

**MINUTES
BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
November 19, 2012 – 5:30 PM**

RECREATION WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of Brevard met in special session on Monday, November 19, 2012, starting at 5:00 p.m. with a light dinner and the recreation work session starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jimmy Harris presiding.

The following were present: Mayor Jimmy Harris, Mayor Pro Tem Mac Morrow, Council Members Rodney Locks, Charlie Landreth, Maurice Jones and Wes Dickson.

Staff: City Manager Joe Moore, Planning Director Josh Freeman, Building & Grounds Director Lynn Goldsmith, Assistant Planning Director Brad Burton, Building & Grounds employee Alex Marquez, Planner Aaron Bland, and Acting City Clerk Sarah Lutz.

Press: Derek McKissock, Transylvania Times

Others: Heart of Brevard Interim Executive Director Michael Trufant, HOB President Kim Provost, Transylvania County Recreation Director Rick Pangle, Sammy Pressley – Transylvania Little League Association President, Thad Walker, Lynne Warner & Susan Evans.

Welcome - Mayor Harris called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and explained the properly Noticed meeting is open to the public and will be held in a workshop setting.

Quorum and Agenda – A quorum was established with all members of Council present. Agenda was accepted as presented.

Opening Comments – Mr. Moore presented power point entitled, "Recreation Work Session". (Exhibit A)

He described the goals and an outline to accomplish including the goals relationship to the City's adopted Vision and Strategies as it relates to recreation. Lynn Goldsmith then presented a power point presentation entitled, "City of Brevard Recreation Workshop". (Exhibit B)

Information specific to the current services provided by the City in regards to recreation as well as those provided by the County was delivered. The City services offered include the provision of the City of Brevard Sports Complex where there are baseball, softball & soccer fields, the provision of a number of small parks, Bracken Preserve, and the bike/hike path. Ms. Goldsmith also provided information about the variety of other services her department provides including facilities maintenance, custodial duties and miscellaneous duties pertaining to landscaping and public art.

J. Freeman led Council through an input session where Council members discussed how recreation fits into the City's vision and what Council members would like the City to achieve with recreation. From that discussion, the main themes identified were: the creation and maintenance of partnerships, that connections should be established within the system of recreational opportunities available, the use of greenways to connect neighborhoods is important, offering a wide variety of types of recreation (ie passive vs. active, self-directed vs. organized etc) is a priority, and that having places to recreate in the community improves the quality of life for the community.

~~ At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Harris called for a ten minute break. ~~

Discussion:

1. Recreation helps improve the quality of space by exposing what makes Brevard a quality community and by connecting the citizenry to the river, forests, parks and economic life.
2. Recreation opportunities and facilities should be provided all over the community, not just centered in one place.
3. Partnerships should be used more effectively amongst recreation providers so there is less duplication of services.
4. Mr. Locks requested another workshop to discuss how recreation affects Brevard and to talk about implementation.
5. Staff was directed to refine the thoughts presented by Council in the discussion and present back to Council.
6. Council asked for more information about what services are being offered by Transylvania County, Transylvania County Schools, the Forest Service and any non-profits so that they could determine where the gap in service provision is.
7. J. Moore recommended that Staff come back to Council, possibly at Retreat, with a clarification of goals, the rationale behind the recreation services provided and ideas on how to achieve efficiencies between the City Building & Grounds Department and the County Recreation Department.

Adjourn - There being no further business, Mr. Locks moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the recreation workshop be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

s/_____
Jimmy Harris
Mayor

s/_____
Sarah Lutz
Acting City Clerk

Minutes Approved: March 18, 2013