

CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION January 4, 2016

Present –Kendra Van Pelt, Ben Kittleson, Katie Rosier, William Thompson and Tamara Sanders - Commission Members, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist- Board of Alderman Liaison, Annetta Streater and Anita Jones-McNair – Staff Liaison.

Call the meeting to order – Rosier called the meeting to order at 7:17p.m.

Approval of the minutes – Rosier asked if anyone had changes or questions about minutes from the last meeting. Since the commission members did not have corrections or questions about the minutes from January meeting, they stand approved.

Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor – Rosier called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. Sanders mentioned that the advisory board training video could not be watched using an iPad. Jones-McNair mentioned she would share that information with the Town Clerk so it can be corrected as possible.

New Business – Rosier called for new business. New business was not discussed at this meeting.

Old Business – Rosier called for old business. The commission continued to brainstorm about topics for the upcoming Joint Advisory Meeting. The meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd. Additional information is forthcoming. The following ideas were agreed upon and Jones-McNair was asked to send the list to Orange County.

- Disc golf courses
- Adult pump track, BMX jumpline, mountain biking and high level skill areas
- How does the surrounding neighbors use hotel/motel taxes/fees?
- Connecting trails and greenways
- How can the county and municipalities increase partnerships i.e. county water/aquatic center and county field sportsplex
- How can we be deliberate about preserving wildlife corridors and riparian buffers?
- Why do we (recreation and parks departments) pay school district(s) to provide activities for the community in school facilities?
- What are the funding sources that impact our county and municipalities that come out of Raleigh?
- Exploring recreation opportunities/facilities in utility easements, i.e. OWASA And Duke

The Little Free Library discussion was next on the agenda. The discussion was a brief one. The commission requested that Jones-McNair contact Potter to see if he could come to the next meeting and give an update on the Little Free Libraries Project? Streater confirmed that books from the Piedmont Health Book Partnership she mentioned at an earlier meeting also come from Book Harvest.

Van Pelt mentioned she had not heard anything from the radio station about volunteers for the tutoring program and will continue to check on the status.

A question came up about the Recreation and Parks Commission budget. Jones-McNair mentioned the consistent expenditures included NRPA and NCRPA membership dues. She shared at one time some of commission members attended conferences, advocated for federal funds and things of that nature. The commission asked to include the budget on the following agenda for February. The commission expressed the need to discuss how appropriated funds for the commission were being used. They also asked Jones-McNair to provide information about the two professional organizations.

Sanders mentioned that it would be a good idea to offset the MLK Jr Park survey translations using commission funds. Many commission members were not comfortable with using funds for that purpose and felt staff should have funds to cover that cost in the budget. Jones-McNair reminded the commission members how the surveys in Spanish, Burmese and Karen came about. She mentioned staff was looking into translation options. Commission

members also felt an estimate should be presented prior to voting. Rosier motioned to pay up to \$100 to offset translation fees and Thompson seconded. The vote was 4 to 1 in favor of using the funds.

Report by Chair and Director – Rosier called for reports. Jones-McNair mentioned program registration started for the winter/spring term.

Considerations for next and future meetings – Little Free Libraries, tutoring initiative and budget consideration for fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55p