



**High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board
Minutes of April 12, 2021**

Present: Eric Abeles, Marshall Newsome, Gary Ollis, Brian Petty, Monica Peters, Ed Price, Bryon Stricklin

Absent: Jerry Archie, Lauren Britton, Bob Davis

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



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of March 8, 2021 Minutes

Minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting were presented for approval as corrected. Ed Price made a motion that the minutes be accepted, Gary Ollis seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as corrected and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lee Tillery addresses the Commission by-laws. Tracy Pegram sent copies of the updated by-laws with changes that had been recommended in the previous, March 2021, meeting. Lee pointed out that the Commission needs to vote for a Vice-Chairman. In the case that the Chairman, Marshall Newsome, were unable to make it to a meeting, the Vice-Chairman could step up at that time. Elections are to be held in June, so appointments are in line with the fiscal year. Lee brought attention to Section 4, the roles the Commissioners have outside of the Department and roles they have on a more state and national level. Section 7 is a change from the previous by-laws, reducing the number of absences allowed from six to four within a year. Article 6 calls for a motion that the by-laws changes be approved and then are sent to city council for final approval.

Marshall Newsome pointed out that changes made to Article 2 took out verbiage saying that the Commissioners would not advise on fees and programs. Marshall asked that the verbiage be returned to Article 2 so that there is still mention of the Commissioners responsibility to approve fees and charges. Marshall also asked that the last word of Article 3, Section 4 be changed from "himself" to "himself or herself".

Ed Price made a motion that the Commission by-laws as written and to be revised as noted be accepted and sent to City Council for approval. Eric Abeles seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Lee Tillery continued with an update on the City Lake Park Phase I. As was said in the previous month's meeting, the City has taken a different approach to construction and the bond project. The new approach allowed the City to solicit for qualifications from firms who have done similar work. The City and Department had seven firms reach out and interviewed four firms. The Department recommended Samet Corporation to City Council on April 5 and City Council unanimously approved the selection. Construction documentation is now complete.

Next topic for discussion was the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF). Lee Tillery explained that for the City Lake Park project, the Department is seeking grants from the state and national level. The Department will submit the application to PARTF to assist with funding of the project. The PARTF application is due in May. The Department is seeking the Commissioner's endorsement of the application in order to move forward. Endorsement strengthens the application and gives additional points.

Bryon Stricklin asked if the trust fund relegated exclusively to the City Lake Park project or can funds be dispersed to the Department as a whole. Lee Tillery responded that the funds must be used for a specific project, but the Department can apply year to year.

Gary Ollis made a motion to support the PARTF application. Bryon Stricklin seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Tracy Pegram updated the Commissioners on the CAPRA accreditation.

Marshall Newsome asked that Lee Tillery summarize the monthly reports for the commissioners. Lee mentioned that the Department now has two facilities serving as vaccination sites: the Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center and the Morehead Recreation Center.

With no further business to discuss, Marshall asked that the staff monthly reports be read by the commission members. He thanked everyone for their attendance and officially adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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