



**High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board  
Minutes of December 13, 2021**

Present: Eric Abeles, Lauren Britton, Robert Davis, Jennifer Mays, Marshall Newsome, Brian Petty

Absent: Micholas Credle, Bryon Stricklin, Derek Pegram

Staff: Tracy Pegram, Eugene Coleman, 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, December 13, 2021. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

**Approval of November 2021 Minutes**

The minutes for the November 8, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Eric Abeles 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 carried unanimously.

**Introduction of Jennifer Mays, new Parks & Recreation Commissioner**

Jennifer introduced herself and said that she has lived in High Point for her whole life. She is an avid tennis player and has played and taken lessons at Oak Hollow Tennis Center. She is excited to have joined the commission.

**New Business**

Tracy Pegram announced that the empty Recreation Division Manager position has been filled by Tyler Cole, who was promoted from Recreation Supervisor. The Recreation Division Manager supervises all five recreation centers, athletics, ASPIRE, the Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center and Washington Terrace Community Center.

**Gloria Halstead and Gary Ollis Recognition**

Tracy Pegram and Marshall Newsome recognized and thanked Gloria and Gary for their services to the citizens of High Point through the Parks & Recreation Commission. Gloria served as a member of the Commission from 2015 to 2020 and Gary served from 2013 to 2021. Both were thanked for the dedication and gifted a plaque in recognition.

**Staff Reports**

Directors Report – Tracy Pegram

The City of High Point received \$19.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. It is a “RAISE” grant titled “High Point on the Rise.” In partnership with the Southwest Renewal Foundation, the Department is planning to construct 3.5 miles of shared use greenway to improve walkability and connectivity. The City Lake Park renovations are continuing. The walls have been put inside the meeting and events center, the roof and insulation has been installed.

**Questions and Comments**

Eric Abeles asked if there was any progress on getting approval for the stand-up slide. Tracy stated that the Department has not received approval but, in the meantime, construction is proceeding which will support the Dual Racers in case the standup slide is not approved.

Brian Petty asked if the grant would allow for the pedestrian bridge at City Lake Park to be built. Tracy answered that the bridge is not part of the RAISE grant. We have submitted and are waiting to hear from the PARTF grant, which is a \$500,000 grant, that would go toward building the bridge at City Lake Park.

Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the P&R Administration Office, 136 Northpoint Avenue.

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