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## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA October 21, 2015**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1      Adoption of Minutes – September 16, 2015 Advisory Board Meeting

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

I-1              Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan Implementation  
I-2              Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation Update  
I-3              2015 Outdoor Aquatics Season Recap  
I-4              Update on Piedmont Family YMCA

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

### **BOARD MATTERS**

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

City of Charlottesville  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Agenda Item  
October 21, 2015

**ADMINISTRATIVE – 1**

Adoption of Minutes – September 16, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of September 16, 2015 meeting.

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

### **MINUTES**

***September 16, 2015***

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. held @ Carver Recreation Center. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Byron Brown, Llezelle Dugger, Anne Hemenway, David Hirschman, Jody Lahendro, Ned Michie, Scott Morgan, and Mary Wilson. Members absent: Maurice Walker  
Staff: Brian Daly, Vic Garber, Chris Gensic

### **Minutes**

- Ned Michie made a motion to approve July 15<sup>th</sup> minutes, Jody Lahendro second, motion was unanimously approved.
- Mary Wilson made a motion to approve August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes, Ned Michie second, motion was unanimously approved.

### **Meadowcreek Valley Master Plan**

- Chris Gensic stated that they are working on the master plan, majority consists of trail system, and reported the following:
  - Working on two bridge plans based on updated floodplain studies that show a larger/higher floodplain than shown on previous maps. Stated that they hope to wrap up flood study this month and get RFQ for bridge design out by end of the year. Construction of the two bridges could occur by summer, 2016. Design process will take 3-4 months; need approval by NDS, construction should begin in early spring. After the bridges completion will be looking @ surfacing the trails
  - Disc golf course – passed around discs for board members to see. The Disc golf course is complete & open to the public. The Blue Ridge Disc Golf Club did almost all of the work to design & build the course. Working now to build a suspension bridge to cross Meadow Creek using poles installed by Dominion Power at no cost, will be fun addition for this area. Have added some parking & port-a-john to the park, and a new sign @ the entrance. Course is located next to community gardens, is always busy, positive activity, there is another disc course in the area located @ Walnut Creek.
  - The trail culverts under Hydraulic Road & Rt. 250 are about to go to design/engineering once VDOT permit field last month is approved. Hope to get designed this fall & improved by summer, 2016
  - Gardens doing well
  - Working w/Kroger & other landowners to connect the commuter trail up from the creek valley to the new Hillsdale Drive.
  - The proposed railroad tunnel trail is probably a few years away as it is a \$1.5 million project. Have made a request in the CIP for this project, and may be able to get help through the revenue sharing program @ VDOT,
  - Ned Michie asked if the commuter trail should stay on the east side of the creek, Chris Gensic replied that it would require a plan amendment as the public desires to have the hiking/RTF trail on the east/residential side and the bike/commuter trail on the west side of the creek near the commercial areas.

- Replied that staff is working on permits, McIntire West permit, 250 culvert. Hope to have approvals by Thanksgiving. Also asked about RFQ process, Chris Gensic stated that it depends on cost, should have cost estimates by February.
- Reported that they have submitted grant to state, which would double money. Revenue sharing grant – railroad tunnel, matching, City Council will need to put up \$1 million first, or at least half
- Stated that they are forming a means for projects @ locations that are city/county shared

### **Tonsler Park Master Plan**

- Chris Gensic reported that the trail is done
- Brian Daly reported that the basketball courts are done
- Next steps will be design work, picnic shelter area; how to proceed with field house
- Reported that Tonsler Park has been busy, Sounds of Summer event was well received

### **Therapeutic Recreation/VSA Arts**

- Vic Garber reported that the new therapeutic Robin & Mani's All Buddy Camp which was a one week camp that was held @ Jackson Via in June, 12 attendees, consisted of field trips, activities, outdoor recreation. Video of this summer's camp was shown to board members, video was put together by Buddy Camp assistant director, Rachel McLaughlin.
- Therapeutics program is a regional program, which also provides for non-county residents
- Vic Garber reported that the therapeutic camps were 24% city, wheelchair 43% city, VSA, League of our Own – 30% city, swimming – 30-47% city
- Therapeutic program also includes outreach, luncheons for various groups, ex. Visually Impaired, special events, overnight programs, fee based classes and senior programs.
- Approximately \$90,000 is received from Albemarle County for therapeutic programs
- Byron Brown commented that the Robin/Mani program was a great tribute
- VSA Arts show is an annual program, approximately 40-60 participants usually held in March, will be moving location to Carver Recreation Center, new hanging system for art is being installed at this location for people to be able to see the art work
- Poetry book

