



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 17th, 2023

Call to order:

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held on May 17th, 2023, at the Belle Johnston Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm by Christine Turner and seconded by Randy Brantley.

Attendees

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

Public Comment: None

New Business

Approval of minutes:

- i. Randy made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1st, 2023 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Kris McVey, ayes by all.

Director Updates:

- i. Athletics Update: Erin gave the board a handout with a complete summary of registrations since she began athletics in 2016. The handout has registration numbers and percentages of Pineville residents. Youth soccer season and Adult basketball season are winding down and registrations were the highest ever.
- ii. LWCF Grant Update: we are not going to get the land at all. There is a title issue with the land. Mecklenburg County dropped out of buying it. A developer is buying the land. They have talked about wanting to work with us for park land if they can put a road on the property to get back to the development/neighborhood.
- iii. Splash Pad Additions: We added three shade structures to the splash pad. We also added more benches inside the splash pad. The splash pad opened on May 6th and will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays in May. It will open every day starting May 27th. We are the only splash pad in the county that opened earlier than Memorial weekend. The grass area around the edge was concreted inside the fence.
- iv. McCullough Greenway Update: We are waiting for the final environmental review. Everything else is done. There will be a 30 day bid process. We are hoping we will go to bid at the end of May and hopefully construction will start July/August. Caylene asked if golf carts will be able to drive to Jack Hughes on greenway. There will be bollards on the bridge to prevent golf carts driving on it.

- v. Electrical Boxes: Queens University will be painting the electrical boxes in Lake Park, Jack Hughes Park, Main Street, and around Town Hall. It will be done in phases starting at Lake Park. Students will put in design renderings. Lake Park will be flowers nature driven, Downtown will be colorful with lines/dynamics, Jack Hughes will have sport themes. They will start when the students come back in August/September. The students will get paid.
- vi. Blue Ways – There is a group that is working from SC to NC to create paddle areas where people can put in a kayak or paddle board landing sites. We have looked at local locations in Pineville along the greenway where there could be a launch site. It would be another amenity nice for Pineville.
- vii. Outdoor Fitness Court: We are almost to the bid process. Bids will take 15 days and we hope the court will be built by end of summer. Randy asked why it was moved from the original location. It moved because of the environmental study and couldn't be within 100ft of water.
- viii. Pickleball Courts: Matt has met with 3 contractors and they never emailed back or gave a quote. ARPA Funds, \$200K. Asked the contractors to design 2 court and 4 court designs.
- ix. Approved Capital Budget Items:
 - a. We are not doing the joint dog park for a smaller dog area.
 - b. We are getting new cameras at Jack Hughes.
 - c. We are extending the maintenance compound at Jack Hughes.
 - d. Painting the inside at the BJCC and the Hut.
- x. Jack Hughes Feasibility Study: Our master plan shows 70 acres at Jack Hughes Park that could be developed. Around 25-30 acres is feasible for fields. The rest are in flood plains which could be used for parking or grass fields. We just signed a contract to start a feasibility study with Kimley Horn. They have already started, and the study will have a budget of 60K. After the study is complete Kimley Horn will start sending us designs. We are maybe thinking Mecklenburg County might want to help fund this development. Yvette asked about the disc golf, but the flood plain seems to make it impossible because it will be under water a lot of the time.

PPRAB Vacancies and Appointments:

- i. The PPRAB currently has 8 of 9 positions filled – engage with neighbors and community members.
- ii. Erin informed the board that we have received an application for our 9th board member. Amy Smith has been added to the Park Board and will be at the August Meeting.

PPRAB Member Reports

- i. Community Engagements:
- ii. Resident concerns/suggestions: Stacy brought up how busy Lakeview Drive has been on the weekends. Both sides of the road had cars parked, which is legal. Randy asked if the grassy area off Lake Drive could be made into more parking spaces. It has been discussed.

Park and Recreation Department: Upcoming Events/Programs

- i. Arts in the Park: is this Saturday, May 20th. We have over 70 vendors, 6 food vendors, and a full entertainment lineup. All the vendors are artists, no business vendors. We will also have a new kid's zone with an inflatable, cornhole boards, parks and rec games, face painting. The children's art show will be going on in the gym. Artwork is from 12 local schools in the area including Pineville Elementary.
- ii. Rock'n & Reel'n Schedule: Erin emailed everyone the 2023 concert and movie schedule. We will have food trucks at every concert. There will be fireworks after the Symphony concert.

- iii. September 3rd, 4 Miler Race: Matt wants Pineville to host a race. He met with Start to Finish and signed a contract with them. Pineville Park and Rec 4 miler will take place on the greenway. We may start at the BJCC parking lot or start at the Dog Park parking lot. The race would go to the left side of greenway towards the James K Polk site. The Richard Sheltra race may change too with the greenway, it may not go all the way to McCullough neighborhood.

Old Business - None

Open Discussion/Suggestions/Future Initiatives

- May 31st from 10am-12pm is the ribbon cutting for new greenway. It will take place at James K Polk site.
- Matt requested to have a real Santa at the 2023 tree lighting. We will not have a Pineville fireman dress up anymore.
- Randy asked about doing a race during Fall Fest. We are doing a 4 miler in September. Maybe we can do a jingle run for Christmas.

Schedule of Upcoming PPRAB Meetings: August 16th, November 15th

Adjourn – Lorraine Haynes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kris seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.