

MINUTES

COUNCIL PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 16, 2017 – 3:30 PM

Administrative Conference Room at Brevard City Hall

Members Present: Gary Daniel, Chair, Council Member
Ann Hollingsworth, Vice-Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Daniel Cobb, Planning Director
Keenan Smith, Citizen Member

Members Absent: Colin Izzard, Citizen Member

Staff: Jill Murray, Deputy City Clerk

Guests: David Lutz, Public Works Director
Cody Owen, President Transylvania Little League/US Forest Service
Carleen Dixon, County Parks & Recreation Director
Danny Hein, County Parks & Recreation Commission Chair

1. Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 PM on Wednesday, August 16th, 2017.

2. Introductions

Introductions of committee members and guests were made.

3. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by the Deputy Clerk.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hollingsworth moved, seconded by Mr. Fatland, the March 15, 2017, meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Fatland asked that two items be added to the agenda. A presentation of art sculptures and the County would like to give an update on their parks system. Ms. Hollingsworth approved, seconded by Mr. Daniel that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

6. City/County Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Mr. Fatland presented a draft resolution for approval by the Committee. (Exhibit A).

Mr. Daniel stated that his understanding is that the City would coordinate with the County on a “per project” basis on future projects.

After further discussion, it was also decided to add that the County would send a representative to participate as an ex officio member at future Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee meetings.

Mr. Fatland motioned, seconded by Ms. Hollingsworth that the resolution be put before Council for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

7. City Parks & Trails Maintenance Update

Mr. Fatland reminded everyone that the Parks and Property Management Director Lynn Goldsmith retired after 34 and is no longer on this committee. He has asked Public Works Director David Lutz to be on the committee as he is now in charge of the Parks and Property Management facilities.

Mr. Lutz gave a brief update on issues that his department is currently working on. Specifically, the drain at the ball fields, ADA survey and accessibility, lights and electrical issues, sodding the infield and some paving around the concession stands.

8. Sculptures on Asheville Highway

Mr. Cobb explained that he met with Ann Dergara regarding placing sculptures in front of Strauss Park. He showed a printout of a human figure that is 6 feet tall to show the scale of the sculptures. (Exhibit B). Asheville Highway is a state highway and would need approval from the State, however, it must have approval of City Council first.

Mr. Fatland added that the sculptures were being fabricated by Kyle Lusk, a professor at Brevard College.

The Committee decided that they would like Mayor Harris to contact the owner of the Caldwell Street and Probart Street intersection and asked if that could possibly be an alternate site for the sculptures, as a backup plan. Mr. Fatland added that the Barber shop on the corner of West Main and Caldwell Street would like to use that corner as a park and perhaps one of the music notes could be a part of that park. Also, this would take any appraisal decisions away from NCDOT.

After much discussion between committee members they agreed that the sculptures fit our culture as a City but there is concern with regards to safety, size and where they would be placed and would like to table the idea and have staff meet with Ann Dergara again and express the concerns of the Committee.

Mr. Cobb motioned, seconded by Ms. Hollingsworth to table the sculpture idea until staff meets with Ms. Dergara again. Motion carried unanimously.

9. County Update

Carleen Dixon gave an update on County priorities with regards to redoing the grounds at Silvermont, adding an HVAC system to the recreation center gymnasium, a possible outdoor fitness center at South Broad Park, as well as, the fall programs coming up such as flag football, a new dodge ball program and smart start basketball. She added that there is aquatic interest but they need land to put it on and will definitely need partners to make that happen.

Mr. Hein thanked Mr. Fatland for coming to the County meeting the night before and believe it makes a difference in overall planning for park facilities and recreation programming.

10. General Discussion

Ms. Hollingsworth asked if someone could look at the water fountain at Picklesimer Park. Mr. Lutz said he would look into it.

Mr. Daniel expressed his concern about keeping citizens on this Committee because when the Committee started out, there were a lot of action items to deal with but now the little things are done and this Committee has a larger menu to deal with. He believes some members have stepped off of the Committee because they didn't sign up for this now and citizens need to be aware of what this Committee entails.

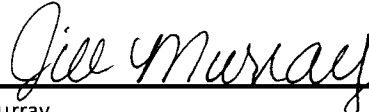
Mr. Smith asked about orange ribbons that are across the Bracken Mountain Trail as they look tacky. Mr. Fatland said it could possibly be from erosion repairs but he will call Mr. Reece with Reece Landscaping to find out. Mr. Owen added that as far as trail maintenance in the forest, they are maintained by volunteer groups who are very passionate about it.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:57PM on Wednesday, August 16th, 2017.

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Gary Daniel
Council Member, Chair

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Jill Murray
Deputy City Clerk

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