

CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION –2/2/09

Present – Members: Eric Allman, Kevin Fuerst, Shirlene Parker, Delores Clark and Marianne Nicholson; Board Liaison: Lydia Lavelle and Staff: Adena Messinger and Anita Jones-McNair.

Allman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Allman called for corrections or questions concerning the minutes of the last meeting, 1/5/09. No corrections or questions were covered; therefore the minutes were accepted as presented.

Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor

Allman called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. Messinger, Transportation Planner presented the final draft of the Carrboro Bicycle Plan. She mentioned that it was scheduled to go before the Board of Aldermen on March 24th and wanted to present this draft to various boards and compile any comments and recommendations. The presentation included the highlights of the plan, areas of concern and shared the survey data. Allman thanked Messinger for the presentation and all of her work while coordinating this project. He felt the end product was an easily navigated document. The commission agreed to discuss at the next meeting. Fuerst asked about greenway maps and various links. Jones-McNair mentioned she would send that information to the commission.

New Business

Allman called for new business. Allman provided an update of the Greenways Commission. At the last meeting there was a presentation given concerning UNC greenway plans.

Old Business

Allman called for old business. No old business was presented at this meeting.

Report by Chair and Director

Allman called for the report of the chair and director. Alderman Lavelle provided an overview of the Board's Retreat. She mentioned that a list of action items was developed and two pertain to Recreation and Parks:

- Look at town-based WPA-style volunteer program for families, etc as a sway for town programming.
 - builds community with this idea
- Create viable support for community victory garden
 - Involve County Ag extension program
 - Provide greater access for Carrboro residents

Jones-McNair mentioned that its budget time and staff is working on a conservative proposed budget. She mentioned national and state memberships increased and that staff was working on a volunteer credit program. She also provided an update about the disc golf course and the re-opening of the soccer field.

Considerations for next and future meetings

Review bicycle plan

Allman mentioned to contact Jones-McNair with any other agenda items.

Meeting Adjournment

Allman adjourned the meeting at 8:20p.m.