

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016

Attendees

Carleen Dixon – Parks & Recreation Director, Jared Mull – Recreation Manager, Chad Owenby – Parks Manager, Kevin Smith – Chair, Sammy Kicklighter – Vice Chair, Coty Ferguson – Secretary, Danny Hein, Jan Plemmons, Wayne Rundell

Friends of Silvermont (FOS) Members: Pinkie, Mike, Jan, Bob, Karen, WCCA Staff - Sheila

Call to Order 6:05 by Kevin Smith

Tour of Silvermont Friends of Silvermont gave a tour of the museum on the second floor and Sheila Galloway gave a tour of first floor and discussed the WCCA operations at Silvermont.

Public Comment

- Mike (FoS): encouraged continued support and (financial) assistance for Friends of Silvermont

Approval of Minutes

Sammy moved, seconded by Wayne and unanimously approved September 2016 Minutes

Old Business

- a. Discussion on Silvermont
 - a. Future considerations/planning needs to be made in regards to museum maintenance and operation. The museum, being a cultural/historical site, nests with the county's strategic plan to promote/protect the cultural resources.
 - i. Kevin inquired about the relationship between Friends of Silvermont and County Historical Society and Heritage Museum. Mike and Jan (FOS) stated that there is a history of collaboration and sharing of exhibit items, hosting joint events, and funding from the Historical Society.
 - b. Coty and Kevin requested that more quantitative data be provided by the FOS to facilitate the commission's efforts to make a recommendation to the county.
 - i. Sammy suggested that the Chamber may have some visitor data to provide to the FOS
- b. Project Updates
 - a. Strategic Planning Update
 - i. Next steps: consolidation question needs to be answered prior to any other issues can be addressed.
 - 1. Options:
 - a. Change nothing and remain separate entities
 - b. Create separate authority to manage all parks/facilities
 - c. City can lease parks to the county
 - ii. Task force examining the consolidation has a meeting this week

- iii. Kevin reiterated that the strategic plan has been made available on the Parks & Rec. webpage
- b. Bond Grant Update
 - i. Ideas; the fitness playground or updating/improving the arboretum section of South Broad Park
 - 1. Coty asked if the two project ideas were mutually exclusive since both proposals utilize space at South Broad Park
 - 2. Discussion of priorities ensued – everyone thought best to consider both when speaking to possible user groups
 - 3. All of the Commission was also willing to attend the user group meetings based on schedule and availability

New Business

- a. Recreation Update
 - a. Youth Council Golf Tournament raised over \$1600
 - b. Senior Games BBQ Fundraiser is tomorrow with both dine in and delivery options
 - c. Flag Football survey results were presented
 - i. Big takeaway was that flag football doesn't compete with tackle football; only 3 of 37 survey participants said that they would enroll their child in tackle football if the flag program didn't exist.
 - ii. Overall great survey responses
 - d. Square Dancing program begins in November
 - i. Will cost \$10 per session
 - ii. Held Mondays from 7-9:00pm
 - e. Youth basketball registration is open through 30 November
- b. Parks Update
 - a. Working on a replacement tree to replace the approx. 120 year old oak tree that was struck by lightning at South Broad Park
 - b. Conducted a lot of tree trimming and landscaping around the courthouse
 - c. Significant landscaping work was done at the community services building
 - d. Chad shared the importance/value of the new mower and how much time is saved allowing for more efficient use of parks department labor force
 - e. Conestee Falls park needs maintenance that will require bringing in outside expertise for trimming plants on the overhang. Funding for parking lot resurfacing is in the Maintenance Department budget for this fiscal year.

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Coty, seconded by Sammy and unanimously approved