

CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION –6/2/08

Present – Members: Marianne Nicholson, Eric Allman, Kevin Fuerst, Delores Clark, Shirlene Parker, David Dirito and Sarah Sizemore; Guest: Grimsley Hobbs; Board Liaison: Lydia Lavelle and Staff: Kim Andrews, Robert Douglass, Brendan Moore and Anita Jones-McNair.

Alderman Lavelle called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Lavelle called for corrections or questions concerning the minutes of the last meeting, 5/05/08. No corrections or questions were requested; therefore the minutes were accepted as presented.

Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor

Alderman Lavelle called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. Hobbs provided an update of the Wilson Park Bathroom project. He came before the commission last year and the question was asked why has it taken so long? Hobbs and Moore explained the project required tweaking to meet the Town's ordinance. After a brief discussion Clark made a motion to approve the plans, Fuerst seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Next Moore, the Town's Facilities Administrator discussed his responsibilities with the Town. This was a request of the commission during the last meeting. Andrews, Recreation Supervisor also provided that information to the commission. She also covered the 2008, 4th of July merchant solicitation assignments.

New Business

Alderman Lavelle called for new business. The commission reviewed the goals and objectives covered at the last meeting and offered comments on several of list.

- Develop a Recreation and Parks Commission Orientation Manual
- Request and participate in a joint Recreation and Parks Commission meeting with Chapel Hill and Orange County – Jones-McNair mentioned that she will have a meeting with directors of Chapel Hill and Orange County on June 6th to discuss the next joint meeting.
- Evaluate recreation opportunities for our community – Nicholson mentioned this was done during the master plan update and the department evaluates activities periodically. Jones-McNair mentioned she would develop a list of how services and activities are currently being evaluated and handout at the next meeting for discussion.
- Participate in park facilities tour – this goal was completed prior to the commission's meeting.
- Include in future meetings to meet and learn more department staff – Jones-McNair reminded the commission that they met three staff members during the meeting and staff will attend meetings the rest of the year until all of them have been introduced.
- Revisit the Martin Luther King Jr. Park's master plan and make any recommendations to the Board to consider during their future discussion item – commission discussed this item. Parker asked the history of the park. Alderman Lavelle, Nicholson and Jones-McNair provided the historical background. The commission decided to discuss this item during the time the Board will review the item. Recommendations can be sent to the Board for consideration.
- Create other community gardens throughout town.
- Identify future gymnasium space and discuss/identify resources and best leverage to obtain for a long term basis – Jones-McNair mentioned that the Intergovernmental Park Work Group is working on a future school/recreation partnership consideration that will go the neighboring jurisdiction for review. Nicholson provided some historical perspective on this item.

Old Business

Alderman Lavelle called for old business. None was identified.

Report by Chair and Director

Alderman Lavelle called for the report of the chair and director. Jones-McNair reminded the commission of the additional items that were discussed at the meeting and shared an update on the online registration project. Fuerst volunteered to try out the website if needed to test the online registration.

Considerations for next and future meetings

Election of officers

Review of the special events list

Meeting Adjournment

Alderman Lavelle adjourned the meeting at 8:40p.m.