choir may be joining them at 7PM.
 - d. Camps will start Monday.
 - e. The City received bronze, silver, and gold awards for its accomplishments with the *Let’s Move!* Initiative.
 - f. Pool and Sprayground have been open on the weekends, now will be open for the summer.
 - g. Softball is wrapping up with over 1,000 players.
 - h. Introduced Bershuan Thompson, new Recreation Supervisor at South Greenville Recreation Center. Mr. Thompson shared his background with the Commission.
- B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent
 - 1. Golf/Parks Update
 - a. Mr. Gillespie shared pictures of the Arts dedication at the Dream Park.
 - b. Maglocks were placed on the restroom doors for the following facilities: Greenfield Terrace, Andrew A. Best Freedom Park, H. Boyd Lee Park, Bradford Creek Soccer Complex, and Marvins Mini-Mart at Elm Street Park. Restrooms will automatically lock and unlock on a specific schedule identified by staff.
 - c. GAFC locker room painting is underway for the gym side locker rooms.
 - d. Continue to work with Public Works regarding the Parks Maintenance relocation and rehabilitation of the building on Hooker Road.
 - e. South Greenville Recreation Center exhaust fan needs to be replaced and waiting on quotes.
 - f. Per Councilmember Smith’s inquiry, Nine and Wine on 5/20 had 31 participants.

- g. Parks Planner Lamarco Morrison and Mr. Gillespie went to a NC Trails workshop in Raleigh.
 - h. A review of the 10 year Facility Plan shows \$630,000 funded for Recreationa and Parks projects in FY 14/15.
 - i. Bond proposal – Anticipate and hope that South Greenville Recreation Center will be funded in the bond (also land acquisitions, new park development, and Phase I of the Town Common Master Plan, South Tar Greenway amenities, River Park North with park renovations, Boyd Lee Park, and Eastside Park/Hwy 33, Phil Carroll Property – Phase 1 development, Infrastructure upgrade and ADA compliance, Greenfield Terrace, Bradford Creek Soccer Complex, and Bradford Creek Golf Course upgrades, Paramore Park, and fee for bond issuance).
2. Tar River Legacy Plan
Shared a short video for the Tar River Legacy Plan.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion – Recreation and Parks Commission Retreat
Discussion ensued about days and times to have a Recreation and Parks Commission Retreat. Commissioner Jordan will send a survey to Commissioners with possible dates for the retreat. Bradford Creek Golf Course Clubhouse was recommended for a location. Director Fenton stated a mediator/facilitator could be provided if they wanted one. The Commission will meet first, and then ask staff to join them.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Nominating Committee Present Slate of Officers
Don Williams, Audrey Nealy and Darin White presented Deb Garfi for Chair and Garrett Taylor for Vice-Chair.
- B. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
A motion was made to elect Debra Jo Garfi as Chair and Garrett Taylor as Vice-Chair.
Motion: Deb Jordan
Second: Don Williams
Motion carried unanimously among those present.
- C. Alcohol in Parks Policy
Commissioners were provided with a draft policy related to alcohol service in certain parks and facilities. Director Fenton proposed to continue to have general prohibition against alcohol in the parks and consider a few, clearly-defined exceptions when sales and consumption might be permissible in a specified area of a specified park, in a specified building, at specified but limited times, and for specified alcoholic beverages, with those exceptions always needing issuance of a special permit (which will have a fee). Special duty police officers and insurance coverage may be required for an approved event.

The four sites that will be proposed are Bradford Creek Golf Course, where beer and wine sales are already permissible; the leased Magnolia Arts Center, for beer and wine service during theater productions and similar events hosted inside the building by the lessee; the Science and Nature Center at River Park North, after public hours only, when the center is rented for a private event; and at the Town Common, in a designated, confined location for a specific period of time, when a special event, sponsored by a non-profit organization or by the City of Greenville is scheduled.

A draft copy of the policy was provided to all Commissioners.

- D. Vending Agreements for Parks Update
Continuing to consider whether to develop an agreement with a concessionaire or maybe two – such as ice cream, other food, water, and/or soft drink vendor – to visit and sell product in our parks for the duration of the agreement. This would require a bidding process, but would provide a service to park users and provide a revenue source to the department.

Initial agreement would consider a one year (or less) time frame, so this could serve as a pilot project; in addition, it could include an escape clause, in case either party wants to end the agreement prematurely.

X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Donald Williams – Reviewed that salt tablets are not beneficial for consumption, as assumed when he was in the Navy.
- B. Audrey Nealy – Carpet looks great at South Greenville gym. Hope to see everyone at Greenville Grooves on Friday.
- C. Robert Jones – Invited Commission to the Jackie Robinson Baseball League Opening Ceremonies on Monday, 6/16.
- D. Deb Garfi – Thanked Darin White for a good job.
- E. Deb Jordan – No comment.
- F. Darin White – Happy Father’s Day, thanks for allowing him to serve as Chair.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Don Williams

Second: Audrey Nealy

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura J. Davenport, Administrative Asst.
Recreation and Parks Department