

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
June 20, 2017**

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ADJOURNMENT



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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Advisory Board Member Introductions

ADMINISTRATIVE – 2

Adoption of Minutes – May 17, 2017 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of May 17, 2017 meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

May 17, 2017

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. @ Carver Recreation Center. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Ned Michie, Anne Hemenway, Marlene Jones and Jennifer Slack. Members absent: Elise Cruz, Llezelle Dugger, David Hirschman and John Santoski

Staff: Brian Daly, Vic Garber, Doug Ehman, Philip Seay, Algreatus Batton, Matt Jackson and Sara Kendrick

Guests: Bob Crickenberger, Director, Albemarle County Parks & Recreation

Motion - Minutes – April 19 2017

- Anne Hemenway made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2017, Ruth Barnett second, motion was unanimously approved.

Albemarle County P&R Staff Visit

- Bob Crickenberger, Director, Albemarle County Parks and Recreation gave the following report:
 - Albemarle County Parks & Recreation is stronger on the parks side; 12 parks, 4,100 acres, 70 miles of trails
 - Chris Greene Lake- 239 acres, 3 miles trails, dog park, picnic shelters, swimming, playground, built 1970, supplemental water supply
 - Mint Springs – Crozet – 5 miles trails, fishing, playground, picnic shelters, swimming, stocked w/trout April – October, built mid 1940s
 - Walnut Creek – 525 acres, 15 miles trails, disc golf course, fishing, boating, playground, picnic shelters
 - Beaver Creek – current water supply for Crozet, 219 acres – fishing & boating
 - Totier Creek – reservoir Scottsville, 209 acres, 3 miles trails, fishing & boating, built mid-late 70's
 - Towe Park – jointly owned w/city, 113 acres, opened 1990, day opened overcrowded, estimated 800,000/year attendance, county manages property, city pays portion based on population formula, Rivanna River access, Dog Park, tennis courts, trails, softball, baseball & soccer fields, cricket pitch, playground, picnic shelter
 - Darden Towe Committee – have agreed to modernize agreement, committing to new master plan
 - Ivy Creek Natural Area – 1981, managed by Ivy Creek Foundation, do a great job, funding 50/50 city/county, 215 acres, 6 miles trails
 - Preddy Creek Park – 571 acres, 10 miles trails, multi-use park, located off Burnley Station Road, purchased in 1969, considered potential water supply, later determined it was not suitable, sat idle for over 30 years, 2006 – designated as park, opened 2010, multipurpose system, horseback riding, very popular park
 - Patricia Ann Byrom – Whitehall, 600 acres, 6 miles of trails, hiking, biking, donated by Robert Byram, opened in 2010, only vertical park, straight up,

- Charlotte Humphries – opened 1984 – 25 acres, Whitewood Road, 1.5 miles trails,
 - Simpson Park – 13 acres, located in Esmont, across from Yancey School, opened 2002, partially funded by Dave Matthews band
 - Simpson Park – 13 acres, 3-feature Water Park, tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball & soccer fields, playground & picnic shelters
 - Dorrier Park – 2 acres, 1993, county doesn't own property, owned by town of Scottsville, sat idle for number of years, agreement w/Town Council to use as park, tennis courts, baseball & soccer fields, playground, picnic shelter, walking path
 - Greenwood Community Center – built privately 1950 by community, operated by community for a number of years, donated to county in 1980, 18 acres, Peachtree baseball league, indoor roller skating, extremely popular, baseball field, basketball court, playground, picnic shelter, classes
 - Scottsville Community Center – 4 acres, once a high school, middle school, elementary, 1991 approx. this property reverted back to county, struggled for funding, a section of school donated to Jordan development for low income housing, outdoor basketball court, baseball field, Boys & Girls Club
 - Meadows Community Center – Crozet, 1 acre, small building, senior center for members of the Meadows, available for rentals, Jordan runs
 - Crozet Park – unique partnership, donated 1997 for recreational purposes, early 80s, entered agreement county assist w/maintenance and capital improvements. Over \$200,000 toward new pool, fields, shelters, playgrounds, .85 mile perimeter walking trail, built dog park, spring/fall arts & crafts fairs
- Two largest partners:
- Charlottesville Parks & Recreation – Therapeutic program, Towe Park, Ivy Creek Natural Area, Skatepark, Adult softball leagues, special events; Pleasure to work w/city Parks & Recreation staff. Share in a lot of ways on philosophies
 - Brian Daly stated that the city & county work really well together, scheduling of events @ Towe, use of county facilities for camps, vice a versa, consult w/each other design projects – Ivy Creek, Towe, sit on each other's interview panels
 - Albemarle County schools – 750 additional acres, 36 playgrounds, 20 – 60' baseball fields, 6-90' baseball fields, 40 multipurpose fields, 28 tennis courts, 28 gymnasiums; Schools considered county parks after school hours
- What's on horizon – a lot are unfunded projects
- Community Recreation Needs Assessment Study
 - Berkmar Bridge – public boat launch, linear park
 - Hedgerow Park – over 400 acres, shares some common boundaries w/Ragged Mt. Board interested in getting area open, 1.4 million, engineering study - , conservation easement
 - Buck Island – area will provide river access,
 - Crozet Community Park – Old Trails

