

## ATTACHMENT II

### PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

#### MINUTES

**June 17, 2009**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Tonsler Park. Members present were: Kenneth Ballard, Scott Brown, Mike Farruggio, John Foster, Sean McCord, Jennifer McKeever, Betsy Roettger, and Juandiego Wade. Members absent: Carl Brown and John Kammauff.

Staff: Brian Daly, Chris Gensic

#### Minutes:

#### Motion:

- Betsy Roettger made a motion to approve minutes from April 15, 2009, second by Sean McCord, motion was unanimously approved.

#### Athletic Field Study

- City Council asked for a study of athletic facilities and that the master plans for McIntire Park not come to them before the field study is complete.
- Brian Daly reported that he met with the Albemarle County Parks & Recreation Director last week to discuss inventory for all fields to obtain specific information and will coordinate data as follows:
  - ✓ Determine availability – ex. school use, maintenance requirements, etc.
  - ✓ Confirm participation levels – youth/adult organizations in region
  - ✓ Determine user groups that have emerged in recent years – ex. rugby, cricket
  - ✓ Conduct focus groups – diamond field and rectangular field sports users
  - ✓ Discuss and prioritize allocation of fields, determine time needs
  - ✓ Through inventory, line up where future fields could be
- Athletic field policy will be in place for spring, 2010, user groups may not get what they want, but will get what they need.

#### Azalea Park Master Plan

- Will begin master plan process in September, 2009, first step for Advisory Board is to recommend to City Council to go forward with process. City Council formal action agenda item will probably be in July.

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- Mike Farruggio made a motion that the Advisory Board recommend to City Council moving forward with the Azalea park master plan, second by Jennifer McKeever, motion was unanimously approved
- Brian Daly recommended that the master plan process for Azalea Park be done in house; pros – will save money, will directly respond quicker to community on what they want in the park., staff would facilitate the process.
- Sean McCord reported that he went on a tour with Mike Farruggio this past weekend in Azalea Park and looked at surrounding properties. He stated that they were excited about the opportunity for the Advisory Board to be more proactive and to play a more active role in the process. Mike Farruggio stated that it affords an opportunity for expansion that is not in other city parks.
- Betsy Roettger asked about involving volunteers to facilitate, example Landscape architects. Brian Daly replied that the master plan is not a design; design would need to engage a professional. Biggest concern is that what drives the plan is what the community is saying.

### Onesty Family Aquatic Center/Meade Park

- Brian Daly announced that at 9:00 am, Saturday there will be a ribbon cutting for the Onesty Family Aquatic Center; remarks will be made by the Mayor and himself. There will also be a moon bounce at the park for the youth.
- Reported that all systems are operational and that all the major pool elements are working.
- Reported that lifeguards will not be cashiers this year, and that pool cashiers have been designated and hired.
- Chris Gensic stated that the trail in back of Meade Park will be a loop trail approximately ¼ mile and will be ADA compliant, will also be replacing street lights and should be completed within a couple of months
- Betsy Roettger asked about the Farmers Market future? Parking issues?
- Brian Daly replied that throughout the master plan process the neighborhood stated that they loved the Farmers Market and there are no plans to move the Farmers Market. He reported that the number of vendors has been capped @ 25 allowing vendors to have consistent and dedicated spaces. Wednesday Farmers Market vendors are limited to just sell meat & produce products
- The parking issue has came up recently and there is a proposal to establish a resident parking zone, item was on City Council's agenda this week but City Council decided not to take action at the meeting and deferred the item to the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, allowing time to wait and see what the parking situation is after the pool opens. He also reported that painted spaces have been added on Fairway & Chesapeake streets and would be available for pool & market parking participants.

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- Pool will close @ 2:00 pm on Wednesdays to allow market vendors ability to unload their vehicles and allow visitors to the market more available parking spaces.
- CTS have adjusted the bus routes to stop @ Meade Park.

### Forest Hills Park

- Brian Daly reported that the small building has been demolished.

### Smith Pool

- Under first stages, Groundbreaking ceremony will be June 26. Invitation will be coming from Boys & Girls Club.
- At some point in the future, will expand the name of the facility

### Chairman Matters

- Scott Brown distributed a letter on saving McIntire that he had written.
  - ✓ Mike Farruggio commented that the board agreed on the YMCA part, but not the parkway part, could not endorse with that part included.
  - ✓ Jennifer McKeever commented that the part about the YMCA is vital.
  - ✓ Sean McCord stated issues – turning over public land to a private corporation, public/private partnerships question, shutting down softball fields, who using them, not enough rectangular fields, and why isn't the YMCA in the urban center of town.
  - ✓ Ken Ballard feels that the board needs to put something out about the YMCA, rectangular field, eastern part – does not feel that needs to be addressed at this time.
  - ✓ Mike Farruggio felt that they should discuss the east side of the park including use by First Tee, arboretum, etc.
  - ✓ Scott Brown stated that he would revise the letter and e-mail a copy to the Advisory Board.

### Board Matters

- Sean McCord stated that the Advisory Board e-mail address does not have a policy for responding to e-mails. He suggested making a proposal that each month a board member be in charge of responding to e-mails.
- Mike Farruggio reported that there is not a lacrosse program in the City for youth, but that the county conducts programs with the YMCA. He asked if this could be brought to staff's attention and let them know that 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are not being exposed to this sport, and asked if they could investigate the potential. Ken Ballard asked about cost for these programs.
- Planning for future – pros & cons of a joint City/County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Brian Daly stated that the City Manager is starting conversations with the County Executive about regionalization; discussions will begin to happen in the near future.
- Jennifer McKeever stated that the Greenleaf stone wall was greatly appreciated.

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### Directors Matters

- Brian Daly reported that the aquatic season pass sale has sold over 400 passes and that 90% were city residents.
- City has worked out with Channel 29 that there will be a program on City events every Friday @ 12 noon including interviews with city staff - first show this Friday will be talking about the opening of the Onesty Family Aquatic Center.

### Motion:

- A motion was made by Mike Farruggio to go into a closed session, second by Jennifer McKeever, motion was unanimously approved.

### Motion:

- A motion was made by Mike Farruggio to come out of closed session and adjourn the meeting, second by Betsy Roettger, motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly  
Secretary to the Advisory Board