



**High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board
Minutes of January 9, 2023**

Present: Robert Davis, Jennifer Mays, Nathan Morelli, Marshall Newsome, Derek Pegram

Absent: Lauren Britton, Micholas Credle, Bryon Stricklin, Monica Peters

Staff: Lee Tillery, Tracy Pegram, Tyler Cole, 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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Robert Davis made a motion that the minutes be accepted, Jennifer Mays seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

The event center, great lawn and pedestrian bridge have all been completed at City Lake Park. Some areas of the pool still need to be finished. A change order, estimated at \$537,000, will be brought to City Council for approval on Monday, January 16 to cover remaining expenses.

Questions and Comments

Marshall Newsome asked if the project was on track to be completed. Lee Tillery stated that there are small items related to the pool and inside the center that need to be done but all major work has been completed. Nathan Morelli asked when hiring will begin for pool lifeguards. The Department has sent Human Resources all information needed for seasonal hiring with an emphasis that lifeguards are a priority.

New Business

In December WithersRavenel held meetings with stakeholders regarding Festival Park's Master Plan. A public meeting was held on January 9th and during the Commission meeting. For anyone who was unable to attend, a survey will be published online.

The Department worked with the City of Greensboro and Guilford County to develop the Piedmont Discovery App in 2019. The mobile application helps users find parks near them or based on desired amenities as well as walking trails. In 2021, six additional municipalities were added to the app: Gibsonville, Jamestown, Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, Summerfield and Pleasant Garden. On January 17, the Department will be bringing a new interlocal agreement to City Council for approval. The update includes the six municipalities as well as planning to find a company that can host the application. It costs \$3,000 for annual maintenance from the software developer, with other expenses and marketing split between High Point, Guilford County and Greensboro.

Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the P&R Administration Office, 136 Northpoint Avenue.

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