



RHPF Advisory Board Meeting/Glencairn Gardens Education Center
June 27, 2023 – 8:30 AM
MEETING MINUTES

Board members present: Toy Rhea, Jan McCoy, Kathy Wilson, Angie Perry, Jimmy Freeman; Melissa Cassell (via video chat). PRT staff members present: Becky Adams, Lisa Nunez

Rhea opened the meeting at 8:33 AM. No minutes from May meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Rhea -- Reviewed Fund Balance Sheet - \$3 million invested, with \$725,000 that is spendable.

NEW BUSINESS: Revision to By-Laws – Rhea -- Discussed changing RHPF By-Laws to allow a larger amount of board members to serve (up from 9 to 15 members). Presented change to Parks & Rec. Commission and it was approved. Also discussed inviting prospective member Maddie Ewing, a Rock Hill native, to join. She has agreed to attend August meeting (no meeting in July). Unanimous vote to approve her addition, which will go before Parks & Rec. Commission at next meeting, on 7/11, for final approval.

501C Application Process: Cassell -- Next step to forming is to decide on a formal name.

HIGHLIGHTS: Adams -- Carolinas Insurance & Investment Group sponsored a baseball team. Family Trust is a new donor; also discussing future partnerships. Recognized Emmett Scott's Seniorcise program and participants. Future post will show Camp Arc receiving ice cream provided by RHPF.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Adams -- August 4th, 9AM-7PM at Manchester and SEC will host ESPN "Ocho Day" again. Have reached out to community partners for donations and opportunities to participate, combining it with a "Donor Day", which could become annual event. We have offered them a field, a (staff) sports programmer, cooler of drinks, lunch, etc. which they may use for an employee field day picnic or team building, etc. during games; Had good response. Perry -- How did you reach out for companies to participate? Adams -- Sent email to top sponsors and donors about the opportunity. Perry -- have new brochures gone to print? Adams -- Hope to have them at next meeting, so we can start fresh. Perry -- Also working on verbage of "talking points"? So when we reach out to contacts we all can saying the same thing? (Discussed imbedding a link in an email, that would connect them to testimonials).

Rhea -- How did dog show go? Adams -- Very smoothly, but not well-attended.
Adams -- Other upcoming events where Foundation can advertise our mission are sponsoring Kidzone at Oct. 14 OctoberFest, and Dec. 2 Santa in the Garden events.

Rhea -- Any updates on projects we approved money for in April? Adams -- Need to check with Kevin about the \$12,000 for GG Japanese bridge; Manchester is getting quotes for doors (\$12,000 allotted). Rhea -- So many big-ticket projects need to be done at Glencairn, and I hope City has included some in the upcoming budget.

Rhea -- Can the Foundation possibly donate a bench in honor of Benny Evans (long time Parks & Rec. Commissioner)? We can't do that for everyone who retires but he was instrumental in getting RHPF started. And install it at Southland Park? Adams -- I think I have a bench on hand already, it would only need a plaque. There's one-year backlog of getting benches and tables in once ordered.

McCoy -- There's a lot of money sitting in Glencairn Gardens account – Can we use part of that for these big projects? Rhea -- Yes, we can look at it after July 1, once we get know what City has budgeted for improvements.

ADIDAS: Adams -- 250 elite boy's teams here July 5-11, with staff flying in this week. Vendors are already delivering. We have to feed 350 coaches 3X per day, for 5 days. Take a break and girls arrive July 20-21. Freeman -- Does our pass work to get in? (No) Perry -- Is there a special viewing area for coaches? Adams – There's an elevated platform on court #4; Other venues are also being utilized around Rock Hill.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 8/22, 9/26, 10/24/2023 at GG Learning Center.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM