



High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Minutes of October 14, 2019

Present: Brian Petty, Don Scarborough, Robert Davis, Ed Price, Marshall Newsome, Gloria Halstead, Gary Ollis

Absent: Jerry Archie, Bryon Stricklin

Staff: Lee Tillery, Paige Mone, Randy Little, Eugene Coleman, Colten Marble, Adriene Heffner



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on Monday, October 14th. Marshall Newsome welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of August 2019 Minutes

Minutes of the August 12, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Robert Davis made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Gary Ollis seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of September 2019 Minutes

Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Gloria Halstead made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Robert Davis seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lee Tillery distributed copies of the Master Plan Action & Implementation booklet and explained that he would regularly update the Commission on what has been accomplished and how the department is moving forward to meet the goals. Lee mentioned that City Council is moving forward with the general obligation bond package that includes both the Senior Center project and Phase 1 of the City Lake Park Site Master Plan.

New Business

Lee Tillery stated that the meeting for November has been moved to Tuesday, November 12th due to the usual Monday being Veteran's Day. The November meeting will take place at the Deep River Recreation Center at 1529 Skeet Club Road. Melody Burnett with the High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau will be speaking at the meeting. The CVB has also recently completed a Master Plan, and Melody will be discussing things such as niche events, tourism in relation to Parks & Recreation, and how High Point can look to the future. Lee also stated that the meeting for December will be on the second Monday of the month as usual.

Questions and Comments

Marshall Newsome asked if there are any plans to pursue alternate funding sources for Parks & Recreation growth. Lee Tillery responded that we will be focusing on finding grants and sponsorships and looking at ways to use fees and charges as additional sources of revenue.

Marshall Newsome asked if the Parks & Recreation budget is expected to increase based on the Master Plan. Lee Tillery responded that the budget is expected to increase based on expanding the programs and recommendations in the Master Plan.

Questions and Comments

Marshall Newsome asked Eugene Coleman how the extended summer has affected the budget. Eugene responded and said that additional funds have been used for irrigation. The department had to use more water than normal in September.

Robert Davis asked where he can find the Leisure Guides. Paige Mone responded that they are available at the recreation centers as well as some city attractions such as the library, the CVB and Pennybyrn. Robert Davis also asked if there is any paid advertising in the Leisure Guides. Paige Mone responded that the current guides do not have advertising, but it is something that might be considered in the future.

Ed Price mentioned that he is willing to donate tickets to the Winston Salem State football game to any Parks & Recreation staff member who may want them.

Marshall Newsome reminded the Commission members that they must elect a new Vice Chair at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Deep River Recreation Center on Skeet Club Road.

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