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## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA June 18, 2014**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1      Adoption of Minutes – May 21, 2014 Advisory Board Meeting

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1              McIntire Park Design Status
- I-2              Skate Park Design Status
- I-3              Rives Park Construction Schedule
- I-4              Azalea Park Master Plan Implementation Update
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### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

### **BOARD MATTERS**

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

City of Charlottesville  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Agenda Item  
June 18, 2014

**ADMINISTRATIVE – 1**

Adoption of Minutes – May 21, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of May 21, 2014 meeting.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**May 21, 2014**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. held @ Carver Recreation Center. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Llezelle Dugger, Anne Hemenway, Scott Marshall, Natasha Sienitsky, Ned Michie and Jordan Phemister. Members absent: Byron Brown, David Hirschman and Maurice Walker

Staff: Doug Ehman, Vic Garber and Chris Gensic; Guest: Shelley Stern, Carlton Neighborhood Association

#### **Minutes:**

- Natasha Sienitsky made a motion to approve minutes, Llezelle Dugger second, motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Rives Park - Gardens**

- Shelley Stern, representative from Carlton Neighborhood Association, stated that she had gratitude for the open period regarding gardens @ Rives Park. She asked that staff think and plan creatively, and make sure that community gardens fits in with the City's sustainability.
- Requested that the community meetings be documented on video to enable that information to be shared with committee.

#### **Rives Park**

- Doug Ehman stated that they have come up with a solution to water spring, \$3,000 left, spent \$100-\$125,000 fixing soils and water. Completion probably after 7/4
- Natasha Sientisky asked about volleyball court.
- Doug Ehman stated that City Council at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in July will decide whether to substitute gardens for volleyball court @ Rives Park
- Planning Commission has concerns about use – water access, vehicle access and waste disposal but the Planning Commission only reviews and comments, does not make recommendations to City Council.
- Community can make comments @ July meeting
- Chris Gensic stated that staff will be formalizing a process for master plan amendments.

#### **McIntire Park Design Status**

- Doug Ehman reported the following:
  - Design team for McIntire east consists of city staff, Tree Commissioner, Botanical garden Inc. Open House on June 3rd @ Carver Center.
  - Land Use Plan – schematic and conceptual design begins to finalize about the way you do things.
  - Contractor has come up with original use schematic, general agreement with them for the park south section, ex. picnic shelters, trails, four alternatives, how things would lay out and function
  - Visitors center could function in several ways
  - Tent pavilion areas – ex. weddings could be held

- Two concepts will be presented at public meeting; would like @ June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to refine and get down to one concept
- Two versions:
  - Facilities are on top, come in with turnaround area, picnic shelter, adventure splash pad area, visitor center, Botanical garden
  - Other version – things get pushed back
  - Storm water structure of parkway cannot be moved
  - Encouraged by process, have come up with plans in shorter time than expected
  - Area will be a good potential for revenue
  - After meeting come up with final concept, another open house, then go to construction drawings for first phase
  - There is no operating model in place
  - Ned Michie asked about playing field that was talked about in early plans
  - Will bring approved plan to next meeting

### **Skate Park Design Status**

- Vic Garber reported the following:
  - Committee met on May 13, 2014
  - Six conceptual designs, square footage was an issue, no beginner area, derby dames needed more space, ADA issues, access point and railway easement
  - Good flow, bowls, plaza street area, blend with trees and trails, shade areas
  - Two new concepts – 50 individuals in attendance, extended multi use court; Plaza –Plan b – like 2 bowls.
  - Existing pool house would stay – possibly use as a storage area
  - Talk internally about management, fence, supervision
  - Future process – next meeting end of June, will take all comments and condense, and merge two concepts

### **Azalea Park Master Plan**

- Doug Ehman reported that there was another flood last week, creek jumped banks, waiting for picnic shelter and drinking fountain to come in.
- Ball field work done, project should be done by end of summer

### **Other Park & Recreation facility construction**

- Key Center gym - new floor, handed out photos
- Putting in system that has humidistats
- Repairs to Maplewood Cemetery
- Lee park retaining wall
- Belmont spray park – vendor pumps weren't in package, pumps came in today, should be functional on Saturday

### **Board Matters**

- Jordan Phemister asked about Riverview Park after the recent storm, Doug Ehman replied that the river was lapping at the base of playground. Also lower portion of Towe Park was underwater.
- Advisory Board was asked to formally name the park adjacent to Fry Springs Beach Club. A sign had been made that read Fry's Springs Park because of the two spring boxes located on the property but the name was not formally approved by the Advisory Board.

### **Motion – Naming of park adjacent to Fry Springs Beach Club**

- Ruth Barnett made a motion to approve the name Fry's Springs Park, Anne Hemenway second, motion was unanimously approved.

### **Directors Matters**

- Doug Ehman reported that there will be a meeting on June 12 @ Carver Center regarding garden plot allocation @ Rives Park. Last meeting 22 attended - consensus to leave process as present
- Vic Garber reported the following:
  - Aquatics – spray parks open, hours 10 am – 8 pm; ask for groups to call first.
  - Outdoor pools open this Saturday, will be open weekends until schools close
  - Looking for lifeguards
  - Sunday Sundown event @ Washington Park – Sunday, June 8
  - Kid Float – Saturday, June 7
  - Summer Camps begin June 16 – 700 kids registered
  - Van Johnson, Facilities Coordinator retiring after 40 years with the City, reception being held May 30 @ 'Ntelos pavilion from 12-2 pm

### **Motion to adjourn**

- Ruth Barnett made a motion to adjourn meeting, Jordan Phemister second, motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned @ 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly  
Secretary to the Advisory Board

## **INFORMATION - 1**

### McIntire Park Design Status

Staff will provide an update on the design process to complete the final plans for the east side of McIntire Park. The current conceptual drawings for the park will be presented at the meeting.

## **INFORMATION - 2**

### Skate Park Design Status

Staff will provide an update on the design process to complete the final plans for the skate park within the east side of McIntire Park. The current conceptual drawings for the skate park will be presented at the meeting.

## **INFORMATION - 3**

### Rives Park Construction Schedule

Staff will provide an update on the construction sequence for the renovations at Rives Park, which is currently underway.

## **INFORMATION - 4**

### Azalea Park Master Plan Implementation Update

Staff will provide an update on the continuing work to finish the implementation of the Master Plan for Azalea Park.

## **INFORMATION - 5**

### Garden Plot Allocation Process Public Discussion Update

Two community meetings regarding the process used by the Department for the allocation of Garden Plots have been held in the past forty-five (45) days. Staff will provide the Board with an update of the outcome of those community meetings and a preliminary recommendation to move forward with the Rives Park Master Plan Amendment.