

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Glencairn Garden Learning Center

6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bev Carroll, Rene Brannan, John Coleman, Benny Evans, Toy Rhea, Edwina Roseboro-Barnes
ABSENT: Larry Erwin (e), Merritt King, Hunter Veal (e)
STAFF: John Taylor, Mark Sexton, Rhea Faris, Garnet McKeown, David Linder, Amanda Helms, Karen Koterba
GUEST: Kimberly Byrd

CITIZEN

COMMENTS: None.

STAFF

HIGHLIGHT: Karen Koterba joined PRT as a volunteer for two years before she was hired seven years ago. She predominately works with the financial and data management of the Rock Hill Parks Foundation and as a member of the department's administrative team. Karen serves on the Bloomfest Committee and is looking forward to this year's events.

MINUTES: The March 5, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan Update

- Construction delays at Rock Hill Sports and Event Center continue to impact the proposed opening date. Contractual penalties are being charged. Facility tours are on hold so as not to impact any work progress.

Master Plan Update

- Both the Cherry Park Playground and the Cherry Park alternate exit are substantially complete. The tower work has been completed and will be showcased at a hospitality event during the Youth Girls National World Series. The Cherry Park rededication event is being planned for a weekday late this spring.
- The Manchester Meadows synthetic turf project bid opening is April 30.
- The department did not receive SC Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) funds for the Arcade Victoria Park renovation.
- Excessive costs on the sewer portion of the Edgemont parking lot have delayed the project.
- The City hosted five sports tourism events in March and counted 24,000 spectators.
- Six events are scheduled in April.

FY2020 Budget

- The PRT Department budget is expected to remain flat in FY2020.
- The Miracle Park project is currently delayed. Further discussion is required by all parties.
- Four of nine municipal mayors addressed York County Council regarding the need for increased recreation funding. Contact your County Council representative to request further discussion of this need.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Youth Sports Report

- Traditional youth team sports registration remains fairly flat while non-traditional individual sports such as BMX are gaining in number.
- A revamp of the baseball program -- with training stations, skill and drills and then progressing to games -- has been advantageous to the growth of the young players.
- Commissioner Carroll questioned the number of travel league teams renting city fields and if they provide scholarships to youth as a demonstration of being inclusive.

Advisory Committee Report

- Commissioner Coleman reported on his attendance at the Northside and Football Advisory Committee meetings. He expressed the level of professionalism by a former pro football player who addressed the youth all-stars in explaining the importance of a good education since sports success is usually short-lived.
- Commissioner Rhea met with the Rock Hill Sports and Event Center Advisory Committee which is currently at a relative stand-still since facility construction has not been completed.
- Commissioner Brannan attended the Manchester Meadows/Soccer Advisory Committee meeting where soccer program surveys were reviewed. As usual, coaching is the biggest challenge. Discussion ensued on different methods of helping parents understand those challenges. PRT currently spends in excess of \$55,000 on off-duty officers to patrol youth games in a variety of sports.
- Commissioner Evans reported on the Therapeutic Recreation Advisory Committee and their commitment to the arts and to Special Olympics.

Community Outreach Report

- The report was postponed until the May meeting.

Partnership Report

- A local organization has approached the department requesting a place to display their sports awards. Commissioners requested a formal request from the organization before any determination may be made.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner Rhea at 7:40 PM and seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss contractual matters.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Brannan at 8:14 PM and seconded to return to open session.
- No action was taken.

ADDITIONAL

COMMENTS:

- A draft of 2019 Commission Goals was distributed for review and edits.
- The river outfitter discussion will go before City Council on April 8 in executive session.
- The May 7, 2019 commission meeting will be held at the Cherry Park Enclosed Shelter.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Helms