



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 16th, 2022

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held on February 16th, 2022 at the Hut Meeting Facility. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Tristan McMannis and seconded by Lorraine Haynes.

Attendees

Matthew Jakubowski (Staff)
Erin Hamilton (Staff)
Tristan McMannis (Chair)
Kris McVey (Vice Chair)

Randy Brantley
Lorraine Haynes
Yvette Isaacs

Barbara Manning
Stacy Shatterly
Christine Turner

Public Comment: None

New Business

Approval of minutes:

- i. Randy Brantley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19th, 2022 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Barbara Manning, ayes by all.

Discussion of Miller Farm Property Development:

- a. Discussion of Miller Farm Property Development: Travis Morgan, The Planning & Zoning Director is at the board meeting to discuss the Miller Property on the west side of Pineville. This land could be the last piece of land on this side of Pineville to use as possible park space.
- Travis has given everyone a copy of the plans showing maps of the land which is close to McCullough. The land is coming in for rezoning. It will go before council for any rezoning final decisions. It is zoned residential and is vacant right now. It probably will not come up for a vote at a council meeting for another month or two. There may be another workshop about this land. It could be single family and townhome development. In the middle of the property is a 2-acre space for an amenity, but not sure if it will be public or private property.
- There is a decent amount of property that is not developed. The millers are retaining those parts of land.
- The remaining land that wraps around the back side of the property (outer edge) is a flood plain that could be used of about 25 acres. The town is asking the developer to turn this land over the town as a possibility. The bottom right area of the map is 2 acres that could be available for something if they take the cul-de-sac out.
- Tristan states that the board can make a recommendation to council recommending to use this land as some sort of park, dog park, or amenity. Travis is happy to help the board and any help from the board is appreciated. Tristan is worried everyone will not be able to walk accessibly to the new park or sugar

creek greenway. He asked if the board could recommend having a trail head with parking or new sidewalks? Travis says there are plans for parking and new sidewalks. The board can recommend the town ask the developer to allocate parts of the land for new park amenities, picnic shelters, or green space.

- Lorraine asked about the two properties on Dorman Road. As of right now, the land around the roundabout, there are no plans. The land opposite the soccer complex has no plans and the asking price is optimistic. It is in a ravine. The owner is ready to sell but Travis believes it needs to be rezoned. He has seen no plans for it. The cone mill property is undetermined. The town has mixed feelings from residents about what the property should be used for. Some want residential, some don't. The town is going to do a presentation where the residents can choose which model they like best.
- Tristan offers to draft something up for a recommendation to send to Travis and the board to go over before it goes to council.

PPRAB Vacancies and Appointments:

- i. The PPRAB currently has 8 board members. There is one spot available. Tristan encourages everyone to engage with their neighbors and let them know we have a vacant spot.

PPRAB Advocacy Priorities:

- i. Recap of advocacy priorities: Tristan wants to make sure everyone is in agreement on below items as the board's top priorities. Lorraine says these were all the major points brought up in the last meeting.
 - a. New Parks & Recreation projects need to be consistent with the master plan.
 - b. Land acquisition needs to be a priority.
 - c. Belle Johnston Community Center updates needed in the near future.
 - d. Use of Town owned facilities and properties to assist with programming: while we are waiting on the BJCC to be updated, are there other town buildings like the telephone building that we can utilize?
 - e. Walking Trails and Ballfields need to be prioritized where land is available.
 - f. Expand existing programming consistent with master plan.
 - g. Expand existing parks.

PPRAB Member Reports

- i. **Community Engagements:** There will be upcoming opportunities for PPRAB volunteering. Matt tells the board that Parks & Rec just booked another Special Olympics bingo. They do bring their own volunteers but anyone can volunteer if they want. Christine asked if it was something her 7-year-old could come and help with. It is Friday, March 11th. Arts in the Park will be more talking and introducing yourselves to the community than actually helping with festival. It will be vendors, culture, dance, food trucks. The vendors are going to go around lake. It is very starving artist driven. We will have several music and live entertainment performances. Christine asked about getting shirts for the board to wear. Erin will order shirts.
 - a. Matt altered Rock'n N Reel'n so now we will have more events. We will have the big 4 movies and 4 concerts, and the symphony on June 30th. The other Fridays will be smaller music acts. These smaller acts will be in front of the new town hall. Erin will send out a list of bands and schedule of Rock'n N Reel'n.
- ii. Resident concerns/suggestions: Randy brings up needing more benches. Matt says he purchased two dog pots.

Park and Recreation Department: Upcoming Events/Programs

- i. Recap of Seniors Valentine Banquet: We had 100 signups for in person and 35 to go orders. All of the to go orders were picked up. We had about 10-15 no shows for the in-person signups. The dinner was Mama Ricottas lasagna, salad, bread, and cupcakes from Cupcake Delirium. The entertainment was Steve Brogan, who is a comedian/ventriloquist. Barbara and Yvette volunteered for the event.
- ii. Saturday April 9th Easter Egg Hunt: staff does not need any volunteers for this event. It is a small event where the kids have to sign up. We will have the Easter Bunny for pictures. The kids will get to do a craft, coloring contest, and have refreshments.
- iii. May 14th Arts in the Park Festival: We would love to have board members there to meet people and introduce themselves. Erin will create a sign-up genius for the board members to volunteer for the event.

Old Business

- i. Trails at Jack Hughes Park – Tristan had mentioned in the last meeting about partnering with a group to help develop trails at Jack Hughes. Tristan reached out to Tarheel Trail Blazers but they only develop bike trails. Matt is meeting with Brett from Carolina Thread Trail next week but he is worried about doing trails in a flood plain. He is coming out to see the site so he can get a better vision of it. If Carolina Thread Trail says they can't do it, could the board work with our Public Works department or maintenance staff to make trails? Trails were high on the want list for the Pineville community.
- ii. Charlotte Catholic and Jack Hughes: Matt met with Charlotte Catholic representatives, Town Manager, Mayor, and others. We thought they wanted a football stadium. They do not want a stadium. They want a track, multipurpose field in middle, small practice field, and six tennis courts. They want the facilities just for practice, not games. The joint use would work because we would be utilizing the facilities at different times. In their plan there were no lights, so they suggested the town putting in the lights and we could use the field nights and weekends. Catholic has to go back to plans for more parking and relocating the fields. There were no baseball fields in the plan. The new plan could show multiple multipurpose fields.
 - i. Tristan brought up what are the chances of making the existing multipurpose into a baseball field since the master plan shows residents want baseball fields.

Open Discussion/Suggestions/Future Initiatives

- Lorraine asked if Parks and Recreation will be doing 5k races. We are still partnering with the Sheltra Foundation for their race in April. Matt wants to do races through Pineville Parks & Recreation twice a year. We could jump on a nonprofit to help. Matt wants to utilize the greenway by the dog park when the construction is finished. It could be the morning of Fall fest, or a turkey trot.
- Randy said he has heard many compliments about the additions to the dog park. Lanier Materials gave us some tunnels. Our maintenance staff installed some repurposed bleachers and AstroTurf to put over the tunnels. The dogs love playing over them.
- Matt tells the board that the Council went on a retreat and came back with their vision and priorities. Matt will send out a copy.

Schedule of Upcoming PPRAB Meetings: May 18th, August 17th, November 16th

Adjourn – Kris McVey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Randy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.