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## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA March 18, 2015**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1      Adoption of Minutes – January 21, 2015 Advisory Board Meeting

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

I-1              Athletics Programming Update  
I-2              McIntire Park Design Status Report  
I-3              Skate Park Design Status Report  
I-4              Tonsler Park Basketball Court Renovations

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

### **BOARD MATTERS**

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

City of Charlottesville  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Agenda Item  
March 18, 2015

**ADMINISTRATIVE – 1**

Adoption of Minutes – January 21, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of January 21, 2015 meeting.

## ***PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD***

### **MINUTES**

***January 21, 2015***

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. held @ Carver Recreation Center. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Byron Brown, Llezelle Dugger, Anne Hemenway, Jody Lahendro, Scott Marshall, Ned Michie, Maurice Walker and Mary Wilson. Members absent: David Hirschman

Staff: Brian Daly, Doug Ehman, Vic Garber, Riaan Anthony, Sarah Blech

#### ***Election of Officers:***

##### **➤ Nominations for Chair:**

- Byron Brown nominated David Hirschman
- Ned Michie nominated Byron Brown

#### ***Motion for Chair:***

- Llezelle Dugger made a motion for Byron Brown as Chair, Scott Marshall second, motion was unanimously approved.

##### **➤ Nominations for Vice Chair:**

- Ned Michie nominated David Hirschman

#### ***Motion for Vice Chair:***

- Ruth Barnett made a motion for David Hirschman as Vice Chair, second by Scott Marshall, motion was unanimously approved.

#### ***Motion for November minutes:***

- Llezelle Dugger made a motion for approval of November minutes, second by Ned Michie, motion was unanimously approved.

#### ***Motion for December minutes***

- Ned Michie made a motion for approval of December minutes with one correction to change guest name to Berry instead of Barry, second by Anne Hemenway, motion of unanimously approved.

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

- Brian Daly reported that they would be trying to get the design team together in the next 10 days; after City Council meeting, design came back with modifications.
- Southern end of park – create plaza, larger area than shown with fountain; proposed reflecting pool in between trails – staff didn't like; architects asked – leave pond on southern area as option for reaction; on a slope, not in the best place
- Moved away from notion of impounding pond
- Meeting last week about parking lot, preliminary work has started, hope to get 30 car parking lot on one side
- Bridge review – plans @ VDOT, railroad, Doug Ehman stated that they are not anticipating problems
- Funding in place, 30 days to bid, 30 days to finalize contracts, bottom line – start construction early/late spring, use mid-fall
- Ned Michie asked about phasing; Brian Daly replied that they have talked a little, but will depend on what is in CIP

### **Skatepark Design Status Report**

- Vic Garber handed out flier to board members about Open House tomorrow night 6:30-8 pm @ Carver; go to meeting with Canton from San Diego, CA.
- Purpose of meeting to update everyone on changes from August to date
- Skatepark committee has recommended quite a few changes, snake run, transition to more expert bowls, more beginner, more people can take part; Canton has been making appropriate changes, grade, etc.; added Skatepark entrance, pyramid – sculptural brick, i.e. – represent Monticello
- Finalize master plan; hope to have design by May 1. Preliminary design available on line - [charlottesville.org/McIntire Park](http://charlottesville.org/McIntirePark)

### **Therapeutic Recreation Program Highlights**

- Sarah Blech reported that therapeutic recreation covers individuals with disabilities, seniors and Very Special Arts Program which is an affiliate of JFK Performing Arts Center
- Outreach in community, schools, day support programs; Region X, Arc of Piedmont
- Bob Isabelle – social skills program, participants come to facilities; exercise program @ Key Recreation Center
- Collaboration with schools – Walker, Buford, Post High, CHS, Albemarle County public schools
- Program has participants that are 8 & older; trying to do more outreach to get younger participants.
- VSA – art programs – Jackson Via, CHS, AHS, WAHS, Park School, Jack Jouett, Venable, Burnley Moran
- Therapeutic recreation programs are partially funded by Albemarle County
- Collaborations:
  - Inclusion/Mentor program – Enrichment Alliance, Camping for All; Youth summer regular camps @ 5 sites; City & County Parks & Recreation departments
  - Buddy Camp – City & County schools; City & County Parks & Recreation departments
  - Collaborating with city/county schools and Special Olympics on Little Feet competition.
  - Special needs yoga class in gym – collaboration with UVA
  - Supper club – 5 held per month for young adults, go to restaurants, have Thanksgiving meal @ Vinegar Hill
  - Dances – one recently held with live band
  - Trips – Camp Holiday Trails; plan to do climbing wall at Rocky Top
  - League of Our Own softball program @ Towe Park - for participants w/disabilities – attendance approximately 40
  - Monthly luncheon for visually impaired – mostly adults
  - Starting personal training fitness class @ Carver/Smith Centers – Dave Burton, instructor who is certified in fitness training 1on 1
  - Projects – poetry book, calendar, Festival of the Book, Art Show – held @ Performing Arts Center, City Space
  - Participants: Individuals w/disabilities - 4,609; Seniors - 1,159; VSA – 3,322
  - Coming up – Game Club; Walking group, Lawn bowling, Guided Ragged Mountain class, Waltz
  - New this summer - one week camp for pre-schoolers - City/county collaboration
  - Instructors – 2 FT; 1 PT, temp Rec Aides – work @ Supper Club, Fitness classes, Art Instructors - VSA
  - Some volunteers – hard to coordinate; reliability is an issue

