

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Glencairn Garden Learning Center

6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lawrence Brown, Bev Carroll, Larry Erwin, Jacqueline Jones, Matt Watson
ABSENT: Rene Brannan, John Coleman, Bennie Evans, Toy Rhea, III
STAFF: John Taylor, Mark Sexton, Rhea Faris, Brian Jones, David Linder, Rebekah Ardis, Matt Beynon

CALL TO ORDER: Bev Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. She spoke of the passing of former Mayor Betty Jo Rhea and praised her work as PRT volunteer, City Councilwoman and Mayor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT: Matt Beynon moved his family to Rock Hill in 2014 so his daughters could train at the Rock Hill BMX Supercross Track. He has been racing and announcing races at the track since it opened in 2014. After 30+ years in Information Technology, he came to work for the City at the Rock Hill BMX Supercross Track in 2019 to help increase attendance and achieve some of the other long-term goals the city has for BMX.

MINUTES: The meeting minutes from May 3, 2022, were provided and approved by Commissioner Erwin's motion and Commissioner Watson's second. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan Update

- The City is close to signing an agreement with an architect, who is renowned for community involvement, to design the next regional park. This will be approximately 120 acres from University Center to Heckle Blvd. The park will need to have a tourism draw due to funding. Plans will be forthcoming.
- The City received a \$1M federal grant (1-1 match) for a \$2M worth of upgrades at Armory Park. Plans will come through PPRC for approval.

Master Plan Update

- The fourth bridge at Tech Park is in review with City Planning.
- In the early stage of planning for Miracle Park Phase II. There is a concentration on another Miracle Field.
- The swimming beach area and kayak launch at Rock Hill Park at Lake Wylie are being constructed. The building is almost dried-in and nature trails are being cleared.
- Basketball courts are being resurfaced this month at Carroll Park. An architect is working on plans to make the sidewalks ADA compliant to the new shelter and playground.
- Fountain Park restroom on corner of Saluda & Black is in production. The slab is completed and the masonry work has begun. The two water and sewer connections have been established.
- Waiting on the final HUD environmental questionnaire/approval for the new playground equipment at Cedar Crest. Will bid the project upon approval.
- Sports Tourism in May generated over \$10.9 million direct economic impact.
- Discussion of adidas 3SBB Championships: The Rock Hill Sports & Event Center and Adidas

Basketball announced a multi-year partnership to host the adidas "3SSB Championships". The adidas 3SSB live-period event series gives the top 15U, 16U and 17U adidas sponsored teams, a chance to compete against top talent and take home the coveted crown of "3SSB Champions". At the end of the championship, there will be a camp for the Top 60 boys and Top 60 girls. We are anticipating having over 2,000 college coaches in attendance during the camp. Boys showcase games/tournament are July 6-10, Girls showcase games/tournament are July 8-11, then the boys and girls camp will be July 12-13.

- Director Taylor reviewed the May Event Economic Impact report.

Budget FY2023

- Pool Update: Staff reported two pools are now open. Due to lifeguard shortage, we are only able to open one pool a day. The pools are open alternating days: Emmett Scott (Tues/Thurs/Sat: 1-6 PM) and Boyd Hill (Mon/Wed/Fri: 2-6 PM).
- York County Recreation Coalition Update: Director Taylor reviewed the situation the Coalition is facing with threat of losing county funding that assists with recreation services for those in the unincorporated area. He presented the three models that the Coalition created based off the concept of the unincorporated population model that had been previously presented. The Coalition will be meeting again to further decide and hopefully agree on a formula/concept. Commissioner Erwin made a motion that the Commission adopt the three models that were presented and allow staff to support the continued work of one of the three. Commissioner Jones seconded. All were in favor.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Advisory Committee Report

- Commissioner Watson updated the Commission on Baseball Committee. Last Spring had 155 participants and this past Spring had 330 participants. Met with a couple of guys involved in travel ball to discuss a way to work together to grow baseball overall.

Community Outreach Report

- Tennis staff has gone to Miracle Park twice to host tennis lessons on Miracle Field.

Partnership Report

- Due to American Cornhole League's partnership, we will have 12 additional televised sports on August 5 with ESPN Ocho Take-Over on ESPN2 at two locations (Manchester Meadows and Rock Hill Sports & Event Center). Some of the events are Cornhole, Whiffle Ball, Axe Throwing, Tag, and Slippery Stairs.

Meeting Dates

- The Commission meeting for July 5 will be cancelled. If there is a need for a called meeting, commissioners will be notified.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 6:00 PM at Glencairn Garden.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Ardis