

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

City Hall, Room 373

6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bev Carroll, Rene Brannan, John Coleman, Larry Erwin, Benny Evans, Toy Rhea, Perry Sutton, Matt Watson

ABSENT: Edwina Roseboro-Barnes (e)

STAFF: John Taylor, Rhea Faris, Garnet McKeown, David Linder, Amanda Helms, Andrea Barnette

CITIZEN

COMMENTS: None

STAFF

HIGHLIGHT: Andrea Barnette joined the department in October 2019 as a sports programmer with an emphasis in volleyball. She has coached travel ball and at high school and college levels. Her goals is to grow the sport in Rock Hill and expand into adult programs.

MINUTES: The December 3, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan Update

- The City has a temporary certificate of occupancy for the Rock Hill Sports and Event Center. The grand opening is scheduled for March 19, 2020. All but two weekends in 2020 are scheduled with events.

Master Plan Update

- The expansion of the trail at River Park is underway pending weather issues.
- Bridge design for the first replacement at Tech Park Trail is in process.
- The City received a \$30,000 Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) grant for Southland Park. Improvements may include a rubberized fall surface, sidewalk and trail repairs, basketball court resurfacing and a new roof for the shelter.
- Construction on the park on Lake Wylie (Duke Energy) and Miracle Park are underway.
- Improvements are being planned for Northside Recreation Center. Staff discussed the recent programming improvements with current staff.
- Fountain Park will undergo a major cleaning and installment of LED lights in January.
- The American Cornhole Organization (ACO) brought 120 players to Rock Hill in December. The Blue Star High School Invitational brought 28 basketball teams and attracted college recruiters.
- The American Cornhole League (ACL) will bring national (ESPN broadcast) and world (NBC broadcast) to Rock Hill in 2020.
- PRT staff continue to weigh bid v. rental events for the right balance for Rock Hill.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION:

A motion was made at 6:40 PM and seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss contractual matters.

The Executive Session ended at 6:52 PM. No action was taken.

NEW

BUSINESS: Park Overview (attached to official minutes)

- The commission reviewed updated an updated park list and park rules. They discussed the impact of insurance regulations.
- Commissioner Erwin made a motion to accept the updated park list and park rules with one amendment regarding parks with multi-use trails limiting one pet per pedestrian. The motion was seconded and approved to forward to City Council for consideration.

FY2021 Budget

- PRT will be requesting new staff to program and maintain Miracle Park, coming on-line as early as July 2020, and the park on Lake Wylie (Duke Energy), coming on-line as early as January 2021.
- PRT will also request recurring funds for sports tourism event bids/operations/promotion.

Commission Accomplishments and Goals (attached to official minutes)

- Commissioners reviewed 2019 accomplishments. Commissioner Brannan made a motion to approve the accomplishments as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Commissioners discussed 2020 goals and 2020 assignments. They requested staff provide demographics, population information for neighborhoods across Rock Hill. Commissioner Brannan made a motion to approve the 2020 goals. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Commissioner Carroll requested that commissioners be deliberate about communication with assigned Council members. Requests for changes to council or advisory committee assignments should be addressed to Commissioner Carroll.

Community Outreach

- Cycle to Success partnered with United Way and 2Six Athletic Training and gave away a total of 38 bicycles to youth identified in the Emmett Scott neighborhood.

Partnership Report

- The Mid-Carolina Tennis Association (MCTA) serves York, Chester and Lancaster counties. They are a regular partner with the Rock Hill Tennis Center.
- The PRT partnership with the Rock Hill School District contributed to statewide recreational football championship games coming to Rock Hill to play at the District Stadium.

Nomination for Officers

- A motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded and unanimously approved to reappoint Commissioner Carroll as Chair of the Commission and Toy Rhea as Vice-Chair.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- The Rock Hill Parks Foundation Annual Soiree will take place on January 23 at 5:30 PM.
- Kim Ozmon, PRT Tennis Center Supervisor, will be recognized by City Council on January 27 for receiving two USTA Southern Region volunteer awards.
- Katie Conley will report on Lifelong Learning to City Council on January 27.
- The Rock Hill Sports and Event Center will hold a grand opening on March 19.
- Commissioner Perry Sutton was recognized for his leadership with recreational football in Rock Hill.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Helms