



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 21st, 2020

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held via Zoom on May 21st, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Randy Brantley and seconded by Yvette Issacs.

Attendees

Kristy Detwiler (staff)
Erin Hamilton (staff)
Jordan Williams (staff)
Clay Perry (chair)
Sue Bankston
Barbara Manning
Randy Brantley
Stacy Shatterly
Yvette Issacs
Lorraine Haynes
Tristan McMannis

Approval of minutes

Randy made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18th, 2020 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Barbara Manning, ayes by all.

Staff Updates – Kristy Detwiler, Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on the following:

- **Approval of LWCF Grant**

- The Town Manager gave Kristy permission to write an application to receive the LWCF Grant to help buy a parcel of land. The Master Plan survey results showed the community wanted more land purchased to build new parks. The land beside the dog park came for sale. The parcel number is 22109101. We need a park board vote for this grant. The lot beside the dog park is 12.6 acres. Lorraine asked what it would be used for. We could use this land for trails, small picnic shelters, nature boards telling what kind of trees and animals are in the area, nature playground, and recreation use. Yvette asked if they would increase parking and yes there will be additional parking. Maybe we can add parking along the entrance of the property.
- **The board was asked if they vote in favor of proceeding with this grant: Yvette made a motion in favor, and Lorraine seconded. The Advisory Board voted UNANIMOUSLY to proceed with the LWCF grant.**

- **Cancelled Events:**
 - o Due to COVID-19, these Park & Recreation events were cancelled: Family Game Night Bingo (3/13), Easter Egg Hunt Party (4/3), Paws in the Park (4/4), Dog Easter Egg Hunt (4/5), Family Game Night Friends Trivia (4/24), Spring Yard Sale (5/2), Family Game Night Bingo (5/15), all Field Trips, All Rockin' & Reelin' Events
- **Postponed Event:**
 - o Sheltra Run was supposed to on 4/25 but was cancelled due to COVID-19. They have rescheduled it for 9/12 but that could change as well.
- **Farmers Market:** The Farmer's Market is now under Parks and Recreation. We have 4 definite vendors and may have 3 new ones. It is supposed to open up May 30 and run through Labor Day. We need more vendors. It will be in same location in the parking lot by town hall.
- **Splash Pad Update:** The new features for splash pad were delivered this week. They will be installed the following week. The shade structures have been ordered and will be here soon. Mecklenburg County came out on 5/20 to do the annual inspection. We passed for the 2020 year. Due to COVID-19, we do not know if the splash pad will be open to the public since we want to use it for summer camp.
- **Playground Update:** All of our playgrounds are closed because of COVID-19. They will not open in Phase 2. The new inclusive playground is complete. They look phenomenal. The zip line is in. We have some playground equipment we still need to put back up. The dinosaur needs to be relocated and some swings.
- **Summer Camp Update:** Our main focus has been on summer camp and how we can have it safely for campers and staff. We want to keep the BJCC closed until summer camp is closed. We only take up to 60 campers. We will have them in groups of 10 in 6 facilities: gym, dining room, splash pad, hut, Jack Hughes, and Lake Park. They will go to 3 locations each day and switch every other day. There will not be any fields trips or Carowinds. Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools are not renting out any buses this summer, which means we would not have transportation for field trips. We hope the splash pad will open for summer camp.
- **PCAA/Jack Hughes Update:** We do not have a date when the fields will open. We are following Mecklenburg County and as of now they are not opening fields. They may open fields at a limited capacity sometime in June. PCAA will have to follow what we do.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Yvette asked if the greenway is going towards Jack Hughes/Police Department. Kristy said it would go towards Sam Meeks Road behind the mall and connect to the greenway in SC and Ann Close Greenway. It will also connect across the road toward Home Depot.
- Sue asked if Kristy is still retiring at the end of July. She has pushed her retirement to January 1st.
- Stacy asked when we will send out an email about more details about what the kids will be doing. Lay out like a typical day. We will send something out soon so parents have a better idea of the changes this summer will be.
- Barbara has been over to Jack Hughes Park almost every day of the stay at home order to walk. She praised how great Jack Hughes park looks. It has never looked like it was abandoned during these crazy times and wanted to give her praises to our staff who work to make it look amazing.

- Many board members suggested games for Summer camp that can be played with social distancing: Shadow tag. Parachute game with a balloon or ball, bat a balloon back and forth, Tik Tok dance offs.
- Some board members are hoping to have rockin and reelin this Fall. We are still talking about whether we will be able to have Fall Fest or not as well.

Adjourn – Lorraine Haynes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Randy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.