

CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION –4/5/10

Present - Doris Murrell, Eric Allman, Kevin Fuerst, Steve Walls, Brendan Watson and staff Anita Jones-McNair.

Murrell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Murrell called for corrections or questions concerning the minutes of the last meeting, 3/01/10. 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. Brendan Watson, the newest commission member was introduced.

New Business

Murrell called for new business. This meeting did not include new business to discuss.

Old Business

Murrell called for old business. Allman provided an update of the Greenways Commission project.

Next the commission discussed new member recruitment strategies. Jones-McNair mentioned a few years ago a flyer was developed and distributed at Carrboro Day which is the first Sunday in May. She suggested that is a possibility. Walls volunteered to create the text portion of the flyer and Watson would add pictures. The draft flyer will be emailed for members to review and approve. It was also suggested to place the flyer on the website and kiosks at the parks along with text to be included in departmental literature and mention at the next volunteer recognition dinner.

Then the commission talked about the possibility of offering mini environmental programs for children and adults through the county cooperative extension program. Jones-McNair mentioned the possibility of an intern developing an interactive website/webpage for the department. There was discussion about keeping the options local and providing exposure for existing facilities or general “how to” segment programs. Murrell emphasized the need to include all social economic levels in the offerings. The commission decided to be focused on what is already available, showcase the community.

The final discussion was about annual goals. The commission decided to focus on three main areas this year:

- Create something and provide for and in the community
- Work with other jurisdictions on a joint advisory meeting
- Recruit members

Report by Chair and Director

Murrell called for the report of the chair and director. Murrell attended the Legislative Forum in DC. The forum hosted delegates from everywhere with the exception of Hawaii and North Dakota. The requested congressional action in fiscal year 2010 is to appropriate \$125 million in funding for the Land and Water Conservation Stateside Assistance Program (LWCF). David Price won an award for his support for the LWCF. He mentioned maybe \$ 60 million will be appropriated for the fund. Also priority will be placed on the No Child Left Inside Program and schools can tap into that money.

Considerations for next and future meetings

Greenways Update
Recruitment Update

Meeting Adjournment

Murrell adjourned the meeting at 8:25p.m.