

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Board Minutes

July 26, 2016

6:00pm

Present: Glen Garrett, Mike Kelly, Roger Lancina, Frank Schmidt, Rusty Tinnin, David Wrye

Absent: Lori Cordell and Roger Lancina

Staff Present: Amy Mitchell

David Wrye, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from the March meeting, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Mike Kelly, second by Frank Schmidt.

Parks Director Report

Amy Mitchell, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a brief report of special events and community programs from April to July, as well as upcoming events.

Agenda Items:

Old Business

- a. Skatepark – David Wrye asked the board to provide their thoughts on adding a skatepark to Moss-Wright Park. He stated that we had been discussing the idea for about a year and that the board needed to take a position of recommending the project or not. Glen Garrett asked if he thought there was a need and that he had seen little evidence of this need, that there was more of a need for multi-purpose fields to host things like lacrosse. Mike Kelly said he had a petition that was signed by several hundred people that showed support. Amy Mitchell distributed information related to skatepark design and explained that most municipalities go with modular equipment because of the lower up front cost, but that the equipment is usually damaged quickly and is cause of maintenance concerns. She showed the board a plaza concept and explained that most of the skaters in this area perform street style skating that the plaza design complements. Glen Garrett asked Amy Mitchell to reach out to Hendersonville and see what their usage estimate on their skate park was.
- b. LPRF Grant Update – Amy Mitchell advised the board that there had not been an update to the LPRF grant application status and that she expected to hear something this fall.
- c. Streambank Stabilization - Amy Mitchell advised the board that the project to repair the streambank collapse would be going out to bid in August with a different design that what was bid out in the spring. She let the board know that the project would have an anticipated start date of October 1, 2016 in conjunction with a grant that the city was working in partnership with the Cumberland River Compact. Frank Schmidt talked about running races and that the courses for the existing races were still certified because the current layout of the trail was not shorter than the previous distance.

New Business

- a. Gateway Park – David Wrye told the board about the new neighborhood park that was being planned on Jannette Avenue. The park will have a playground and a shade structure with a couple of picnic tables.
- b. Community Center Track – Amy Mitchell advised the board that the track at the Community Center would be resurfaced in October and that the track facility would be closed to the public from October to November to allow for demolition of the existing track surface and for resurfacing. Glen Garrett asked if the track would be thick. Amy Mitchell told him that the thickest surface that was available was chosen as the product that would be used.

Comments from Board Members & Staff

Frank Schmidt commented that he has been impressed with some of the new park staff, especially in his interactions with Vernon Clemmons.

Adjournment

David Wrye called for a motion to adjourn at 6:46pm, Mike Kelly made the motion, second by Frank Schmidt.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

David Wrye, Chair