

*CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION May 2, 2016*

**Present** –Kendra Van Pelt, Ben Kittelson, Tamara Sanders, Barbara Cudmore and Mark Vandegrift and Anita Jones-McNair – Staff Liaison.

**Call the meeting to order** – Kittelson called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. Jones-McNair introduced the newest commission member – Mark Vandegrift.

Prior to the approval of the minutes, the commission nominated and elected the new chair and vice chair. Cudmore nominated Kittelson for Recreation and Parks Commission Chair, Sanders seconded and the vote was unanimous. Cudmore nominated Sanders for Vice Chair, Vandegrift seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Approval of the minutes** – Kittelson asked if anyone had changes or questions about the minutes from the last meeting. Commission members did not have any corrections or questions about minutes from the February meeting. Sanders motioned to accept and Vandegrift seconded, the vote was unanimous.

**Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor** – Kittelson called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. Hearing none Kittelson moved on to the next agenda item.

**New Business** – Kittelson called for new business. Hearing none Kittelson moved on to the next agenda item.

**Old Business** – Kittelson called for old business. Commission members reviewed and discussed the Vision 2020 draft. The following questions and information will be sent to the Christina Moon, Planning Board Staff Liaison.

- Should the document reflect general information or specific technical information?
- Current commission members are Ben Kittelson, Chair, Tamara Sanders, Vice Chair, Katherine Rosier, Barbara Cudmore, Kendra Van Pelt and Mark Vandegrift
- Add in 1.14 Recreation and Parks Commission: The town and the Recreation and Parks Commission should continuously evaluate community needs and make recommendations for programming and facilities that meet all interests, abilities and age groups. Including both indoor and outdoor programming. Communication regarding parks and recreation programs and facilities should be useful and useable to the public.
- Add 1.17 Recreation and Parks Commission: Increase opportunities for collaboration between governmental agencies, schools, private organizations and individuals to expand programming and facilities.
- Should comments from the EAB under 1.12 move to 1.15?
- Comment from ESC under 1.28 should reflect - An arts and crafts market resumed in 2015.

Next the commission discussed Little Free Libraries. Sanders updated the commission about this initiative. A Girl Scout Troop constructed a book container for Wilson Park. The commission would like PW to install the container near the restroom facility/kiosk area. Sanders will check to see if the Girl Scout Troop is available during the next commission meeting time. Prior to the official meeting an unveiling ceremony can take place at the park. Commission members and the troop can stock the new container. Immediately following the ceremony, the commission can meet at the park. The availability of the troop, installation of the container and pavilion availability will determine the decision. The commission discussed having refreshments. Vandegrift motioned to approve up to \$50 for refreshments and Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The commission discussed continuing a

partnership with Book Harvest. The remaining books from last year are currently being stored. Vandegrift volunteered to contact Book Harvest about future book needs.

Next, Van Pelt provided an update about the tutoring program. So far no one has volunteered to help with the tutoring program. She wanted the commission to consider working with a program called Battle of the Books. It was suggested that she submit a proposal for consideration.

The commission then discussed member recruitment and giveaways for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. They requested that Jones-McNair look at possibilities such as bandanas, nerf balls and sunglasses and provide feedback at the next meeting.

**Report by Chair and Director** – Kittleson called for reports. Jones-McNair announced registration starts on May 4, 2016. Also the department is gearing up for computer software migration.

**Considerations for next and future meetings** – Little Free Libraries, discuss 4<sup>th</sup> of July giveaways, and advance pump track location considerations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56p