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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA May 21, 2014

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City of Charlottesville
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Agenda Item
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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – April 16, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of April 16, 2014 meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 16, 2014

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. held @ Carver Recreation Center. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Byron Brown, Llezelle Dugger, Anne Hemenway, David Hirschman, Ned Michie, Jordan Phemister and Maurice Walker. Members absent: Scott Marshall and Natasha Sienitsky
Staff: Brian Daly, Doug Ehman and Vic Garber

Minutes:

- Ruth Barnett made a motion to approve as amended, David Hirschman second, motion was unanimously approved.

McIntire Park Design Status

- Brian Daly stated that there wasn't much change due to the meeting date change last month leaving a shorter time between meetings. Stated that he expected the physical topographic of east side of McIntire in the next couple of days. Next two meetings will be set after. Public open house in May.
- Gave update to Design Task Force on Skate park and east side of park
- McIntire wading pool will not open this season
- Ned Michie asked about the bridge, Brian Daly replied that construction would start later in the year.

Skate park Design Status

- Vic Garber handed out agenda that Stantec presented @ the 4/8 Skate park design meeting; 41 participants attended, mixed attendance including parents, skaters, youth, younger skaters that were beginners, Derby Dames and Bike Polo participants.
- Stantec representatives met with everyone - design team, Skate park advisory board, County Parks & Recreation Director, Mike Farruggio – Botanical Garden liaison, asked participants if they were residents, non-residents, bikers, inline skaters, other.
- Focus group questions for everyone that attended, information @ skate park also to compile information
- Two conceptual designs – look @ pros and cons, concepts similar, details are not.
- Vic Garber reviewed both concepts for advisory board members.
 - Plan A – more street scape
 - Plan B – more plaza oriented
 - Plan A -possibility of two bowls where old wading pool was
 - Plan B – more curves, banks
 - Broke up into 6 different groups, were given blank layout with cutouts and markers, able to design their own Skate park, Stantec gave pros and cons for Plans A & B before participants left meeting
 - Next meeting will have much more refined concepts
 - Operations discussions have not been determined which includes fees, supervision, etc.
 - Want park to be unique for this area, want economic development upside

- Feedback area available at end of agenda
- Byron Brown asked if there were there a lot of youth @ the meeting, Vic Garber replied that there was a solid mix; Stantec commented that for a first meeting the crowd was a very good mix representation.
- Goal is double the attendance @ next meeting, 5/13 @ Carver Center
- Maurice Walker asked if there was input from UVA, Vic Garber replied not at this point, will ramp up public relations and social networks, will be working with Miriam Dickler, the City's communication person
- Storm water drainage, 4-5 months process
- Talked a lot about connecting with the master plan
- Ned Michie suggested moving left corner over 10 ft. to allow for trail to connect under bypass bridge into neighborhood. Also asked if Stantec had dollar value to plan, Vic Garber replied that the plans will drive funds, may be possible fundraising. Goal – design first class Skate park, City Council will decide on funding
- Anne Hemenway stated that she was surprised that there was no budget goal
- Doug Ehman stated the need to expand the vision for the Skate park – skaters will come from all around, will bring revenue to area
- Design process has been funded, park will be lit
- No budget for east side of park, have an anticipation in CIP program which was written August, 2013, will do again in August, 2014
- Llezelle Dugger stated that if the Skate park is seen as a tourist attraction, will be a bigger draw

