

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Glencairn Garden Learning Center

6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rene Brannan, Bev Carroll, John Coleman, Larry Erwin, Toy Rhea

ABSENT: Lawrence Brown, Jr., Jacqueline Jones, Matt Watson

STAFF: Mark Sexton, Brian Jones, Garnet McKeown, Jesse Holliman, David Linder, Kevin Lynch, Rebekah Ardis, Terry Hagen

GUEST(S): N/A

CITIZEN

COMMENTS: None.

STAFF

HIGHLIGHT: Terry Hagen has lived in Rock Hill since she was nine years old. In 2001, she began working within the therapeutic recreation sector of PRT and then moved to Miracle Park as the Recreation Programmer when it opened in September of 2021. In her spare time, Terry enjoys music, theater, volunteering, and traveling.

MINUTES: The meeting minutes from March 7, 2023, were approved. Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve meeting minutes with Commissioner Rhea seconding. All were in favor.

OLD

BUSINESS: Strategic Plan Update

- Mark Sexton mentioned that the fiscal year's third quarter results of the current three-year strategic plan were included in their packets.
- Mark then informed the Commission that we are currently compiling an application for national accreditation and need to include a Vision Statement. The Commission was provided with a draft of the statement for review and a vote. Commissioners would like time to review so it was requested to send the drafted statement and allow there to be an electronic vote.

Master Plan Update

- Tech Park trail bridge #4 is scheduled to be completed by the end of the week. The planning stage for phase two of Miracle Park is in process. Conceptual design meetings for the next regional park are continuing. Grand Opening for the new Rock Hill Park on Lake Wylie is set for May 4, 2023, at 3 PM. PRT will maintain and operate the park with a full-time crew who has been selected and has already started working on-site. Carroll Park basketball resurfacing has started but had weather setbacks. The bleacher pads and ADA access for Carroll Park have been approved and construction is set to start next quarter. Lastly, the Confederate Park restrooms demolition is almost complete.
- Indoor and outdoor sports tourism venues generated an estimated combined \$7.6 million of direct event economic impact in March. March outdoor venues hosted five events with approximately 32,000 people in attendance. In April the outdoor tourism venues will host five events with approximately 16,000-18,000 spectators. The Rock Hill Sports & Event Center hosted four events in March with roughly 20,000 in attendance. In April, there will be five events held at the Sports & Event Center, which will include the NCAA Live Period with Under Armour during the last weekend of the month.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Advisory Committee Report

- A motion to accept the Advisory Committee 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Goals, which had been presented at the previous meeting, was made by Commissioner Erwin, and seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All were in favor.

Facility Update

- Mark Sexton discussed the boundaries and three conceptual renderings that have been received thus far for the next regional park.

David Boone Advisory Award

- Mark Sexton mentioned that staff would like to recommend Miracle Park Executive Committee to be the recipient of the David Boone Advisory Award. The five individuals (Kennedy Christopher, Alice Davis, Sig Huitt, Warren Norman, and David Williams) have developed, imagined, and fundraised for Miracle Park. Commissioners had no concerns with the nomination.

Community Outreach & Partnership Report

- David Linder reported that on March 18, 2023, Prep Baseball Report (PBR), which is a travel baseball organization, helped facilitate and run a baseball clinic for 240 kids. This is all thanks to the increase in baseball participation and the partnership that has been developed.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Mark Sexton made the Commissioners aware of and explained a state bill (S284) that recently passed in Senate 34-5. The bill would allow accommodations tax to be utilized for workforce housing.
- Mark informed the Commissioners that due to recent events, Mr. Belton will be receiving a year-long “no trespassing” notice for close proximity to youth sporting events being held at City of Rock Hill Parks, Recreation & Tourism facilities.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION:

None.

NEXT MEETING(S): Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6 PM at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center unless otherwise arranged to accommodate a tour of the new Rock Hill Park.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebekah Ardis