



City of Greenville
Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall - City Council Chambers
200 West 5th Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debra Jo Garfi, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garrett Taylor, Chair-Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audrey G. Nealy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Jordan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler Clark | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kandie Smith, City Council Liaison |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Jones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darin White |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Williams | <input type="checkbox"/> Jaimie Yahnker |

STAFF

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Fenton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Gillespie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura J. Davenport |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shana Kriewall | | |

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the October 8, 2014 agenda as presented.

Motion: Audrey Nealy

Second: Garrett Taylor

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the September 9, 2014 minutes as presented.

Motion: Deb Jordan

Second: Audrey Nealy

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

Darin White arrived at 5:35pm.

VI. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Gary Fenton)

- A. Today provided a bus tour of some of our facilities for the Chamber's Leadership Institute.
- B. The City's "Bond Advisory Committee" meeting coincides with this meeting as the group continues to discuss a possible bond referendum in the fall of 2015.
- C. Have a plaque to recognize the Greenville Mall for the contribution they make to the community by opening the mall early for citizens to walk.

- D. Heard today the First Tee program is having a meeting in Greenville 12/12-14 to plan for a new chapter, headquartered at Bradford Creek. Will meet Friday evening and Saturday, possibly Sunday if needed. More optimistic that this initiative is finally getting underway.

VII. STAFF REPORT

A. Shana Kriewall, Recreation Superintendent

1. Recreation Update
 - a. Ms. Kriewall shared a PPT of various programs.
 - b. The City has updated their website and we will no longer use the web address www.grpd.info. The only web address for the City will be www.greenvillenc.gov.
 - c. Fall Festival to support the United Way on 10/18 at Five Points Plaza from 10am – 5pm.
 - d. Also on 10/18, Annual Adaptive Sports Day at Bladez on Ice with sled hockey from 12 – 2pm.
 - e. Specialized Recreation Costume Party is scheduled for 10/29 from 6-8pm at the Drew Steele Center.
 - f. NRPA Congress is next week in Charlotte, numerous staff members are going including Gary Fenton, Mark Gillespie, and Shana Kriewall.

B. Mark Gillespie, Parks Superintendent

1. Golf/Parks Update
 - a. The Bradford Creek Golf Course Advisory Committee has two (2) vacancies. Commissioners Darin White, Deb Garfi and Audrey Nealy volunteered for a committee to review applicants and recommend specific appointments to the full Commission.
 - b. Shared video of Mike Cato teaching the First Tee Program at Third Street Community Center.
 - c. Shared a picture of new signage at Green Springs Park regarding fossils.
2. Capital Project Update
 - a. Tennis Courts – Resurfacing completed at Thomas Foreman Park; Elm Street Park courts are almost complete.
 - b. Elm Street Center Restroom Renovation – Demolition is complete, modernizing, ADA accessible, and should be complete in November.
3. Tar River Legacy Plan

Mr. Gillespie shared a video of the consultant's presentation from the TRLP's third public meeting. The final plan will presented to City Council in November.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Common Rankings and Recommendations

The Recreation and Parks Commissioners were asked to rate the possible projects for the Town Common. The Commissioners' combined rankings were : 1 – walkway from parking lot to the amphitheater, 2 – ornamental benches , 3 – floating fishing pier, 4 – vinyl coated picnic tables, 5 – dumpster relocation with pad and PVC fencing, 6 – recycling bin/trash can combo, 7 – water fountains with pet fountain, and 8 – decorative park entrances. A motion was made to direct staff to adjust quantities of ranked items so all eight (8) projects could be completed within the \$150,000 budget and recommend approval to City Council.

Motion: Deb Jordan

Second: Garrett Taylor

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

B. Surplus Property – Ball Field Dragging Machine

A motion was made to donate the surplus ball field dragging machine to J.H. Rose High School.

Motion: Audrey Nealy

Second: Donald Williams

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. Donald Williams – Received clarification on the adding new items to the agenda and is pleased with the fossil signage installed on the Green Mill Run Greenway.

B. Audrey Nealy – No comment.

C. Deb Jordan – Thanked staff for working with the Commission to tighten up the list for improvements at the Town Common. Excited to see the Tar River Legacy Plan unfold.

D. Darin White – Thanked the Carolina Panthers for their support of the Exceptional Community Football League and ECU for allowing the ECFL to participate in an exhibition game prior to the ECU football game last weekend.

E. Garrett Taylor – No comment.

F. Deb Garfi – Excited to see the process of the Commission working to help make decisions for future projects.

G. Robert Jones – Thanked staff for the good job they are doing on the baseball fields.

K. Councilmember Kandie Smith – Thanked the Commissioners for their efforts on the Commission.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Darin White

Second: Deb Garfi

Motion carried unanimously among those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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