

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Glencairn Garden Learning Center

6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bev Carroll, Rene Brannan, John Coleman, Larry Erwin, Benny Evans, Toy Rhea, Edwina Roseboro-Barnes, Hunter Veal

ABSENT: Merritt King

STAFF: John Taylor, Mark Sexton, Rhea Faris, Garnet McKeown, Brian Jones, Amanda Helms, Katie Varnadore

CITIZEN

COMMENTS: None

STAFF

HIGHLIGHT: Katie Varnadore began working for PRT as an intern, transitioned to a seasonal concessions crew supervisor and is now the Customer Service Clerk for the Rock Hill Sports and Event Center (upon opening).

MINUTES: The May 7, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan Update

- Construction work continues at the indoor sports facility. City Management is in consistent contact with contractors and monthly, liquidated damage charges are in place.
- The signing of the Professional Sports Team Incentive Act of 2019 takes place at Fountain Park on June 5 with Governor McMaster and the Carolina Panthers.
- The SC Bar Association thanks Rock Hill for being a great host to their annual event. The young professionals expressed excitement about all that Rock Hill has to offer.

Master Plan Update

- The Edgemont Street parking lot project is nearing completion. Angled parking will have one-way entry and exit.
- Plans are to repair and resurface two parking lots and to resurface the two basketball courts at Arcade Victoria Park.
- Southland Park will benefit from upgrades in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20).
- Expansion of the City's wastewater treatment plant will benefit River Park and the trail connector project.
- The Lige Street Park celebration had a community volunteer focus and was a success.
- Five sports tournaments were held in May and seven are planned for June.
- The City continues to leverage possible partnerships for the use of Northside Recreation Center.

FY2020 Budget

- City Council passed the first reading of the FY20 budget.
- Miracle Park and the upcoming Duke Energy park will required a request for more staff in the FY21 budget year. Additionally, management is researching the best way to request full-time staff to replace seasonal staff impacted by work hour limitations.
- York County Council passed the first reading of the county budget. York County Recreation Coalition members will benefit from a 2.3% increase due only to growth.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION: A motion was made by Commissioner Coleman at 6:41 PM and seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss privileged communications.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Erwin at 6:53 PM and seconded to return to open session.
- No action was taken.

NEW

BUSINESS: Advisory Committee Report

- Commissioner Roseboro-Barnes reported on the actively engaged and lively Senior Advisory Committee. Of special interest was the committee's pursuit of college-level lifelong learning courses. Additionally, members of the committee serve the community as "Growth through Grief" volunteers.
- Commissioner Brannan reported on the Boyd Hill Advisory Committee and the importance of listing and prioritizing all needs in the annual goals and accomplishments report.
- The Football Advisory Committee is advocating a zero tolerance for negative behavior.

Community Outreach Report

- The City served 1,600 Sullivan Middle School and Cherry Park Elementary youth with tennis lessons in May.

Partnership Report

- The City is collaborating with Tashica Thompson of H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Progress through Education) and with Natasha Jones of CAC (Class-A Creations) Against Bullying who fulfill community needs such as summer feeding and education about the impact of violence.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Thanks to staff for renovation work at Cherry Park, Lige Street Park and Moore Street Park and to staff for re-dedication events at Cherry Park and Lige Street.
- The City is working with H.O.P.E to provide a summer feeding program to areas of need in Rock Hill.
- The City of Rock Hill is a finalist for All-America City Award (Top 20). The award recognizes the work of communities in using inclusive civic engagement to address critical issues and create stronger connections among residents, businesses and nonprofit and government leaders.
- If you are aware of citizens interested in serving on PRT advisory committees, encourage them to contact John, Mark or specific advisory committee staff liaisons.
- Thank you to commissioners and staff who gave military service to our country – John Coleman, Bennie Evans, Larry Erwin and Rhea Faris.
- The commission will not meet in July. The next meeting is August 6, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Helms