



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 7th, 2017

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on November 7th, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:42pm by Clay Perry and seconded by Sue Bankston.

Attendees

Clay Perry (Chair)
Kristy Detwiler (staff)
Erin Hamilton (staff)
Lorraine Hayes
Sue Bankston
Barbara Manning
Bill Phillips

Approval of minutes

Barbara Manning made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19th, 2017 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Clay Perry, ayes by all.

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

- Splash Pad: We had over 1,000 votes on Facebook and in person at the center. Kristy passed out versions of what Vortex has designed. These will go before council. The restroom/pump house designs came in over budget at \$230,000 where the budget called for \$140,000. Some of the components will more than likely not be in the Splash Pad at first. The foundation to put them in will be there but some of the water components will be bought later when it's affordable. The plumbing will already be there.
- Greenway: Mecklenburg County had a community meeting about the greenway. This leg of the greenway will come up by our dog park and Huntley Glen neighborhood. It will also go to the James K. Polk site. The Cottages, Dorchester, and Carolina Village will not have a direct connection. It is expected to be finished in two years.
- Dog Park: Kristy ordered new benches for dog park. Fence extensions were put on.
- Fall Fest: Attendance was bit down from previous years. We sold around \$6,000 in ticket/wristbands sales. We had great weather. We had shuttles going to all parking lots like we did the year before. We were very appreciative of all the help we had, especially the board members that helped.
- Halloween Bash: The bash was Friday October 27th from 6pm-8:30pm. We sold 155 wristbands. The light tower we had really helped with visibility around all the events.

- Tree Lighting: The tree lighting will be Saturday December 2nd from 3pm-5:30pm. We will have snow beside the post office if weather permits, s'mores, carolers, hot chocolate and of course, Santa. Hoping to have the bonfire if not too windy. Greenway
- New Employees: We are now fully staffed in the Parks and Recreation Department. Nick Cangiano was hired to work park maintenance and Brent Caskey moved over from Public Works to work with park maintenance.

Athletics/PCAA update, Erin Hamilton.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Some board members asked if they could help with the Christmas Tree Lighting. Kristy said it would be a big help if they could hide candy canes
- Next up: Valentines Banquet on Feb. 9th. Four Weddings and an Elvis Play in February.
- We will meet January 16th at the Belle Johnston Community Center. That meeting was cancelled. We decided on February 20th. See everyone Feb. 20th at 6:30pm.

Adjourn –Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.