



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 28th, 2022

Call to order:

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held on November 28th, 2022, at the Belle Johnston Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Christine Turner and seconded by Kris McVey.

Attendees

Matthew Jakubowski (Staff)

Randy Brantley

Yvette Isaacs

Erin Hamilton (Staff)

Lorraine Haynes

Stacy Shatterly

Christine Turner (Chair)

Kris McVey (Vice Chair)

Public Comment: None

New Business

Approval of minutes:

- i. Kris McVey made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24th, 2022 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Yvette Isaacs, ayes by all.

Director Updates:

- i. Land Acquisition meeting with Mecklenburg County: Within the Mecklenburg County Play book, our area is ranked high for needs assessment. The sugar creek greenway will be coming down near McCullough soon. Matt has tried to talk to them about getting it connected to our trail behind Jack Hughes. Matt sends Mecklenburg County open lots when he sees they are available but it's up to the county to purchase or do anything with them. Kris asks if there are meetings where they talk about what land to buy? Lorraine asks if there is a lot of land in Pineville available? Matt says yes but much of the available land is going to developers.
- ii. Greenway Updates: The dog park greenway is way ahead of schedule. They will start to asphalt it any day now. They are hoping it will be open first of the year. The McCullough greenway just got finished with design. Once it's approved it will go to bid. We are hoping construction will be begin around April, and hopefully open by Fall Fest 2023.
- iii. Capital Projects: \$170,000
 - a. Toddler Playground: the new playground is complete. Some kids got in and put footprints in the footing before it dried. They are going to try and come back and fill in the spots that were damaged. Several Instagram accounts have posted about the new playground.
 - b. Splash Pad Shade: 3 new shade structures. We plan to get rid of the grass and cement the grassy area.

- c. Netting: 30 Ft netting fence around Field 3, new backstop netting on stadium at Jack Hughes Park.
- iv. Fitness Court Update: We were approved for a \$230,000 budget. It has been backlogged because its federal money. The construction will push into 2023. It will be to the left of the splash pad or the field to the left when you drive into the center.
- v. New Bike Rack Additions: Large Shelter, Town Hall, and Jack Hughes. Matt got a grant for these, and they were free.
- vi. Jack Hughes Concession Fire/Vandalism: We had a fire at the end of September. The fryer caught on fire. Good Samaritan used fire extinguisher and saved the building. We did an insurance claim and are getting all new equipment. Lower restrooms and lower concession stand were broken into. They used a field tarp and smashed the windows to try and get back out.

PPRAB Vacancies and Appointments:

- i. The PPRAB currently has 7 of 9 positions filled – engage with neighbors and community members.

Fall Fest

- i. General Feedback from board and community members: We thanked Yvette and Lorraine for volunteering and helping. The crowds were good, and the weather was good. Ticket sales were normal and up to par.
 - a. Yvette: Fireworks were fantastic. There was some confusion on where alcohol could be taken, we need better signage. People wanted places to eat and drink at for concert. We need more tables for concert and seating for food and seating around the vendors.
 - b. Lorraine: didn't like the traffic pattern coming from SC. It was not flowing. We need more signage for festival traffic in the right line. Stacy asked why there weren't banners across Main St for advertisement, and we cannot do those anymore. Lorraine said we had a good variety of food trucks and Yvette said we need more.
 - c. Summary/Update of survey data: we gave the board the summary from the Fall Fest survey that went out to the public.
- ii. Fall Fest 2023 Discussion: We are looking at running it Thursday, Friday, and Saturday next year. Does the board like the Jack Hughes location? The board likes adding Thursday and having ride wristbands on Thursday. The board likes the Jack Hughes location. We have already changed parking routes; we will have 3 shuttle buses. We will turn the stage around, so it does not face the woods.

PPRAB Member Reports

- i. Community Engagements:
 - a. Stacy heard about people wanting basketball courts outside. Christine said outdoor pickleball courts would be great. We did take the Bocce ball court out. It wasn't being used and council agreed to allow us to remove it.
- ii. Resident concerns/suggestions: None

Park and Recreation Department: Upcoming Events/Programs

- i. Tree Lighting on 12/3 – board member volunteers needed. 3pm-5:30pm. We will light the tree at 5:30pm. Yvette can help. Maybe Kris. Maybe Lorraine.
- ii. Youth Basketball league and athletics data

- a. 214 kids signed up in 2022-2023 league. 26 teams.
- b. Adult Basketball: Fall league doubled. 8 teams total.
- c. We plan to send out surveys after each athletic season for feedback.

Old Business

- i.** Update on PARTF grant status: Town of Pineville was not awarded the grant this year. Matt plans to try again next year. He has spoken with a consultant to try and help him with the areas of problems on the grant.

Open Discussion/Suggestions/Future Initiatives

- Lorraine asked if the signage in the shelters has helped with people not using the shelters after hours. Matt has the shelter lights on timers now and the signage has helped.
- Christine is open to staying on as chair for the PPRAB.

Schedule of Upcoming PPRAB Meetings: February 9th (later rescheduled), May 17th, August 16th, November 15th

Adjourn – Yvette made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lorraine Haynes seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.