

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Glencairn Garden Learning Center

6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rene Brannan, Lawrence Brown, Bev Carroll, John Coleman, Larry Erwin, Benny Evans, Toy Rhea, Matt Watson

ABSENT: Jacqueline Jones

STAFF: Mark Sexton, Rhea Faris, Garnet McKeown, David Linder, Amanda Helms, Rebekah Ardis, Jose Green

CITIZEN

COMMENTS: None.

STAFF

HIGHLIGHT: Jose Green joined PRT as a seasonal worker and was promoted to full-time in 2015. He works at Cherry Park as a Grounds Maintenance Technician III on the landscaping crew and often serves as the weekend maintenance supervisor.

WELCOME: Chair Carroll welcomed Lawrence "Snoop" Brown, Jr. to the commission. He grew up within the PRT sports programs and has been coaching sports since the age of 16. Lawrence fills the vacancy from Perry Sutton's move to City Council.

MINUTES: The meeting minutes from March 1, 2022, were approved.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan Update

- Staff shared highlights from Quarter 3 of the FY2022 Strategic Plan cycle. The final report will be mailed following the meeting.
- The city is developing the scope of services for the next regional park. Architect Michael Allen will initiate community discussion/input.

Master Plan Update

- Garden updates and swing installation are completed at the Glencairn Garden Shade and Water Garden. Sidewalk connections to Myrtle Drive and Richmond Drive are planned for Miracle Park Phase II. Cedar Crest Park received a \$75,000 CDBG grant for the play surface and ADA sidewalk connectors.
- The city has hired a consultant for an ADA study which will include playground and walkway recommendations. The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities will be associated with this project.
- The direct economic impact of sports tourism for March is estimated at \$13.5 million. Indoor volleyball and basketball live periods are scheduled for April along with softball and baseball predominant outdoors.
- All projects with Tepper Sports and Entertainment are currently on hold.
- The pools at Emmett Scott and Boyd Hill are scheduled to open for the 2022 summer season.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Advisory Committee Report

- Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the Advisory Committee Goals and Accomplishments as presented at the March meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Goals are part of the City's toolkit for communication and engagement. Commissioner Carroll requested that the commissioners, as liaisons to advisory committees, find ways to help address needs and work toward solutions to reach the goals.
- Staff commented that Coach Wallace (football) has reached out to David Bennett, motivational speaker, to speak at the coaches' clinic in July. If possible, the training will be filmed to share as a transformational coaching opportunity to emphasize "welcoming, safe, and positive" methods for coaching any sport.

Spring Registration Report

- Staff shared spring sports registration 3-year comparisons. Most sports indicate growth with a few exceptions. Commissioners discussed the importance of qualified coaches who have a set plan for generating both value and fun. Staff were asked to research successful community programs and ways to help train first year volunteer coaches.
- Commissioners also discussed the paid coaching method as with the outsourced recreational soccer program.

Community Outreach Report

- The Youth Council reached out to school organizations for a "Spring into Volunteering" clean-up activity on March 26. The focus was on City corridors in preparation for Come See Me.

Partnership Report

- The Physical Education Department at Winthrop University is offering sports clinics on site at Miracle Park for Miracle League athletes before and after Saturday morning games. Miracle League has 108 registrants.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Four local BMX riders (3 youth, 1 adult) have advanced to the World Championships in Paris, France on July 27, 2022 – C. Wilson, G. Smith, Mary Watson, D. Smith.
- Commissioner Rhea gave a shout out to Garnet McKeown from Betty Jo Rhea for a recent tour of Rock Hill.
- The Rock Hill Parks Foundation has contributed \$60,000 to a soccer goal project.
- As possible, remember to thank City Council, City Management, volunteer advocates for the resources that make PRT a quality department. Continue to market Rock Hill and its amazing parks and recreation facilities.
- Staff welcomes nominations for the David Boone Volunteer Advisory Award. Submit nominations for a vote at the May meeting.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION:

None.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6:00 PM at Glencairn Garden.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Helms