



High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Minutes of May 14, 2018

Present: Marshall Newsome; Gary Ollis; Brian Petty; Bryon Stricklin; Don Scarborough

Absent: Gloria Halstead, Ed Price; Jerry Archie, Paige Mone

Staff: Lee Tillery, Tracy Pegram, Eugene Coleman, Randy Little, Colten Marble, Tyler Cole, Adriene Heffner



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission Board was called to order at 5:40 p.m. on Monday, May 14. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of February 5, 2018 Minutes

Minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Gary Ollis made a motion that the minutes from April 9, 2018 be accepted as read; Bryon Stricklin seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lee Tillery indicated that there was no old business he wished to review.

New Business

Lee Tillery and Tracy Pegram introduced the new Administrative Associate, Adriene Heffner. Randy Little congratulated Nicole Hale on achieving her CPRP certification through NRPA.

Rachel Cotter with McAdams gave an update on the Master Plan. She stated that the Planning Process was completed and that included the park assessments, facility assessments and program assessments. She stated that the next phase of the Plan includes the visioning portion in which recommendations are developed and action plans are created.

Bryon Stricklin recognized the Brown Family as special guests at the meeting. They represent the Starlight Dancers program at Morehead Recreation Center. He spoke about the need to continually evaluate partnerships and connections within the community.

Questions and Comments

Marshall Newsome asked about right-of-ways and how they will be managed and maintained under the new plan. Some are under the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation while others are Public Works.

Bryon Stricklin asked about the concept of legacy parks and whether priority will be given to ADA compliance over aesthetics. Rachel said these questions will all be addressed in the final plan.

Bryon Stricklin asked about the end goal of the Core Program Assessment. The goal is to have a good balance of mature and new programs.

Staff Reports

Director's Report: Lee Tillery reported that the department cookout has been rescheduled for June 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Festival Park. The cookout is for commission members, staff and immediate family. He instructed attendees to contact Adriene Heffner in the Administration Office with head counts for the event. The Hedgecock Dog Park construction is complete and has benches and trash receptacles. The Dog Park opening ceremony will be held on June 1, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Construction on the Greenway connector is moving along and should be completed around the middle of March 2019.

Recreation Division: Randy Little repeated his congratulations for Nicole Hale and her CPRP certification.

Parks Division: Eugene Coleman – The new playground at Parkside has been completed with the sidewalk project currently underway. The old shelters at Armstrong Park have been removed and will be replaced with one larger shelter. Maintenance work is being done on the right-of-ways in the downtown area as preparation for the next Furniture Market.

Special Facilities: Colten Marble – All three cars of the train at City Lake Park are freshly painted and now operational. Pool operations, the carousel, mini golf and seasonal boat rentals will begin on Memorial Day weekend. Renovations on the indoor tennis courts at Oak Hollow have been completed for Building 1.

At the conclusion of reports and with no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Festival Park for the Volunteer Appreciation Cookout.

Submitted by: Adriene Heffner | Reviewed by: Tracy Pegram | Approved by: Lee Tillery