

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Cherry Park Enclosed Shelter

6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Rene Brannan (e), Merritt King, Hunter Veal

STAFF: John Taylor, Mark Sexton, Rhea Faris, Garnet McKeown, Leslie Ballard, Amanda Helms, Larry Miller

GUEST(S): John Gettys, Trekeelia Simon

CITIZEN

COMMENTS: Mayor Gettys briefed the Commission on the Panthers quest to relocate headquarters and the discussions in the SC House and SC Senate. Commission Chair Carroll thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Commission in appreciation of his time and moving Rock Hill forward in this venture.

Mayor Gettys then presented the "Key to the City" to Commissioner Carroll for the many years of service to the community via Parks, Recreation and Tourism and Economic and Urban Development for the betterment of Rock Hill. He also acknowledged Commissioner Carroll's new role as the President of the SC Bar Association.

STAFF

HIGHLIGHT: Larry Miller has worked for the City for 18 years in a grounds maintenance and janitorial role. He remarked on his love for cleaning. Larry stated that his main goal is customer service.

MINUTES: The April 2, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

OLD

BUSINESS: Strategic Plan Update (attachment to official minutes)

- City management staff had a conversation regarding project delays. PRT now received a daily log of work accomplished. The workforce tripled in size on the site in the past week.
- Staff shared before and after photos of the work at Cherry Park. The new playground is experiencing record-breaking numbers of youth.

Master Plan Update

- Upgrades are taking shape at Arcade Victoria Park. So far, the City has installed a new park identification sign, replaced the backstop fence at the softball field and made improvements to the drainage and playing surface on the softball field. As the year progresses, plans are to repair and resurface two parking lots and to resurface the two basketball courts.
- Bids for the Manchester Meadows synthetic turf project came in over budget. Staff is working to find ways to reduce costs.
- The Edgemont Street parking lot project is underway. Unsuitable soil has affected the project cost. This is the final project of the 2016 \$8.1 million Local Hospitality Tax Bond. Staff planned well and stayed within the bond budget.

FY2020 Budget

- The first City Council Budget Workshop went well. Director Taylor presented the need to replace the five wooden bridges along the Northside/Tech Park Trail.
- City leaders have requested to maintain funds for merit raises and longevity pay for employees.

- The second City Council Budget Workshop will focus on SC accommodations tax recommendations.

NEW

BUSINESS: Advisory Committee Report

- Commissioner Erwin reported that the Tennis Advisory Committee would dedicate the “Champions Walk” on Saturday, June 15. The committee also discussed the need for a shade area at the complex.
- Commissioners reminded staff to remember to contact Commission liaisons of any changes to scheduled advisory committee meetings.
- Commissioner Rhea reported that the Rock Hill Parks Foundation Allocation Committee has been reviewing department needs for funding recommendations.
- Commissioner Evans met with the Emmett Scott Advisory Committee. The discussion centered on mid-to-long range goals regarding carpet in McGirt Auditorium and restoring the computer lab for youth. The groups also reviewed programs, upcoming events and clean-up projects. They shared job fair information and they are reaching out to encourage the community to attend. Facility fixes needed at McGirt prior to installing new carpet.
- Commissioner Carroll met with both the Outdoors/Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee and the Rock Hill Outdoor Center Advisory Committee. Both groups are very active, discussing programs and long-term goals including an interpretive center and trail fitness stations.

Commission Goals (attachment to official minutes)

- A motion was made by Commissioner Erwin, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the 2019 Commission Goals.

Community Outreach Report

- The City collaborated with a Charlotte-based radio station for an “Eggs-travaganza” event at Emmett Scott on April 19.

Partnership Report

- The Come See Me Festival recognizes the work of the PRT Department. Staff serve on the festival board, serve as team leaders, assists with safety aspects of the festival, maintenance needs and communications.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- City Council unanimously approved the outfitter guidelines. Procedural changes are underway.
- BikeFest takes place at the Rock Hill Outdoor Center on Saturday, May 11.
- Bloomfest events take place at Glencairn Garden on May 16 and 18.
- The re-dedication of Cherry Park will take place on Tuesday, May 21, starting at 6:30 PM.
- The re-dedication of Lige Street Park will take place at 10 AM on Saturday, June 1. Renovations at Moore Street and Arcade Victoria Park will be reviewed during this event.
- Miracle Park operational discussions have taken place. No work will begin on the project until contracts have been signed by all parties.
- Staff continues to work toward a partnership deal with Winthrop University.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Helms