

CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION –10/05/09

Members present: Doris Murrell, Eric Allman, Kevin Fuerst, Sarah Sizemore and Delores Clark. Guests: Steve Walls, potential commission member and Mike Gianotti and Staff: Anita Jones-McNair.

Murrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Murrell called for corrections or questions concerning the minutes of the last meeting, 9/14/09. There were no corrections or additions; therefore minutes were approved as presented.

Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor

Murrell called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. She introduced Mike Gianotti, a UNC Senior majoring in Journalism. There were no speakers and/or communication from the floor for this meeting.

New Business

Murrell called for new business. The members discussed what they would like to see in a Recreation and Parks Commission Manual. This manual will serve as a resource tool for new and current members. Members mentioned that they would like to consider a 5-10 page document that includes the following items:

1. Departmental overview
2. Departmental mission statement
3. Commission roles/responsibilities
4. Comprehensive Recreation and Parks Master Plan
5. Comprehensive Bicycle Plan
6. Current membership
7. Code of conduct/protocol
8. Renaming policy
9. CPP background and projects
10. Departmental organizational chart
11. Volunteer expectations

Jones-McNair was asked to pull these items together for review at the next meeting.

Old Business

Murrell called for old business. She discussed the 30th Annual CBM forum that was held in Greensboro in August. She mentioned various sessions that were of interest – Building Teams/Partnerships, Joint Use of Facilities and Gang Awareness and Issues.

During the meeting Gianotti asked questions about the commission and department.

Allman did not attend the last meeting of the Greenways Commission due to a scheduling conflict with this commission meeting. He however announced the 2nd Morgan Creek Greenway Public Workshop is scheduled for Monday, October 19th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Tennis Club to discuss greenway planning and design of the Morgan Creek Greenway.

Report by Chair and Director

Murrell called for the report of the chair and director. Jones-McNair asked for volunteers to work the Halloween Carnival. Walls, Clark, Sizemore and Murrell volunteered to help at the carnival. Jones-McNair mentioned this was an event commission members generally provide volunteer help. Dana Hughes will send volunteer responsibilities directly to each volunteer.

She mentioned a staff retreat is taking place in November. Also, the Broad/Lloyd Street community is interested in a community garden in Baldwin Park and she shared the meeting summary. She also mentioned that Orange County Partnership for Young Children will provide an update to the Board of Aldermen concerning the Martin Luther King Jr. Garden on October 6, 2009.

The commission asked whether the Board will be appointing a liaison or waiting until the annual review of appointments which generally takes place in December or January. Jones-McNair mentioned she would check and provide a response as soon as possible.

Considerations for next and future meetings

Greenways Update

Commission manual review and discussion

Meeting Adjournment

Murrell adjourned the meeting at 8:20p.m.