- Milton Boat Launch Upgrades – 2 acres donated to County,
- South Fork Reservoir – 5 acre donation, public managed boat launch, will improve limited access
- Rivanna Village – Glenmore , anticipate open 2-3 years
- Arrowhead – donated 422 acres
- Anne – asked if there should be a joint city/county board for the unfunded projects
- Community recreation center needs assessment – last one performed 2004, identify gaps, resources needed to provide
- County is land rich, dollar poor
- Anne – asked status of biking in county parks;
- Ned Michie asked if there was any talk of revisiting ban of biking, Bob Crickenberger replied that the ordinance will be revisited, outcome don't know
- Need to revisit all ordinances

Renaming Lee & Jackson Parks

- Brian Daly stated that City Council @ their last meeting developed a way for citizens to suggest names for parks; was available on City's website, time stamped, deadline – 5/10, proposed name list included in packet, list will be posted on city's website
- Take a look @ names, suggest by next Thursday top 5 preferred names, can rank or not, will go to Neighborhood Development and then to City Manager and City Council
- Ned Michie felt that the naming process was being rushed, didn't understand; don't know if statue can legally be moved
- All comments and submissions will be sent to City Council
- Ruth Barnett was concerned about activity of last weekend @ Lee Park and that something may happen to statue in park.
- Anne Hemenway felt that the most excited group is the pro people who would not deface the statue.
- Jennifer Slack asked if the weekend events would make City Council more cautious about proceeding with the renaming.

Aquatic Facilities 2017 Summer Season Preview

- Philip Seay, Aquatics Manager, gave an update on the Aquatics division:
 - Partnership with City schools, Ben Hair learn to swim program @ Crow, 3 6-week sessions, 4th & 5th graders,
 - Completed spring lessons @ Smith this week
 - Prepping for outdoor swim season – open Memorial Day weekend, open following weekend, beginning June 10 open for season
 - Classes – certified 15 lifeguards, upcoming class is full
 - Swim team registration – 175 swimmers for Swordfish, practicing @ Smith now, will be going to Washington Park for summer
 - Swim team will host three Jefferson swim meets this summer

- Washington Park will host 3 Sunday Sundowns – sponsored by Bama Works, 3-6 pm, free swim, June 11, July 9, August 6
- Gave out passes to board members to visit swim facilities
- New program @ Smith – Sunday Fun Day – admission \$4 – 200 average attendance
- Introduce staff – Algreatus Batton (Gator) – Operations Manager; Matt Jackson – Aquatic Maintenance Supervisor; Sarah Kendrick – Aquatics Maintenance, new employee
- JSL meets - ? dates
- Spray grounds – opened past weekend, Forest Hills, Greenleaf, Belmont

Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan Implementation

- Doug Ehman reported that certifications are needed for bridge and are in process
- Ned Michie asked if there was any change to timeline, Doug Ehman replied no if certifications come in

Key Recreation Center Improvements

- Vic Garber stated that there were updated pictures in packet on the Key Center project, facility will open this Friday, small punch list, looks good

Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation Update

- Doug Ehman reported that the pre-bid for the splash pad was tomorrow
- On schedule for master planning for Field House
- Steps poured end of May
- Ned Michie asked about funding

McIntire Park Projects Update

- Brian Daly reported that staff is trying to finalize negotiations for Skatepark, close to having number. Same for pedestrian bridge – will need to reallocate funds, will be going to City Council in June
- Trail connection – east end of pedestrian bridge – some funding from bicycle capital fund

YMCA Project Construction Status Update

- Doug Ehman reported that the YMCA's summer camp is scheduled for 6/12, Grand Opening - 6/30

Motion – Adjourn Meeting

- Motion to adjourn meeting was unanimous
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board

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PRESENTATION - 1

Therapeutic Recreation Programs

Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation staff will provide the Advisory Board with an overview of current and future therapeutic recreation programs benefitting individuals with disabilities in the community.

INFORMATION – 1

Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan Implementation

Staff will provide an update of the ongoing efforts to implement the Master Plan for the Meadow Creek Valley.

INFORMATION – 2

Key Recreation Center Improvements Completion

A project to improve the exterior access, enhance ADA Accessibility and the interior spaces of the Herman Key Recreation Center has been under construction since February of 2017. Staff will provide an update on the project

INFORMATION - 3

Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation

Staff will provide an update of the ongoing efforts to implement the Master Plan for Tonsler Park.

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INFORMATION - 4

McIntire Park Projects Update

Staff will provide an update of the ongoing efforts to implement the Master Plan for McIntire Park; including specifics regarding the Skate Park, the Pedestrian Bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad and trails.

INFORMATION - 5

YMCA Construction Project Status

Staff will provide an update on the completion of the new YMCA in McIntire Park and plans to open to the public.

INFORMATION - 6

Citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

Staff has engaged with the Center for Survey Research at the University of Virginia to conduct a community wide survey regarding parks and recreation needs and desires that will be the foundational information leading toward a Citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The survey will be conducted later this summer and staff will provide an outline of the process.