### **Smith AFC Construction**

- Brian Daly stated that the work performed this summer is complete, facility re-opened on 8/29. Systems are working well, have had positive feedbacks on air quality.
- Vic Garber stated that they have asked lifeguards about air quality, and all have said that it is much better
- Smith Aquatic facility is back open @ 5:30 am per City Council
- The \$315,000 cost for this project came from project savings

### **Draft 2017/2021 CIP**

- Brian Daly stated that the list given to board members included what came back from budget office, projects included in budget process
- Made some adjustments where additional funding, situations had changed

- Meadowcreek Valley, escalation in parkland acquisition funding, City/County Joint – numbers will probably change, told County would not support synthetic turf for fields unless it included lights, rectangular fields
- Lobby heavily to replace softball lights @ McIntire Park, lights are old & need to be replaced
- Phasing in renovation of tennis courts @ Pen Park
- Will isolate Skatepark as own project had been included as part of McIntire Park project
- Complete submissions due in about 3 weeks
- Anne Hemenway asked about indoor tennis @ Towe, Brian Daly replied that they needed to reconvene the Towe Committee to have that discussion. Asked if soccer organization will be asked to contribute funding for fields @ Towe with new turf
- Ned Michie asked about funding for Skatepark in FY 17, wonder if staff had considered flipping funding to try to get grant funding. Brian Daly replied that it makes sense to implement Skatepark in first part, will cost less for the project.
- East side of park will consist of Spray Park, bridge – stream restoration, Botanical Gardens, Visitors Center. Skatepark project more precise, intensive structure
- Naming rights, might be significant funding and that will be coming to the Advisory Board
- Ned Michie asked about Needs Assessment, asked about pre-process for projects. Brian Daly replied that the Needs Assessment did not make it to the list
- Mary Wilson asked about who approves naming rights, process? Vic Garber replied that it will be a sequence for approvals, part of strategy plan
- Brian Daly stated that the ultimate naming right will be with the Advisory Board
- Environmental impact on signage will be considered
- Ned Michie asked if the Tonsler Park project funding had gone up, Brian Daly replied that it had to create flexibility for the Field House
- Byron Brown asked to revisit the master plan for Tonsler Park next month

### **YMCA**

- Brian Daly reported that the YMCA deadline to commence construction is January, 2016, have to put together a financial plan by November One lender asked for a deed of trust, if YMCA abandons project, will hold lease to find another operator that meets condition of the lease, will use. Needs to be approved by City Council.
- Next City Council meeting YMCA will bring financial plan
- Internal meeting with YMCA CEO, Construction Superintendent will be held to iron out last issues for construction project. Have made strong recommendations on plans
- Will agree to non- disruption of activities & maintenance agreement

### **Chairman's Matters**

- None

### **Board Matters**

- Anne Hemenway reported that she takes her dog to McIntire Park
- David Hirschman reported that Azalea Park looks great, bathrooms were nice
- Ruth Barnett asked what was the McIntire Road project that was going on, Brian Daly replied that they were replacing the sewer line

### **Directors Matters**

- Brian Daly reported that this was the last weekend for spray grounds to be open
- Showed board members a data chart which showed #'s for use in facilities, used for budget purposes

**Motion**

- David Hirschman made a motion to adjourn, second by Ned Michie. Motion unanimously approved
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly  
Secretary to the Advisory Board

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## **INFORMATION - 1**

### Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan Implementation

Staff will provide an update on implementation of the Master Plan for the Meadow Creek Valley.

## **INFORMATION - 2**

### Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation

Staff will provide a summary of the project status.

## **INFORMATION - 3**

### 2015 Outdoor Aquatics Season Recap

Staff will provide a recap of the 2015 outdoor aquatics season, attendance, programs and special events.

## **INFORMATION - 4**

### Update on Piedmont Family YMCA

At the City Council meeting September 8, 2015, City Council considered an amendment to the lease of the Piedmont Family YMCA. There will be a public hearing on the matter at the next City Council meeting September 21, 2015. Staff will also provide an update on the process for the YMCA construction.