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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA May 20, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

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- I-2 McIntire Park Design Status Report
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- I-5 Summer Aquatic Facility Operations

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ADJOURNMENT

City of Charlottesville
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Agenda Item
May 20, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

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

ACTION REQUIRED:

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

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of April 15, 2015 meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

April 15, 2015

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

Staff: Brian Daly, Doug Ehman, Vic Garber and Philip Seay

Minutes

- Ned Michie made a motion to approve March 18th minutes, Anne Hemenway second, motion was unanimously approved.

Aquatics Summer Season Preview

- Philip Seay, Aquatics Facility Manager, stated that he had been working with Charlottesville Parks & Recreation since 2002, but as Aquatics Facility Manager since 2013. The Aquatics division is comprised of 6 benefited positions and consists of maintenance, fitness, front desk, operation of Smith Aquatic Center and outdoor pools @ Washington Park & Onesty Pool located at Meade Park.
- He reported that programs drive revenues, examples: birthday parties, grant money – Learn to swim program @ Buford PE programs, 30-40 kids participating highlighted next week on Channel 19, goal is to teach kids who can't swim, looking @ adult swim classes.
- In process of starting up for summer, about 90% complete getting spray pads up, which open May 16. Start Monday on outdoor pools; will be a closure this summer/fall @ Smith Aquatic Center due to work on ventilation.
- He reported that the division was going through a transition with recent retirements of John Nowell and Bill Byers and the resignation of Tammy Sutton, all of which were full time positions.
- Anne Hemenway asked if they were still looking for summer lifeguards, Philip Seay replied yes.
- Ned Michie asked if there was a solution with the swim team coach and the requests for Andrea Ross to perform that responsibility this summer; Brian Daly replied that late last summer the division was created a new position, Aquatics Operations Manager and that Andrea Ross was the successful candidate, the department advertised for new swim coach in February and have not been successful filling it yet; with that staff has made a determination that Andrea Ross would continue as coach for this year, leveraging our resources is something staff does with transitions.
- Anne Hemenway stated that she hoped staff would take into a consideration the passionate letters from swim team members.
- Ned Michie asked what would happen next year.

McIntire Park Design Status Report

- Brian Daly reported on what parts of the project would be included in Phase I:
 - A - Parking/Roads/utilities
 - B - Boardwalk & bridge connections
 - D. East/west trail & plaza fountain

- Stream restoration, temporary bridge will be available over stream this summer.
- McIntire Golf Course will close permanently this year
- Dogwood Memorial – 4/24 – dedication; sod installed in next couple of days
- Bridge, connection, mowing paths, east/west connector paved
- Jody Lahendro asked how many phases for entire project? Brian Daly replied that probably two or three, absent the Botanical Garden

Skatepark Design Status Report

- Vic Garber gave an update on the Skatepark Design project:
 - City Council did pass the Skatepark design 5-0.
 - Next month – draft plan, looking @ materials, colors, textures, etc.
- Funding strategies – looking @ other localities how they raise funds
- Jacob – a high school student @ CHS stated that he was a big skater and that his favorite part of the plan was the runway; longboard now, stated bowls will get skaters to come; no complaint about plan
- Deadline – has changed from May to September 30
- Funding – will have to raise the funds; naming rights; grant opportunities, corporations, foundations, community members. Stantec firm will also propose some funding ideas, possibilities, etc.

Tonsler Park Basketball Court Renovations

- Doug Ehman reported that there was a pre-construction meeting today; might see fencing going up as early as tomorrow, press release going out this week; scheduled to be finished in June; courts have to cure for 21 days, have good contractors – Martin Horn

Draft Integrated Pest Management Policy

- Brian Daly reported that there has been allot of talk in the community about using pesticides; City Council has heard the presentation from staff, directed staff to draft policy as part of our practices; \$117,000/yr. additional funding;
- Will post when we do have to spray, minimum of 24 hours; Virginia does not have posting policy, would be above and beyond. Propose committee - staff from P&R, Environmental Office, Advisory Board, Tree Commission; committee would meet infrequently, produce an annual report, and department has a chemical database,
- Will be on City Council agenda Monday night

Chairman's Matters

- None

Board Matters

- David Hirschman apologized for missing meetings due to work; will also miss next month, required travel for work
- Maurice Walker asked about Tonsler Park project if it would impact any other activities in the park. Doug Ehman replied no
- Jody Lahendro reported that he will also have to miss next month's meeting

- Arbor Day celebration – 4/24 - 10 am, Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Anne Hemenway reported that on Sunday she and her husband rode bikes and went to six parks; very enlightening, all kinds of people were using the parks, especially Rives Park; loved Jordan Park

Directors Matters

- Brian Daly reported:
 - City Council has adopted budget – as it relates to P&R – only minor adjustments
 - Landscape adjustment for McIntire & 250; position was included for additional gardener, supplies, seasonal supplies, vehicle, etc.
 - City Council voted for one cent meals tax increase
 - Will be making improvements to HVAC system @ Smith Aquatic Center, will have more information @ next meeting. Will install an evacuator which is an effectively powerful fan/vacuum; will require closing pool to install. Crow Pool will be available during the closed times.

Motion

- A motion was made by Ned Michie to adjourn meeting, Anne Hemenway second, motion unanimously approved
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:00 –pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board

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INFORMATION - 1

Youth Programs Summer Season Preview

Erica Goode, Program Manager for the Department will provide an update on youth programs for this upcoming summer season.

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 - 3

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

Staff will provide a summary of the project status as construction is ongoing.

INFORMATION - 5

Summer Aquatic Operations

Staff will provide a summary of the upcoming summer aquatics season, as facilities open Saturday, May 23, 2015.