

Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Dan Saffer
Erica Abbott
Tim Hallman
David Aspesi

Members Absent

Staff Present

Hal Hiott
Katherine Small
Alison Alexander-Deputy
County Administrator

- I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Hal Hiott
- II. Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Dan Saffer to approve agenda. Second by Tim Hallman. All in Favor.
- III. Approval of January 2019 Minutes- Motion made by Erica Abbott to approve minutes with typo correction on page 2 under Item E, the word wit should be with. Second by Tim Hallman. All in Favor.
- IV. Public Comments- None
- V. New Business
 - A. Introduction of New Advisory Board Member – Hal introduced new advisory board member David Aspesi. All members and staff present introduced themselves.
 - B. Spring Sport Numbers. Baseball/Softball/Soccer – Katherine gave report of spring sports numbers.
 - Baseball – 206 players/18 teams
 - Softball – 218 players /19 teams
 - Soccer – 786 players/71 teams
 - C. Possible Partnership With Town Waxhaw on Adult Softball – Hal town of Waxhaw has contacted us to partner with us for adult softball for Sundays and weekday games. We will run the weekday league and they will run the Sunday league. We will use their fields at Nesbit Park and ours at Walnut Creek Park.
 - D. Summer Day Camp Theme and Planning Complete- Hal-Summer Day Camp has completed all their summer plan and has ordered all supplies. They are geared up for summer.
 - E. County's New Deputy Director – Hal-introduced Alison Alexander, Deputy County Administration; Hal mentioned taking her around sites; David Aspesi asked if he could tag along; Hal said he would set a date.
 - F. Farmers Market Opens First Week of May-Opens May 4, 2019

- G. Staff Presenting at Programming Summit- Hal-we have 4 site programmers that are part time; they run our After School Program and our Summer Day Camp programs and are going to the Programming Summit Conference to present to other full time programmers across the state.
- H. Staffing Issues- Hal-we are struggling hiring employees and getting additional positions; we have had the part time grounds workers posted for a week and haven't received any applications.
- I. Budget Presentation to Administrator/Deputy Administrator and Finance Feb. 18th. – Hal- we have our budget presentation next Monday, February 18th.
- J. Three Major Needs Presenting for 19/20 Budget - Katherine gave report on top 3 priority requests and some additional budget info.
 - #1 Priority-Athletics Program Supervisor participation has increased by 35% since 2014 and we've not added any full time staff to our department since 2010.
 - #2 Priority-Equipment Replacement-this was removed from our budget this year since the municipalities weren't appropriating the county funding anymore; this was the only monies budgeted to replace maintenance equipment for our department.
 - #3 Priority- Full time parks maintenance worker with the additional facilities to be built later this year, we will need additional maintenance staff to properly maintain the parks. We are at capacity now as far as what we can accomplish. Additional facilities will require additional personnel.
- K. Hal and Katherine Report on Trends Workshop-Hal- Katherine and I went to a trends workshop in Columbia to get updates on what's going on across the state; tackle football was discussed on whether to provide equipment or not and if so what liability measures we should take.
- L. Meet and Greet with YMCA Staff- Hal- we had a meet and greet with YMCA; discussed opportunities of possible partnerships.
- M. Tree Grant Update and Litter Pick Up – Hal-we've been doing a lot of work out at Buford Recreation Center; part of the grant was to do litter pick-up along the property; we received trees through this grant for landscape upgrades.
- N. Pool Sidewalks/Handicap Parking/ Service Entrance Information-Katherine- discussed the severity of the cement condition of the sidewalks at the pool that goes from the parking lot to the entrance of pool. It is a significant trip hazard and has lost its ADA compliance. I called Flip to see if the City would be willing to contribute financially to this project as it will benefit them and their new playground they have installed. He was able to come up with half of the project cost. Total cost was \$29,000 and it includes new sidewalk, handicap parking spaces and a service driveway.

VI. Old Business

- A. Buford Parking Lot Update- Hal- showed all board members the parking lot drawing for the Buford Recreation Center; this is the last phase to be completed; the price came in over budget; after the project period we were able to meet with the vendor to negotiate pricing; we were able to cut roughly \$15,000; have to wait until warmer temps; will take 2 weeks.
- B. Recreation Bond Projects Update- Hal- 3rd reading of issuance of bonds; we can go to market end of March or 1st of April; we have preliminary meetings set up with several firms for a meet

& greet. Staff is getting questions on updates on these recreation bond projects so hopefully council will put out a tentative schedule via news media.

- C. School Facility Use- Katherine-updated members on how well the partnership as gone with the school district on use of the school gyms for basketball; we have had a great response from coaches and parents on how we scheduled this basketball season; using the school gyms were ideal and we hope to continue this partnership through the years to come.
- D. Summer Part Time Maintenance Update-this was covered in New Business, item H.
- E. FEMA Update on Walnut Creek Trail- Hal-we turned in all of the documents through FEMA, just waiting now to see if we will receive any funding back.

VII. Advisory Board Comments-

- Dan Saffer wants update on tackle football verses flag football and how meeting went with high school football coaches; Hal explained that Micky was meeting with high school football coaches to gather feedback on how to better educate our coaches; at conference we learned several agencies have phased out tackle football for 8U and below age groups and introduced flag football for those age groups.

VIII. Director's Comments-

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Erica Abbott second by Dan Saffer

Respectively Submitted by:

Katherine Small, Deputy Director