



High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board
Minutes of January 8, 2018

Present: Marshall Newsome; Todd Nifong; Gary Ollis; Brian Petty; Bryon Stricklin; Gloria Halstead; Robert Davis; Ed Price; Don Scarborough

Absent: Jerry Archie

Staff: Lee Tillery, Randy Little, Eugene Coleman, Anjie Everett



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of December 11, 2017 Minutes

Robert Davis made a motion that the minutes from December 11, 2017 be accepted as read, Todd Nifong seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

- 1. Piedmont Legacy Trails Presentation – Palmer McIntyre
a. Palmer McIntyre discussed Piedmont Legacy Trails and how High Point can get involved. With her was David Craft (Trails Advocate) and Kayla Colman (AmeriCorps). Piedmont Legacy Trails is and organization that aids in the promotion, marketing, and branding of trails and greenways in a local 12 county area. Palmer went through a PowerPoint presentation that spoke to the benefits of trails and greenways, their economic impact, and marketing our many trails in High Point and surrounding communities. Lee Tillery also explained that a resolution of support would need to be made by the HPPR Commission Board, after which this resolution would be taken to City Council.

Questions and comments?

David Craft explained some of the back ground on the naming of the Bicentennial Greenway.

Don Scarborough asked, "How does a family find out about the PLT and the local trails?"

Palmer McIntyre explained that a park locator was in the makes for all 12 counties involved in PLT, and the public can get information regarding PLT from their website.

Gloria Halstead made a motion for the Commissions resolution of support for the Piedmont Legacy Trails, Gary Ollis seconded. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

2. Comprehensive Master Plan Schedule/Update – Lee Tillery

- a. The City of High Point Parks and Recreation selected the McAdams Corporation out of Durham, NC to consult on the Comprehensive Master Plan. Goal of completion is approximately 8 months. January 22 is the start of the contract. The goal is, on February 5th (meeting) the McAdams Corporation will do a presentation on the outline of the Comprehensive Master plan. This presentation will be made on the same day as the City Council meeting. Lee Tillery explained there will also be a few public forums during out commission meetings later in the year Once a final draft of the Comprehensive Master Plan is created, between July-August, a presentation will take place at City Council (an endorsement will be made, by the P&R Commission Board, before this presentation is made).

Questions and comments?

Don Scarborough asked, how do we feel HPPR compares to the surrounding areas regarding play, fun, innovation, and recreation as a whole”

Lee Tillery explained the infrastructure is similar, but other cities are larger, although, we have a great community involvement. However, it will be great to see with the New Master Plan how we can all work together as well as be innovative and not duplicate so many services.

Gloria asked, do we have more parks per capita?

Lee Tillery explained he would look into that, but we do have a lot of parks mainly because we are an older department. We also pride ourselves on our diverse parks (ex: City Lake). We are also one of the last parks to have Park Rangers.

3. Schedule Change for February meeting - Lee Tillery

- a. Lee proposed the February meeting be moved to February 5th as opposed to February 12th.

Staff Reports

1. Directors Report – Lee Tillery

- a. High Point Greenway Connector (Deep River to Penny Road) – City Council approved the contract with Eaglewood, Inc. for construction of the greenway. Contracts are currently being routed and the project should begin soon. We received grant money to assist with construction. Expected completion is early spring.
- b. Hedgecock Dog Park – Construction on the dog park has begun at Hedgecock Park. Progress has been slow and we are working with the contractor to get a better understanding for the cause of the delays. Completion date at this time is unknown.
- c. Oak Hollow/Sailboat Point State Bond Project – Site work has begun as we prepare for the improvements made possible by the grant we received from the Connect NC bond grant. As you will recall, this grant will allow us to improve connectivity and accessibility at both Oak Hollow Marina and Sailboat Point. Additional features include improvements to the playground area and a handicap accessible pier for kayaks, canoes, and Stand Up Paddle Boards.

- d. Paving Projects – Blair Park and City Lake – Paving projects at both Blair Park Golf Course and City Lake Park will take place in March or April 2018.
- e. Oak Hollow Indoor Tennis Center – Interior improvements to Building 1 are scheduled for late spring. These improvements include new insulation, painting, replacement of indoor heaters and court resurfacing. We hope to include Building 2 in next year’s budget.
- f. Budget 2018/19 – Planning has begun for the 2018/19 budget year.

Parks/Maintenance – Eugene Coleman

- a. Assisted Public Services with plant installation at new landfill offices.
- b. Installed 5 Maple trees for Habitat for Humanity.
- c. Installed a memorial tree at High Point City Lake Park.
- d. Set up stage for 2 events.
- e. Fall Leaf Cleaning
- f. Assisted the library with plumbing and hydrant installation

2. Recreation – Randy Little

- a. Athletics will team up with the Greensboro Swarm to provide the Youth Basketball League Champions the opportunity to attend a game, and be recognized for their accomplishments.
- b. Valentina Curtis, Assistant Recreation Center Director, attended the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association Conference, where she showcased a presentation about the Oakview Community Garden.

Open Discussion:

Lee Tillery talked about the new format of the Leisure Guide and strive for continued improvements.

Don Scarborough asked about the history of the safety and security of the parks. Lee explained we have 5 sworn park rangers but we don’t have many major issues, only small things here and there. Our parks are dawn to dusk, so they are closed at night which makes it simple to address issues in the evening.

Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5 at 5:30pm in the P&R Administration Office, 136 Northpoint Avenue.

Submitted by: Anjie Everett | Reviewed by: Tracy Pegram | Approved by: Lee Tillery