

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Sports & Event Center

6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rene Brannan, Bev Carroll, Larry Erwin, Benny Evans, Toy Rhea, Edwina Roseboro-Barnes, Perry Sutton

ABSENT: John Coleman, Matt Watson

STAFF: John Taylor, Mark Sexton, Rhea Faris, Garnet McKeown, Brian Jones, David Linder, Amanda Helms, Krista Hayes

CITIZEN

COMMENTS: None.

STAFF

HIGHLIGHT: Krista Hayes initially joined PRT in 2019 and worked with PRT's outdoor education programs, including school field trips, balance bikes and other special events. Krista had to step away from her employment in 2020 to provide educational support for her children during the pandemic challenges. With her children back in school full-time, Krista was excited to get back to work with PRT. She is now working as the Coordinator for Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill. Prior to living and working in Rock Hill, Krista spent over a decade teaching Spanish to 6th-12th grade students and coaching girls' basketball.

MINUTES: The September 7, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

OLD

BUSINESS: Strategic Plan Update

- The quarterly report is being compiled for July-September.

Master Plan Update

- Tech Park bridge #3 has been ordered; BMX track demolition is complete, and asphalt will soon be applied to the updated course; the canoe/kayak launch is in process at the new park on Lake Wylie; the Carroll Park playground upgrades are on schedule and the shelter is expected to ship in early 2022.
- Jack and Emily Cox have given \$50,000 to the Rock Hill Parks Foundation which will assist in updating the Will Cox Courtyard including 16 bronze plaques. Two swings have been added at the Shade and Water Garden at Glencairn. Victory Garden fencing at Emmett Scott is complete.
- Outdoor sports tourism facilities hosted 5 events in September with a \$4.5 million direct economic impact. The Sports & Event Center hosted 4 events in September with a \$600k direct economic impact.
- The downtown restroom project is in the permit/structural planning phase.

NEW

BUSINESS: Advisory Committee Report

- Commissioner Rhea reported on positive feedback from the Parks Foundation Board regarding the projects at Emmett Scott.

Program Report

- Miracle League opens on October 9. A brief ceremony will be held at 10 AM followed by games at 10:15 and 11:15. The league currently has 64 players and 100 “buddies” have been trained to work with the players/program.
- Approximately 4,000 people attended the grand opening of Miracle Park on September 18.

Community Outreach Report

- A bike safety program was held with 17 enthusiastic Cub Scouts. The City will reach out to more organized groups such as scouts to promote bike safety.

Partnership Report

- The potential merger with Visit York County has not been finalized.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

- A motion was made at 6:22 to go into Executive Session to discuss privileged information.
- A motion was made 6:43 PM, seconded and approved to leave Executive Session.
- No votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

**ADDITIONAL
COMMENTS:**

- Consider attending the Habitat for Humanity media event on October 21, 8 AM at Carroll Park.
- The PRT Holiday Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 18 from Noon-1:30 PM at the Sports and Event Center.

NEXT MEETING: November 2, 2021, Location TBD

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Helms