



High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Minutes of April 8, 2019

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

Absent: Todd Nifong, Jerry Archie

Staff: Eugene Coleman, Adriene Heffner, Randy Little, Colten Marble, Paige Mone, Tracy Pegram, Lee Tillery, Odell Whitlock



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the High Point Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:34p.m. on Monday, April 8. Marshall Newsome welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of February 2019 Minutes

Minutes from the February 11, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Brian Petty made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Gloria Halstead seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lee Tillery announced that the annual Parks and Recreation Commission Appreciation Cookout will take place on Monday, June 10 at Festival Park. Family members are welcome to attend.

New Business

Lee Tillery introduced Dell McCormick, Executive Director of the Macedonia Resource Center and Baseball League. Dell explained how the Macedonia Resource Center runs the inner-city baseball league which is a free program for children. The league currently has 12 teams and 200 participants. He invited the Commission members to participate in opening day on May 4. Lee presented him with a plaque in recognition of Macedonia's 20th Anniversary.

Questions and Comments

Bryon Stricklin asked Dell how we can help the Macedonia Resource Center to support their mission and keep the program running. Dell answered that money, sponsorships and partnerships are always helpful. He also stated that assistance with marketing the

program and brand is also welcome. Finally, he mentioned that acquiring another playing field would be beneficial.

Marshall Newsome asked Dell McCormick if any of the teams or players will be going to the High Point Rockers' game. Dell answered that every team will have the opportunity to go to a game.

Lee Tillery introduced Rachel Cotter and Matt Gross from McAdams to discuss the City Lake Park site plan. Rachel discussed recommendations that included natural and paved walking trails, a connector between the PEC and City Lake, honoring and maintaining the historic landmarks at the park, improving the buildings and renovating the gym, a full aquatic area renovation and adding outdoor adventure features. Matt discussed the concept alternatives for the Camp Ann section of the park as well as the gym building. Regarding the Camp Ann section, he described how adding more parking, better accessibility and an adventure course would benefit the park. Regarding the gym building, Matt presented several diagrams detailing how the spaces would be redesigned and repurposed for better functionality and more efficient use.

Questions and Comments

Don Scarborough asked if the park has amenities for handicapped individuals, if the bus lines bring people to the park and if the park host events and activities in the winter. Lee responded that the park has incorporated accessibility features into the playgrounds but adding additional accessibility features will be important. The bus line does go to High Point City Lake Park.

Marshall Newsome asked what the timeline is for the improvements at City Lake Park. Lee Tillery responded that it is only a plan right now. The plan must first be presented to City Council.

Marshall Newsome made a motion that the City Lake Park Master Plan be accepted as a priority project within the Commission. Gary Ollis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting officially adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the P&R Administration Office, 136 Northpoint Avenue.

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