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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA August 19, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – July 15, 2015 Advisory Board Meeting

INFORMATION ITEMS

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I-2 Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation Update
I-3 End of Summer Recreational Facility and Programming Update
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ADJOURNMENT

City of Charlottesville
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Agenda Item
August 19, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – July 15, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of July 15, 2015 meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES ***July 15, 2015***

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. held @ Carver Recreation Center. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Anne Hemenway, David Hirschman, Jody Lahendro, Ned Michie, Scott Morgan, Maurice Walker and Mary Wilson.

Members absent: Byron Brown and Llezelle Dugger

Staff: Brian Daly, Doug Ehman, Vic Garber, Chris Gensic, Riaan Anthony

- Introductions of Board members – David Hirschman asked board members to introduce themselves

Minutes

- Ruth Barnett made a motion to approve May 20th minutes, Ned Michie second, motion was unanimously approved.

Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan

- Chris Gensic reported the following:
 - Implementation phase – majority is trails
 - Mostly natural area, \$300,000 budgeted – split between 2 years
 - Disc golf group said that if they can find a home, would do most of the work
 - Frisbee disc golf area – now played, opening – August 8
 - Sign for gardens
 - Picnic tables
 - Formalize trail under Hydraulic Road; in process of VDOT approval, design on retainer waiting for VDOT go ahead; not sure about ADA on north side, hope to hear next month
 - Awaiting permission from Dominion Power, old holiday building, Dominion signed letter with Rivanna Trails a while ago
 - Michie Drive field area – plan will change with details of bike plan, biker trail on commercial side, had intended to put bridge @ end of Michie Drive; Kroger is moving – possible change in retaining wall, easement from Kroger, Hearthwood apartments agreed, Whole Foods agreed, slight modification will be made
 - Construction of trail – pretty simple, lay down gravel
 - Focus on getting bridges in. 140 ft. wide flood plain, tighten up flood study, another month before know answers to flood questions
 - Steel beam working would be cheaper
 - Flood way – usually active every 3-4 years
 - Trail bridge are allowed in local code in floodways
 - Have data on pre stream restoration
 - 3 way stop @ Brandywine
 - Railroad tunnel – connect to the John Warner Parkway
 - Grant to extend trail, can build to Hydraulic Rd;

- Gardens @ Michie Drive – very successful

McIntire Park Design Status Report

- Brian Daly stated that the report is due by the end of day Friday for staff review
- Last meeting – conceptual drawings, bridge should be able to go to bid by September
- Lot more to share on east side next month
- David Hirschman asked about phasing

Skate Park Design Status Report

- Riaan Anthony stated that the existing Skatepark @ McIntire Park was temporary.
- Reported that they have updated benches, schedule is more consistent, using same concept as outdoor pools for closing due to rain storms
- Reported that numbers are slightly lower @ the temporary space but are consistent
- Vic Garber reported that project was @ 60% submitted stage in May, now @ 90% stage, have document for details for construction which include electrical, plaza details, bowls.
- Met with Stantec, reviewed every page with them; submitted questions, NDS has 9 copies of documents, should be getting back by the end of next week, moving forward, efforts made to not disturb trees, looking @ additional safety railing, color schemes
- Meeting with Skatepark Advisory Board next week.
- Funding: Reported that there is a Tony Hawk grant, sponsorship & community involvement for funding strategies. Will be finalizing a plan
- Restroom is going to be @ entry, additional cost for sewer line
- Demolition plan – take out old wading pool,

Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation Plan

- Doug Ehman reported that the Tonsler Park basketball courts were done three weeks early, possibility of sets of bleachers, put in some fencing, walking path – contractor is busy, trying to get scheduled hopefully by end of month
- Splash pad, field house project – two different contracts, September time frame,
- Build splash pad next summer, field house will take more work, multi-purpose floor – have classes, volleyball, big open building, 6-9 months with public participation
- Funding for splash pad, but not enough for all of the field house, will be working with CIP. Project will include operation & maintenance.
- David Hirschman asked about feedback from community with improvements that have been done, response was very happy
- Parking can be issue with large groups
- Channel 29 did a report on Tonsler today.

Chairman Matters

- David Hirschman reported that he was out @ Tonsler Park today, looked great, lots of kids using the park

Board Matters

- Ned Michie asked about painting the three basketball courts, Doug Ehman replied that the package was in Purchasing
- Rivanna Trails – mountain biking @ Ragged Mt.
- Chris Gensic stated that citizens are asking if the old rules still apply @ for Ragged Mt., feel it should be treated as other parks, will be going to City Council approval with staff recommendations; drafted set of rules – logical & consistent to have same rules as other parks;
- Maurice Walker apologized for missing meetings, work related
- Wasps in the dugouts @ Quarry, also @ Azalea
- Mary Wilson stated that she thought that last month's field trip was fantastic; would like to have more and also new board member orientation
- Mary Wilson stated that she does not know process concerning e-mail complaints that are directed to the Advisory Board, would like to see responses to complaints
- Mary Wilson reported that a citizen complained to her regarding Maplewood cemetery concerning brick walls around cemetery; Doug Ehman replied that he met with neighborhood association three months ago; project is in CIP for wall repair, one for replacement
- David Hirschman suggested to e-mail chair if there are concerns that board members would like on the agenda
- Send bylaws to board members

Director's Matters

- Vic Garber reported the following:
 - Shakespeare in the Park was cancelled due to the company losing actors
 - Sounds of Summer dates – 7/18 – Belmont; 7/29 – Tonsler; music & food provided
 - Kid Float – this Saturday, providing river doesn't rise, 50 signed up, volunteer for each youth
 - Camp Fun Run - today – doused with different colors of paint, mud slide
 - Camp Fun Day – 7/17 – dunk booth, slides, food, 600 kids, held @ Walker, therapeutic campers also involved
 - Sunday Sundown dates – 6/7 – 300; 7/12 – last one on 8/9 – Bama Works sponsor
 - Summer camps have had astounding numbers; will be three more week camps until school starts
- Brian Daly reported that work @ Smith is in progress, will be doing air quality work – contractor mobilized this week, activities have been moved to Crow Center. Completion date 8/28, reopen 8/29

Motion

- Ruth Barnett made a motion to adjourn, second by Mary Wilson. Motion unanimously approved
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board

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INFORMATION - 1

Skate Park Design Status Update

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 - 2

Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation

Staff will provide a summary of the project status as basketball court construction has completed and the next phases of the project are forthcoming.

INFORMATION - 3

End of Summer Recreational Facility and Programming Update

Staff will provide an end of summer update on recreational facility usage and programs that have occurred this summer as the season winds to a close.

INFORMATION - 4

Smith AFC Construction Update

Staff will provide a summary of the project status at Smith AFC on HVAC improvements in the facility and schedule for reopening to the public.