

CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION –4/6/09

Members present: Doris Murrell, Eric Allman, Kevin Fuerst, Shirlene Parker, Delores Clark and David Dirito;
Board Liaison: Lydia Lavelle and Staff: Kim Andrews and Anita Jones-McNair.

Murrell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Murrell called for corrections or questions concerning the minutes of the last meeting, 2/2/09. The March meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. No corrections or questions were mentioned; therefore the minutes were accepted as presented.

Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor

Murrell called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. Andrews requested that the commission review their involvement with the 4th of July festivities. In the past, donations were gathered from local merchants for prizes. Andrews suggested the possibility of doing something different this year due to economic constraints some of the businesses might be feeling. A few ideas were tossed out. Fuerst asked whether the commission could receive a listing of previous donations prior to the next meeting. He felt that information could help frame the discussion. Andrews mentioned the information will be sent out prior to the next meeting.

New Business

Murrell called for new business. Jones-McNair announced that Dennis Joines, a Recreation and Parks Department employee lost his father on Friday, April 3, 2009. She mentioned that all the bids for the Wilson Park bathroom were over budget. Due to the economy, not having additional funds to offset the overage and without being able to negotiate a realistic amount, this project was put on hold. She also mentioned great news about the upcoming completion of the Anderson Park Disc Golf Course and potential grand opening date of May 2, 2009. The Carrboro Parks Project was able to raise enough funds thanks to our generous community, Zach Ward of the DSI Comedy Club and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Sunrise Rotary Club. The final report is scheduled to go before the Board on April 21, 2009. Finally she mentioned the new comedy show on NBC that premieres on April 9th at 8:30 about a Recreation and Parks Department in Indiana.

Allman provided an overview of the Greenways Commission meeting. The Bolin and Morgan Creek projects are underway. The commission and consultants are taking a look at safety, improvements, education, trail designs and materials. He also passed around various maps. The commission is considering dates in May for public meetings to gather community input. The commission thought it would be a good idea to see the greenway presentation. Allman agreed to present the greenway information at a future meeting. Jones-McNair will ask staff to set up equipment for the PowerPoint presentation.

Old Business

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

Report by Chair and Director

Murrell called for the report of the chair and director. She asked the commission to put the CBM Forum in Greensboro on their calendars for August. She also shared her experience attending the Annual NRPA Legislative Forum in Washington DC. 125 million was requested for the Land and Water Conservation Fund for 2010 and 50 million is proposed at this time. Participants met with congressmen and other legislators. There was discussion about funding for Recreation and Parks within the Community Block Grant Program and Transportation Funds.

Considerations for next and future meetings

Greenways Presentation
4th of July discussion

Meeting Adjournment

Murrell adjourned the meeting at 8:17p.m.