



**High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board
Minutes of January 11, 2021**

Present: Marshall Newsome, Lauren Britton, Gary Ollis, Monica Peters, Brian Petty, Ed Price, Bryon Stricklin

Absent: Eric Abeles, Jerry Archie

Staff: Lee Tillery, Tracy Pegram, Randy Little, Colten Marble, Eugene Coleman, Paige Moné, Jessi Heffner



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission Board was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of November 9, 2020 Minutes

Minutes of the November 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Ed Price 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 carried unanimously.

New Business

Assistant Director Tracy Pegram updated the Commission on the Department's accreditation. During the November 2020 meeting, she made a presentation on CAPRA accreditation. The CAPRA visitation will be held virtually June 21 through June 25. All information for the accreditation is needed by April 12. Marshall Newsome asked how long after the evaluation will the process take. Tracy answered, stating the paperwork is submitted in April, the tour is in June and the Department will know in June if all the standards have been met. If all standards have been met, the department will be presented at the national conference in October. Lee Tillery added that working on accreditation has been an undertaking for the entire Department. Staff are working hard on documenting as well as their daily responsibilities. Lee reiterated that going through the process, the Department has learned that many standards are already in place, they just require documentation and formatting changes, making the process far easier.

Lee discussed the two Greenway Master Plan public virtual workshops that were held in December. The workshops had great participation. Alta, the consultants leading the plan, was able to record and gather information thoroughly. We are now looking at the maps and routes and how to connect certain areas together. Lee expects the plan to be finished in May. Ed Price was asked by associate David Hayworth to show him the Southwest Greenway. Lee responded by saying that the Southwest Heritage Greenway is part of a greenway plan that had already been adopted by the Southwest Renewal Foundation. Alta also worked on the Southwest Greenway plan. The Southwest Heritage Greenway plan was adopted into the Masterplan. Monica Peters added that it could be a good idea for her, Ed Price

and David Hayworth to go out and ride through the Southwest Greenway area, specifically the Phase 1 part of that greenway that runs through the industrial section of High Point.

Lee updated the Commission on Phase 1 of the City Lake Park Master Plan. The first two phases of design is complete. The next phase is construction documentation. This is going before City Council on January 19. A great deal of this phase is renovating the pool, the old gym building and locker rooms. We will be able to share schematics soon. We are hoping the project will be completed and open in May 2022.

Marshall Newsome asked when Westchester Park will be started. Lee responded saying he had given the new Assistant City Manager a tour of the Westchester Park area and begun discussions on how we can phase in some parts of the plan. Monica Peters stated that a lot of people that live in the area thought Westchester Park was coming and were disappointed when it didn't arrive.

Staff reports were discussed.

Tracy added that the Department is in the process of changing companies that provide the online software. The new software is called SmartRec, and they are out of Canada. The Department has been meeting with them and are hoping to have a soft launch by July 1. The Department is hoping that the software change will allow for the better customer experience.

Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30pm via Zoom.

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