

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Glencairn Garden Learning Center

6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: David Boone, Bev Carroll, Toy Rhea, Benny Evans, Rene Brannan, John Coleman, Larry Erwin, Costella Gaither

ABSENT: Buck George (e)

STAFF: John Taylor, Mark Sexton, Rhea Faris, Stan Senn, Amanda Helms, Laurie Helms

MINUTES: The June 4, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as mailed.

STAFF

HIGHLIGHT: Laurie Helms, PRT Marketing Coordinator

OLD

BUSINESS: Master Plan Update

- Commissioner Brannan presented a dog park project information booklet from the commission-appointed task force. The idea of a dog park is supported by both the City of Rock Hill Strategic Plan and the PRT Master Plan "Directions." Commissioner Carroll requested that staff move forward with engaging City Council in project discussion. Commissioners will review the information provided and vote on support of the project at the August meeting.
- The Emmett Scott gym air conditioning system installation is complete and the gym is being cooled. However, the insulation project has not been completed by BASF.

Sports Tourism Event Update

- PRT hosted four regional tournaments in June – 3 at Cherry Park/Hargett Park/Terry Complex and one at Manchester Meadows. Total tournament attendance was 22,876 and generated 3,315 room nights.
- In the past six months, tournaments have hosted over 1,350 teams and generated over 9,000 room nights.

NEW

BUSINESS: Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

- The General Fund Budget was approved for \$6.75 million, \$47,500 less than FY 2013.
- Two staff positions (programmer and maintenance) were approved for the BMX Supercross. PRT now has 150 staff positions of which 66 are full-time.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Design documents are nearing completion for a trail canopy under the Norfolk Southern trestle, for the trail to link the Piedmont Medical Center Trail to the River Park Trail and for the kayak launch at River Park. Wetland and water studies are underway in addition to seeking approval from Norfolk Southern. Staff is searching for funding.
- Fountain Park (formerly Old Town East Park) design is nearing completion. PRT staff is providing input to maintenance-related design.
- PRT staff is providing input to maintenance and personnel cost for a new downtown parking deck along with Fountain Park.
- Fencing, irrigation and sprigs have been installed at the Greens at the Rock Hill Outdoor Center. Grand opening plans are underway for fall 2013.
- Wet weather is hindering progress at the BMX Supercross site.

- Commissioner Rhea requested information regarding the river rescues and the City's role. It was noted that the waterway is under jurisdiction of the SC Department of Natural Resources. Staff will bring a report from the City's task force which is led by Tom Glenn and Kevin Bronson.
- Staff has reached out to two local disc golf clubs for input on course options in the community.
- The Emmett Scott Advisory Committee is planning a community event on August 3rd in recognition of the gym air conditioning.
- Commissioners showed interest in a retreat. Share ideas for topics with John Taylor or Amanda Helms.
- "Lessons from the Geese" was shared with commissioners as an expression of appreciation by recently retired PRT Director Ed Thompson.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Helms