



**High Point Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of June 14, 2021**

Present: Eric Abeles, Lauren Britton, Robert Davis, Marshall Newsome, Ed Price, Bryon Stricklin

Absent: Jerry Archie, Gary Ollis, Monica Peters, Brian Petty

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



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission Board was called to order at 5:40 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting. This meeting was held at Festival Park during the annual Parks & Recreation Commission appreciation picnic.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Eric Abeles made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Bryon Stricklin seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lee Tillery gave an update on the Greenway Master Plan. The plan will be presented to City Council for approval on June 21.

New Business

Lee Tillery informed the commission that the Recreation Manager, Randy Little has left to take a director's position in Morrisville, NC. The Department has started the process to fill the position.

The Uncle Sam Jam is being held on July 4th. Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, the event will run similarly to previous years, however, the fireworks launch area has been moved because of a bald eagle's nest on the Oak Hollow Golf Course.

Tracy Pegram updated the commissioners on the CAPRA accreditation. The Department's self-assessment was turned in to CAPRA in April. The review committee passed it on to the visitation team who will be meeting with the Department virtually beginning on June 21. As part of the CAPRA process, the Department developed several plans and policies. A Strategic Plan was developed from the Goals & Objectives outlined in the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Department developed a Risk Management Plan, a Public Relations Plan, as well as policies regarding recycling, social media use and others.

Questions and Comments

Marshall Newsome asked what the ongoing maintenance of the accreditation is. Tracy Pegram answered in stating that the Department must apply to be reaccredited every five years. Eric Abeles asked how the Department benefits from being accredited. Tracy answered saying that it gives the Department national recognition, benefits the Department when applying for grants, and overall makes the Department run more efficiently. Eric followed with another question on when the Department will find out if it has been accredited. Tracy answered saying that the Department would have a good idea at the end of the visitation, but the Department still had to go before the CAPRA Executive Board in September to get the official award.

Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12 at 5:30pm in the P&R Administration Office, 136 Northpoint Avenue.

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