



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes April 20th, 2021

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held via Zoom on April 20th, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:29pm by Randy Brantley and seconded by Lorraine Haynes.

Attendees

Jordan Williams (staff)
Erin Hamilton (staff)
Yvette Isaacs
Lorraine Haynes
Sue Bankston
Barbara Manning
Stacy Shatterly
Randy Brantley
Milady Meadows (non-member)

Approval of minutes

Lorraine made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16th, 2021 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Barbara Manning, ayes by all.

Staff Updates – Jordan Williams, Interim Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on the following:

- **Pineville Bunny Stop EGGspress:** was held on Thursday April 1st. Due to COVID-19 we had to do a drive thru event. We had 96 bags available and 96 kids signed up. Each child received two bags. One bag was full of eggs to hide at home. The second bag was full of Easter goodies. We also had the Easter bunny in attendance to wave at the kids as they rode through.
- **reCREATE Grab N Go Kits:** We will end the reCREATE Grab N Go's at the end of April. We are going to end with doing Kindness rocks again. They will paint the rocks and place them around town with nice messages. It was our first one so we thought it would be fitting to end with them as well. Our last themes were Mardi Gras, Hawaiian Luau, Kids Sushi, Dinosaurs, St. Patrick's Day, Carnival, Clay project through Arts Delivered, Down on the Farm, Earth Day, and Kindness Rocks.
- **Events Update:**
 - o Family Game Night was held on February 26th. IT was Harry Potter Trivia. We did it virtually again using Kahoot. We had 8 teams participate.
 - o Our Drive through bingo was cancelled due to low signups. We think the Saturday afternoon was a bad time slot. May try to do Friday evening again.

- St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt: We held this from March 1-17. We hid 4 leaf clovers around the park. We had 21 families participate. The phrase they had to unscramble was Luck of the Irish.
- We held a Senior Drive Thru on March 4. It was National Pound Cake Day so every senior received a slice of pound cake and drink. We had around 70-75 seniors come through.
- We held a Senior Drive Thru on April 14th. It was National Pecan Day so every senior received a pecan roll and drink. We had around 50-55 seniors come through.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Family Game Night Trivia: Nickelodeon themed on Friday April 23 in person.
 - Senior Drive In Bingo: will be held April 27th from 1pm-3pm. We have had many seniors already signed up.
 - Spring Community Yard Sale: 5/1: great response so far. We only have two spots available.
 - Senior Drive Thru: OJ 5/4: National Orange Juice Day, orange juice and muffin
 - Family Game Night: Bingo 5/14
 - Senior Drive Thru: Chocolate Chip 5/14: Cookie and Drink
 - Senior Drive Thru: Doughnuts 6/4: National Doughnut Day, donut
- **Rock'N & Reel'N Update:** The first concert is supposed to start June 11th. Town hall has asked us to do it safely. We will more than likely have to fence off the area. We will have to do 6 ft circles that each family will sit in. People will have to get tickets through a company called Event Brite. They will be free tickets unless Council decides to add fees. You will have to have a ticket to get in the fenced in area. When families show up the circles will be first come first serve. We are still going to have food trucks. Yvette asked about no-shows. What if people do not show up? Maybe if you do not show up by 7:30pm, then walk ups get their tickets.

Symphony will not be entire 70-member symphony. It will be just a piece of the band. We do not have answers yet on how many people or how much it will be. It is very up in limbo. Randy asked if we lost money from 2020 concerts and symphony. We only lost our deposits and the bands rolled over to 2021.

Lorraine asked about spraying for mosquito before the events. She believes it will help if the grass and bushes are sprayed to reduce the number of mosquitos.

Jordan read aloud the music lineup.

- **Summer Camp Update:** Our numbers right now are a bit low. We have 50 kids total signed up. CMS is offering free summer camp this summer including free lunch and transportation every day. We are thinking this is why our numbers are down.
- **Splash Pad Update:** We plan to open the Splash Pad Memorial Weekend as planned. Vortex is coming out May 3rd to do the Spring opening. Mecklenburg County will be out May 11th to do the annual inspection. Maintenance will be putting the shade structures back up. We will have to disinfect/clean every few hours to disinfect high touch areas. We will have to post signs about social distancing and masks. Lorraine suggested blocking off times to do the cleaning/disinfecting when no one is allowed in.

- **Farmer's Market Update:** We made up vendor applications and rules/regulations. We have 6 applications so far. Candles, Chocolates, Pork Rinds, Handmade, Flowers, Honey items. We are having trouble finding a reliable produce vendor. The first day of the market is May 15th. The reason for vendor application is because last year there were a lot of no shows and multiple vendors showing up with the same things to sell. Lorraine asked about having a food truck there. Jordan does have a hot dog cart that is willing to be there for dates. Jordan hopes to have local talent there playing music. Adele from Fresh Start is working with Jordan to have more vendors there. Tristan suggested getting Main St stores like Margaux or Kits to come out and sell food or drinks. Kits would probably have to have an alcohol permit. Restaurants could have tastings. Sue asked if we have thought about changing the name from Farmers Market to something else, since we do not have produce.
- **PCAA/Jack Hughes Update:** We started tournaments in March. We do have a mandatory mask policy as does most of North Carolina. So far, the tournaments have gone well and we have had no issues. We did have one tournament completely rained out. Another tournament got rained out on Sunday.

PCAA is having their hit a thon on Saturday May 1st. They will use the stadium for the Hit A thon and will have games on field 1 and field 4 all day.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Jordan brought up that most of the mural on Main St. is done. The kids who painted are in range from 8-18. The artist was Holts School of Fine Art. Kevin at Margaux's has been helping organize the mural. He coordinated most of everything.
- Stacy asked about the Senior Lunch program. We do not have much information but they are not ready to come back now. We are hoping they will be back in the fall.
- Basketball program: I gave an announcement about us trying to get a youth basketball program going in the winter.
- Randy asked about the land beside the dog park. It was sold to another buyer. We haven't heard anything from the LWCF Grant. We do not know if we were awarded the grant or not. It will not mess up the greenway.
- Lorraine asked about the Sheltra Race this year. They have cancelled it for 2021 and will try again for April 2022.
- Randy asked if we had people using the gym. Basketball, walking track, fitness has all picked up. We added Wednesdays back to pickleball from 11am-2pm.
- Lorraine has started having more people in person. She is using the stage Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lake Park. Mondays and Wednesdays she is using the hut with people inside. She said the ladies love being on the stage with the breeze from the lake.
- Tristan asked about expanding facilities and putting in outdoor pickleball courts. Maybe where the old tennis courts used to be near the large shelter.
- Stacy let us know that CMS is not doing temperature checks anymore. They have to go online to do a short questionnaire and have a green check. Lorraine said the YMCA has stopped taking temperatures as well.

Adjourn – Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue Bankston seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.