Rives Park Construction Schedule

- Doug Ehman stated that 6 weeks ago they hit poor structural soils, took 5 weeks using geologists to figure out solutions, ran into terra cotta pile, running clear water from somewhere, not on any survey, as of Friday thought there may be a spring, tile continued up the hill about another 50 ft., appears to be spring water, probably will end up taking it to rain garden or storm water.
- Have picnic shelters coming in end of May, restrooms in June
- Originally should have been wrapping up at this time, now looking @ 4th of July date
- Brian Daly stated that relating to gardens, has been brought to Planning Commission
- Doug Ehman stated that all members were there, voiced concern in opposition to garden for being @ Rives, for being that kind of park, very concerned on whether or not appropriate
- Carlton Neighborhood Association was against the garden plot idea, also raised issue, on how plots are allocated, managed
- Will have meeting 5/15 @ Carver Center to discuss the process for garden plots
- Ms. Lena Seville, Vice President of Carlton Neighborhood Association stated that the Carlton Neighborhood Association Board has since changed over, discussing @ next meeting, have heard from members that are in favor of, leaning more towards neutral, have heard from those against – in more regards to community gardens, more personal opinion than related to park

Azalea Park Master Plan

- Doug Ehman stated that they are doing pretty good, scheduled in pipe line, except for restroom in flood plain, meet tomorrow @ 4 pm, have proposal, once done, can order building; picnic shelter ordered - delivery date June,
- Fences, dugouts covered, pads under bleachers, provide sitting space for disabled individuals
- Should be done by end of summer, except for some grading work
- Pre fab restroom buildings

Other Parks & Recreation Facility Construction & Maintenance Projects

- HUD – manage to renovate and rehab 8 playground sites, repairs done, except one slide, just cut PO for fence work. Pour & place – about ready to go to Purchasing – work done by end of June, work will be done with all housing authority funds.
- Belmont Spray pad – 5/16 completion
- Key Center gym floor being replaced – was not installed correctly, huge problems
- Repairs to basketball courts @ Tonsler, July 1 funds available, project this winter
- Mall crossings – NDS funding, Monday night City Council meeting, repair vehicular crossings
- Maplewood Cemetery – wall repair work, northwest corner

FY 15 budget

- Brian Daly stated that this past Thursday had last work session on budget, adjustment to cap project – transference of funds from Tonsler Park to Meadowcreek Valley project. Made point @ budget session that \$150,000 was taken from the Tonsler Park project to Meadowcreek project and would need to be replaced.

Chairman's Matters

- None

Board Matters

- Ned Michie asked if there was any news about YMCA, Brian Daly replied that they may start construction in July, will have update end of May.
- Llezelle Dugger stated that several parents have asked to bring attention to have more swim lessons, Level 1, Starfish
- Ruth Barnett wanted to thank P&R Leadership Project team, Green Adventure project

Directors Matters

- Easter Extravaganza – Saturday, April 19 @ CHS, 11 am
- Summer pool passes on sale – 5/23 deadline for best rate
- Spray grounds open 5/17
- New program guide now online, mailed early next week, 4/28 registration
- Will not be @ next month's meeting

Motion

- Llezelle Dugger made a motion to adjourn, Anne Hemenway second, motion was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 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 first conceptual drawings for the park are attached as Appendix A.

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 are attached as Appendix B.

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.

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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.

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Other Park and Recreational Facility Construction & Maintenance Projects

Several new renovation/maintenance projects will be going to construction in the next several months, including repairs to the mechanical systems at the Belmont Park Spray Ground, the replacement of the gymnasium floor at the Key Recreation Center, and maintenance of the retaining wall at Lee Park. Staff will provide details and timelines for each of the projects.

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ACTION - 1

Naming of New Park Land in the Fry's Spring Neighborhood

There has been a recent acquisition of park lands in the Fry's Spring neighborhood, directly adjacent to the Fry's Spring Beach Club, Old Lynchburg Road and Jefferson Park Circle. The properties are contiguous and comprise a total of approximately four (4) acres. The original Fry's Springs are also located on the property. At some future date, a Master Plan for the park will need to be established, following the City's established procedure.

The Policy of Naming Parks and Park Facilities states in part:

"As a general policy, parks shall be named in accordance with geographical, historical or ecological features indigenous to the park site or to the immediate vicinity of the site."

Pursuant to the policy, staff recommends that the park be named **Fry's Springs Park**. The entire Policy is attached for reference.