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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA July 18, 2012

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City of Charlottesville
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Agenda Item
July 18, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – June 20, 2012 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of June 20, 2012 meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
June 20, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 20 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at City Space. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Byron Brown, John Kammauff, Sean McCord, Jennifer McKeever and Ned Michie. Members absent: David Hirschman, Skylar Hughes-Lyon and Dan Rosensweig.

Staff: Brian Daly, Doug Ehman, Vic Garber and Rion Summers

Minutes

➤ **Motion**

Ned Michie made a motion to approve May 16, 2012 minutes, second by Byron Brown, motion was unanimously approved.

Comments from the Public

- Shelley Stern, who lives on Florence Rd near Meade Park, thanked board members for the possibility of a new community garden @ Rives Park. Concerns in the park have been trash and drug use, stated she was aware of the current model and wanted to see that dialogue pursued further and that there was input from neighbors.

McIntire Park East Side Master Plan Report

- Brian Daly stated that the board member's package contained the draft McIntire Park East Side Master plan which included the history of the park, park use and layout according to public meetings.
- Two modifications – inclusion of rectangular lit field, staff recommends synthetic turf and immediate access to knoll hilltop area,
- Master plan has been sent to the Planning Commission and their comments were minimal.
- An addition to the final plan document, an appendix will be included, available on the west side, and will be available on CD for City Council.
- Confirmation – master plan will be on City Council agenda for 7/16/12.
- Jennifer McKeever stated that she would like a confirmation of a water feature in the master plan, stating that the language says possible. Ned Michie stated that he was in favor of a water feature and playground.
- Ned Michie asked how many parking spaces would be available for this area, staff replied 60 +/-
- Byron Brown asked about the size of the field? Brian Daly replied that the topo will determine better what area is available
- John Kammauff asked about lights for this area. Doug Ehman replied that there were no plans for lights @ this point except for the ball field.
- Jennifer McKeever asked if the field would be used well considering the investment of lights, turf and fencing. Brian Daly replied yes.

Meadowcreek Stream Valley Master Planning Sequence

- Brian Daly reported that Chris Gensic has been in contact with Ned on the Greenbrier area for the Meadowcreek Stream Valley Master Plan.
- Jennifer McKeever asked if it will be a good spot for a garden. Brian Daly replied that there were two areas on Michie Drive that could be used for a garden or fields.

Tonsler Park Master Planning Sequence

- Brian Daly stated that they are proposing to start in September with Tonsler Park Master Planning, may take time with history of the park.
- Will be holding meetings @ other places beside Tonsler Park, expecting large crowds and parking can be an issue @ Tonsler Park, may use Buford or nearby churches.
- Doug Ehman reported that staff is working on the Tonsler Park playground installation, reported that there was two vendors, both are scheduled to ship equipment next week, will talk to installers once we have date, should be able to install equipment by the end of July, beginning of August.

Azalea Park

- Funding for FY 13 is \$350,000 - implement changes in master plan, community has created a task force, will meet next Thursday with group
- Sequencing documents were sent out some time ago, first large piece, asphalt going down beginning of August, additional parking, moving basketball courts from front to back
- Demo out balance of basketball courts and establish cul-de-sac, new dog park open this Monday, soft opening, playground moving – all new equipment, separate playground task force to come up with equipment,
- Doug Ehman reported that the new equipment looks like trees, would be the first installation of this kind in Virginia.

Rives Park

- Landscape architect – renovation work are fully funded in this year's funding. Considering gardens, but not in the master plan at this time, would have to come back in front of Advisory Board.

Jordan Park

- Doug Ehman reported that they have received insurance money for the Jordan Park playground that was torched which includes 100% replacement with installation. Installation could go forward before the end of summer. Equipment will be all steel; area has trees that will shade it.
- Doug Ehman stated that they have a proposed design and will be asking for input from the community.
- Brian Daly stated that there would be a creation of a task force for sequencing.

