

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

18 July 2017

Attendees:

Kevin Smith – Chair, Coty Ferguson – Secretary, Bob Hurring, Wayne Rundell, Danny Hein, Annie Burgess, Carleen Dixon – Parks & Rec. Director

Call to Order:

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:05

Approval of June 2017 Minutes:

Motion to approve moved by Danny seconded by Wayne – unanimously approved

Election of Parks & Recreation Commission Officers

- a. *Chair*
 - a. Wayne nominated Danny Hein for the position, seconded by Bob and unanimously approved
- b. *Vice Chair*
 - a. Wayne Rundell nominated himself for the position, seconded by Kevin and unanimously approved
- c. *Secretary*
 - a. Coty Ferguson nominated himself for the position, seconded by Wayne and unanimously approved

Old Business:

- a. *HVAC in Gym*
 - a. Bidding closes July 25 and will be considered on August 8 Board of Commissioners meeting
- b. *Budget Update*
 - a. Recommended budget was approved
- c. *Parks & Recreation Month*
 - a. Main objective is to raise awareness of parks & recreation opportunities in the county. Kevin shared that he can assist in promoting the associated photo contest on peach jar.

New Business:

- a. *Friends of Silvermont (FOS) & Transylvania Art Guild (TAG)*
 - a. Proposal for art display included
 - b. Jean Hunter, representative of FOS, shared their intent to enhance the user experience by collaborating with TAG to beautify heavy use areas on the ground floor.
 - c. Karen Kallio, representative of TAG, shared that they could hang the art in a manner that protects the integrity of the plaster walls. This is done by using S-hooks that hang on the crown molding – Jean added that this method is authentic to the period and in keeping with the historical nature of the home.
 - d. Danny and Coty expressed a need for self-policing in regards to taste, ensuring all of the works on display are appropriate for a government building.

- e. Wayne inquired as to whether any funds from the sale of artwork would be shared with FOS. Jean informed us that while it had been discussed, it was not FOS intent to use this to raise funds but rather to enhance the overall user experience.
 - f. Coty moved that the commission support the proposal, seconded by Danny and unanimously approved.
- b. *Recreation Update*
- a. Adult Basketball
 - i. Regular season concludes this week
 - ii. All-star night was a huge success, the stands were full of spectators for a very competitive game, a 3-point shot contest and the dunk contest.
 - b. Summer Camp
 - i. Inventive Builders Camp is this week, participants will get to build rockets and other STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related projects
 - ii. One week of staff directed camp remains, Little Explorers August 7th Preschool camp
 - iii. Rosman Camp is going well, average daily participation of 22
 - c. Flag Football
 - i. Received a grant from the Carolina Panthers
 - 1. Funds will be used to provided financial assistance to Boys & Girls Club kids
 - 2. They also provided 80 tickets to a Panthers preseason game for the kids in our flag football league
- c. *ADA Transition Plan*
- a. Pushed to next meeting; Plan will be emailed in advance so everyone can review before discussion in August
- d. *Director Update*
- a. City Parks Relationship
 - i. Mayor and city parks committee were excited by concept of closer ties between county and city recreation boards/committees. Jim Fatland, city manager, will attend our August meeting at which point we can discuss how to best shape that relationship moving forward.
 - ii. Carleen informed us that the city parks director is retiring and the position will not be replaced; parks will fall under the Public Works Streets Supervisor for the City.
 - b. Training from Recreation Resource Services (RRS)
 - i. RRS is a technical assistance program for parks and recreation agencies in North Carolina. RRS services are available to government agencies, citizen boards, civic and service groups, etc... they are also the group that manages the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for the state.
 - ii. Carleen shared that they are available to do an advisory board training that could provide some new ideas on moving forward especially in light of the adoption of our master plan and the future projects that lay before us
 - c. Star Awards

- i. Carleen shared that the concept of recognizing people for their impact on parks and recreation is something that has been implemented in other communities; but that it is not just “Parks and Recreation” but the entire community of people that offer programs, services, facilities, etc.. that enhance everyone’s quality of life.
 - ii. Coty shared concern over the nomination/selection process to prevent the same folks from receiving an award repeatedly
 - 1. Discussion on this concern
 - iii. Danny moved that we support the concept, seconded by Bob and unanimously approved
 - d. Pool Interest Group
 - i. A group has contact Carleen with the desire for an indoor pool be developed
 - 1. Carleen informed the group that an indoor pool was the third priority on the master plan, and encouraged them to take a look at the adopted master plan and talked with them about the possibility of coming to a parks and recreation commission meeting
 - ii. The group may have as many as 30 people
 - iii. Coty shared a desire to hear from the group and based on those talks decide our level of advocating for this portion of the master plan
 - 1. Danny and Annie both stated that they would like to hear from the group as well
 - iv. The board ask Carleen to follow up with this group about coming to an upcoming meeting and she will work with the Chair to determine the appropriate layout for this presentation.

Member Comments:

Danny wanted to express his thanks to Kevin for leading this commission for the past two years and his dedication to park and recreation initiatives

Kevin strongly encouraged members to be forward thinking when it comes to parks and recreation needs and to engage implementing partners

Adjournment:

Coty moved to adjourn at 7:27, seconded by Danny and unanimously approved