

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2019 D.L. HOPKINS SENIOR CENTER – NORTHSIDE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan, Chair
Reginald Hurd, Vice-Chair
Ed Priest
Pamela Rogers
Leo Bell, Jr.
Don Johnson
Beth Farrell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy Hamilton, Parks Superintendent, and Angie Martinez, Recording Secretary, and Lieutenant Wilcots, Police Department were staff members present.

Chair Alexander McLachlan noted that there was a quorum present and began the public meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Item #1 – Public Discussion Period:

No one commented.

Item #2 – Discuss and Consider Approval of Minutes:

Vice-Chair Hurd noted a small correction to remove the word "out" after the word "phase" from item 6 – sentence 2. A motion was made by Board Member Ed Priest; seconded by Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2018 Regular Meeting, passing 7-0 in favor.

Item #3 – Board Member Announcements:

No board member announcements.

Item #4 – Staff Reports:

- A. Police/Park Ranger Report** – Lieutenant Wilcots was present from the Police Department to give a report. Lt. Wilcots reported no crime at the parks, and that there have been no issues with the newly installed Harrington Park entry gates. Wilcots also commented that he anticipates the return of the Park Ranger by February 2019.
- B. Recent and Upcoming Events and Programs** – Parks Superintendent Hamilton commented that a large turnout is expected at the upcoming community meeting for the Kidsville/Splashpad bond project at Armstrong Park.
- C. FY18 Innovation Fund Projects** – Parks Superintendent Hamilton commented that the Harrington Park entry gates have been operational for two weeks now with no issues.

Item #5 – Adopt Senior Center Rental Policy:

Discussion on the following took place; 90-day rental restriction, six-month transition period, consideration of a fixed fee for civic groups, and consideration for rental to be structured as facility program.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Hurd to approve a 90-day rental with a 90-day restriction for all rentals. The motion was seconded by Board Member Don Johnson. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

A motion was made by Board Member Don Johnson to allow a six-month transition period for current reoccurring rentals after the 90-day restriction takes effect. The motion was seconded by board member Leo Bell, Jr. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed to table the consideration of a fixed fee for civic groups.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed to table the consideration for the rental to be structured as a facility program.

Item #6 – Discuss Upcoming Community Meeting to be held January 24, 2019 Regarding the Kidsville/Splashpad Bond Project at Armstrong Park:

Chair Alexander McLachlan commented that Dunaway will be presenting the same Kidsville/Splashpad concept plan to the citizens as it was presented to the Park board in December 2018. Board Member Leo Bell, Jr. commented that forty kids have been surveyed with the most requests for shade, adventure, and bathrooms. Board Member Pamela Rogers would like to convey to the citizens that all ages were considered for the current concept plan – kids, teens, and adults. Park Superintendent Hamilton stated that there will be further opportunities for input from the citizens.

Item #7 – Discuss Topics for Joint Park Board Meeting with City Council to be held February 11, 2019:

Board Member Leo Bell, Jr. suggested that the Park Board provide an update/feedback on the rental policy. The board agreed that the Rotary Park parking lot is priority on the list. Board Member Beth Farrell also suggested a bike lane at Big Stone Gap as a project. Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd suggested to present a list of accomplishments to the City Council.

Item #8 – Discuss Observations from Recent Park Tour:

Board Member Don Johnson commented that maintenance needs to be done to the drainage at Lions Park. Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd recommended that the location of the new Rotary Park parking lot be moved south so residents will not be inconvenienced. Board Member Beth Farrell commented that most facilities need new bathrooms. Board Member Pamela Rogers would like to see signage uniformity at all parks.

Item #9 – Adjourn Regular Meeting:

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Board Member Ed Priest; seconded by Board Member Leo Bell, Jr. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Angie Martinez
Recording Secretary



Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan
Chair