- Ned Michie asked how the numbers compare with school collaboration going up; Sarah Blech replied trying to do more in the schools.

### **New Centers Coordinator**

- Vic Garber introduced Riaan Anthony, Centers Coordinator who replaced Van Johnson.
- Riaan Anthony gave some background on himself - came from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan but is originally from South Africa. Starting a family; happy to be here, up for the challenge

### **FY 16-20 Capital Improvement Program**

- Brian Daly gave a brief summary of CIP as it stands today in a draft working form
- City #'s shown – funding basically level from previous years
- Art fund – zeroed out, shown somewhere else in budget. Art in Place – Piedmont Arts transitioning to take over
- Conversation with Botanical Garden representatives – meeting two weeks ago; working out agreement on operation, funding was big part of conversation; fundraising, very positive about raising funds,
- Entire general fund budget – where the budget is – meeting today; schools; CIP, revenue projections, gap \$5.1 million; assuming no tax increases, etc.
- Mary Wilson asked about lump sum account? Brian Daly replied that it was for miscellaneous smaller projects, gives department more flexibility, similar to facilities management accounts. Have listed out preliminary projects list for this fund.
- Ned Michie asked about private money available for Skatepark; Vic Garber replied that they are working on foundations, sponsors, etc.
- Anne Hemenway stated that there was confusion by the public about funding for Skatepark; county paying for part of operation, moving the facility; design
- Ned Michie asked if staffing/not staffing decision had been answered for Skatepark; Vic Garber replied that no decision has been made yet
- Brian Daly stated that there will need to be a memorandum of understanding between City and Botanical Garden; not leasing property to Botanical Garden, would be a city building, etc. Will be a public park, available to everyone
- Ned Michie asked about \$450,000 for McIntire – how would it be spent? Brian Daly replied design fees, parking lot, Skatepark, construction costs for parking lot, edges of bridge, ancillary
- Ned Michie asked how long for first phase; Doug Ehman replied that if funding & drawings are there, can do first year, trails
- Anne Hemenway asked about accessibility into the park, felt it should be #1 priority

### **Chairman Matters**

- Byron Brown thanked advisory board members for their support for another term

### **Board Matters**

- Anne Hemenway asked about golf @ McIntire Park. Brian Daly replied that the new interchange is going to open in the next two weeks; planning internally to address golf once interchange opens; there is one area that would have impact with parkway. Stated that there are loyal participants that play there that love and took care of the golf course @ McIntire Park; will provide them some access to Meadowcreek golf course. Be prepared to hear about ribbon cutting

- Ned Michie reported that he played pickle ball for the first time last Thursday and enjoyed it; said it was crowded; asked if the program was using school gyms. Vic Garber replied using as many as possible; not there yet to need more facilities. Stated that he was meeting with group on Friday

### **Directors Matters**

- Brian Daly reported that the department had received a phone call last Friday when City Hall was closed from Newsplex about policy regarding employees sleeping in city vehicles. He stated that he had spoken with the reporter and that an employee was recorded sleeping in a city truck with the motor running @ Oakwood Cemetery. He commented that it was inexcusable and has met with the staff person and that it will be handled internally; did not hear back from reporter today.
- Getting started on planning & design work for Tonsler Park including whether to light basketball courts
- City Council has granted the YMCA a one-year lease extension, shelter reservations have been extended through Memorial Day
- Dedicated tennis facility – has talked with Bob Crickenberger, will be reconvening the Towe Park Committee to talk through the next steps

### **Motion to adjourn**

- Llezelle Dugger made a motion to adjourn, Ruth Barnett second, motion was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly  
Secretary to Advisory Board

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## **INFORMATION - 1**

### Athletics Programming Update

Bernie Garrison, Manager of the Athletics Program Manager will provide an update on current athletic programming and plans for the upcoming spring and summer seasons.

## **INFORMATION - 2**

### McIntire Park Design Status Report

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 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 - 4**

### Tonsler Park Basketball Court Renovations

The planning and engineering stage for the renovations of the Tonsler Park Basketball Courts is complete and the project is out for bids. Staff will provide a summary of the plans and the schedule for construction.