



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes August 24th, 2022

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held on August 24th, 2022, at the Hut Meeting Facility. The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Tristan McMannis and seconded by Yvette Isaacs.

Attendees

Matthew Jakubowski (Staff)	Randy Brantley	Yvette Isaacs
Erin Hamilton (Staff)	Caylene Brown	Stacy Shatterly
Tristan McMannis (Chair)	Lorraine Haynes	Christine Turner
Kris McVey (Vice Chair)		

Public Comment: None

New Business

Approval of minutes:

- i. Kris McVey made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18th, 2022 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Lorraine Haynes, ayes by all.

PPRAB Vacancies and Appointments:

- i. The PPRAB currently has 7 of 9 positions filled – engage your neighbors to let them know there are still vacant positions. Tristan has moved out of Pineville. The chair position is now open. Barbara Manning has resigned her position. There are two positions available. Tristan asked if anyone is willing to take the chair position. Tristan explained his duties and what the chairperson job entails. Christine Turner is interested in trying the chair position for the rest of the 2022 year and we will revisit the position in 2023.
 - a. Erin will post on our social media about the two open positions.
- ii. Discussion of update to town council and priorities for PPRAB: The town clerk asked if the board chair could come to the next council meeting to give an update. We will figure out the council update. Matthew will more than likely do the update or Christine and Matt can do it together.
- iii. Discussion of May, June, July Reports: Rockin & Reelin has done very well and we have been blessed with weather. Splash Pad has been slammed and we are keeping it open until the last week of September. Summer Camp was amazing and we had a great group of kids. Matthew required the staff to go on field trips and go to Carowinds several times a week.
 - a. Randy asked about the July report and Jordan handling a Boy Scout project. A local boy scout troop is doing an eagle project to create stand-alone libraries at Lake Park and Jack Hughes. Yvette made a good point that someone needs to monitor what books are transferred through.

The Girl Scout troop that Matt is handling has given drafts of what they want to paint on the hopscotch sidewalk. Matt is meeting with them again to make sure it looks great!

- b. Matt brought up the bocce ball court and that we are thinking about getting rid of it. Most members say they have never seen anyone playing bocce on it. Matt recommends putting another shelter up or outdoor pickleball courts. Christine asked about having an outdoor basketball court. Yvette suggested a sand volleyball court.
- iv. Matt praised his staff for doing a great job during the last few months. We have had a crazy busy summer with Summer Camp, athletic leagues, new special events, Rockn & Reeln, etc.
- v. PPRAB Advocacy Priorities:
 - a. New Park and Recreation projects need to be consistent with the master plan.
 - b. Land acquisition need to be a priority.
 - c. Focus on updates to Belle Johnston Community Center needed in near future.
 - d. Use of town owned facilities and properties to assist with programming: Matt tells the board that the Telephone/Communications building, post office, and land beside post office has been sold. These areas will not be used for additional Town of Pineville space. Stacy asks about how are we supposed to advocate for more land and parks but the Town is selling off all of our land? Matt brought up the development across from McCullough and how we will have green space over there for linear parks or multipurpose fields. Randy asked about the gas station/Mexican restaurant properties on the corner of Main St/Polk for park space. Matt can look into this area for possible park space. The Mecklenburg County playbook has Pineville zeroed in for land acquisition and sees what Pineville needs. Pineville is Tier 1 for greenways and land acquisition. Mecklenburg County has money to give to the towns in Mecklenburg County that will go just to parks. They own 60 acres behind the dog park and greenway that is currently in construction. They want to help us develop the 100-acre land all for new park amenities. The Sugar Creek greenway would go there, with disc golf, bike trails, multipurpose fields. Hopefully we can create this massive park.
 - e. Walking trails and ballfields need to be prioritized where land is available.
 - f. Expand existing programming consistent with master plan/expand existing parks

PPRAB Member Reports

- i. **Community Engagements:**
 - a. Yvette has noticed a lot of people at the park after hours. We have had some problems with parties after hours and trash everywhere. We have turned the shelter lights off for after-hours which has helped. We have asked police to drive through frequently and monitor the park.
 - b. Lorraine asked about partnering with the high schools and colleges to have community service opportunities where needed.
- ii. Resident concerns/suggestions: None

Fall Fest Volunteering for PPRAB Board Members

- i. We will have 3 shuttles running to help with lack of parking. Parking is going to be the biggest logistical complaint. The concerts will be on back ballfield along with the beer garden. The multipurpose field will have kids' zone and all the vendors. Food trucks will be in between two fields. There will be fireworks on Saturday night from behind the stadium. The fireworks will be lower since

they are being sent off so close. We may need board members to volunteer but will know for sure closer to the event. Erin already has the signup genius created if we need help.

Old Business

- i. Review PARTF grant status: Matt finds out this Friday 8/26 if we are granted the PARTF grant or not. This would go to help fund the McCullough greenway.
- ii. Update on status of Toddler playground: We are putting in a new toddler playground, 3 new shades at the splash pad, new 20 ft high fence/netting around the multipurpose field, and new backstop behind stadium home plate. The new netting/fence will be up in a week and look much nicer. The splash pad shades will be done after the pad closes.

Open Discussion/Suggestions/Future Initiatives

- Yvette asked if there has been anymore talk about adding more fountains to the lake. Two small ones on each side of the big one. Yvette says the different color schemes are nice to see at night. Matt says they are very expensive.
- Lorraine asked about the 1.3-acre lot at the end of Carolina Place Parkway before the roundabout for possible land acquisition for more parks.
- Tristan asked about the land right across from the Police Station and across of Kits for possible land acquisition.
- Christine asked about Charlotte Catholic and developing Jack Hughes. Matt says it has fallen apart.
- Town Hall will hopefully open mid-September. Library is hoping to open a couple months later.

Schedule of Upcoming PPRAB Meetings: November 16th

Adjourn – Tristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kris seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.