Chairman's Matters

- Jennifer McKeever reported that she had talked to Brian Daly about the bell broken on bucket structure @ Onesty Aquatic Center and that water was shooting up with hard pressure.

Board Matters

- John Kammauff stated that he wanted to give a heads up to board members and staff that there were some little league parents confronting a lady about her dog @ McIntire, complaints have been loose dog and not cleaning up after.
- Asked about an update on bleachers @ CHS – Doug Ehman replied that he would check. Brian Daly stated that the scope of the project was a seating capacity of 3,500, press box and ADA access.
- Sean McCord stated that he lived in Johnson Village and asked about an e-mail that was sent by Chris Gensic concerning removing bollards at the end of village. Asked what it might entail if the neighborhood changed their mind about removing bollards. Sean McCord stated that Johnson Village residents like to be self-enclosed. Brian Daly stated that they could always be replaced.
- Ruth Barnett stated that she used to live in Johnson Village and wanted to know why there was no connection.
- Ned Michie asked about the City Market national chains article, Brian Daly replied that they can have a discussion, and that only a handful of folks were upset by the vendor. City market has its own Advisory Board who is committed to talk about vendor selection. Great Harvest did send in an application and they do make their goods locally, would like Market Managers present to talk about this topic. Ned Michie stated that it should go to the City Market board first. Jennifer McKeever stated that it does not have to come directly, but would be happy to discuss.
- Ned Michie asked about the City Market sign @ CATEC. Ned Michie stated that the School Board did discuss at last meeting, checking on Albemarle guidelines and facility use policy. Brian Daly reported that they have had internal discussion about moving to CATEC parking lot.

Directors Matters

- Brian Daly reported on issues @ Smith Aquatic Center. There have been mechanical system issues when experiencing really hot weather temperatures and reported that 2 out of 5 wells were failing, and that warranties are being looked into.
- Reported that when this happened in May, had to close for a few days, extended passes for patrons, if this happens again this week, will give outdoor passes to patrons.
- Vic Garber updated board members on the following:

Aquatic facilities:

- Extended hours @ Onesty Aquatic Center and Washington Park Pool, open until 8 pm,
- Zero depth area will open while swim team practices in extended hours. During swim team meets will open Onesty Aquatic Center from 4-8 pm.
- July 4th will open entire day, market moved to Pen Park.

Summer Camps

- First week of Summer Camp – 632 youth are signed up @ 6 sites, camps are full, have waiting lists
- Last week orientation for 70 staff
- Therapeutic camp operating @ Walker
- USTA Quick Start Tennis – lined @ Tonsler tennis courts, 4 regular for 10 & under courts and 4 courts for 8 & under. Will not interrupt any other play. Boys & Girls club will play soon, working on fall program
- Pickleball – hot in Charlottesville, hottest growing sport for 55 & over and middle school kids, lined 3 indoor courts @ Key recreation center and two courts @ Pen Park. Group consists of 45-55 members who play regularly, some want to play outside.
- Sean McCord asked about the heat wave and cooling centers, Vic Garber reported that today they were @ capacity by 11 am.

Motion

- Ruth Barnett made motion to adjourn meeting, Ned Michie second, motion was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned @ 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board

INFORMATION – 1

Tonsler Park Playground Construction Sequence

Staff will provide an update on the construction sequencing for the new playground at Tonsler Park. Graphic renderings of the new play equipment will also be shared. The equipment represents the types of play features requested by the neighborhood during the playground planning process earlier this year.

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INFORMATION – 3

Azalea Park Renovations Progress Report

The renovations of Azalea Park, implementing the Master Plan that was adopted in 2010, have begun. The new dog park is complete and open to the public. A biofilter storm water management feature has been installed in the western side of the park near the park entrance. Additional work is planned for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013 and into Fiscal Year 2014. Staff will provide a report on the work done to date as well as the upcoming schedule. Below are several photographs of the new dog park and biofilter feature.



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