



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2012 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Adams, Wanda Holloway, Winston Shade, Linda Hunt-Williams, Stephane Daniel, Peter Koutroumpis, Marty Buckwald, Jennifer Jones, Ray Riordan

ABSENT MEMBERS: Kari McCloud

STAFF PRESENT: Julia Meder, Len Bradley

CALL TO ORDER: Kevin called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF 9/13/12 MINUTES: Minutes approved with two amendments

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD: Stephane stated that he feels that the advisory board should have a more active role. The Apex Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was recently asked by the Town Council to gather ideas from the community on how to improve the Apex Cultural Center. Stephane asked if the board could take on a similar role. Peter responded by explaining that this board is an extension of the Town Council as members are voted onto the board by Council. Linda suggested that the board members attend a Council meeting, speak to the Council and ask if there is something that they can do in the community. She continued by saying that the board had done a lot of work recently by supporting recent projects within the department but that members could address Council to see if there is anything else that can be done. Wanda stated that she believed that the board's work also comes from the citizens of Holly Springs and that in recent months, the board has served in the role of being a liaison between citizens and the Town. Winston shared that he believes the board should look to Len and the department for ways to assist. Peter stated that with the bond projects, community input will soon be needed and the board can serve this need by listening to the community and offering to hear citizens as a board and at meetings.

Peter continued by raising the point that board members should understand their roles and responsibilities as we move into a time of election and bond projects getting underway. The importance of understanding the role was stressed when speaking to the media as a representative of the board. Ray was recently quoted in the Southwest Wake newspaper and it was mentioned that he was a member of the Holly Springs Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee while he was actually representing himself as a resident, not a board member. Peter continued to explain that this can mislead the community.

Jennifer shared that she is a mother of two children and she participates in a number of Hunt Center programs. She shared that parents in these programs will speak with her about their issues and she asked if this would be an example of an opportunity to bring this information back to the board and take a role as a board member. Linda explained that topics from other parents should be directed to Len and staff as the role of board member is to be a liaison between citizens and the Town, including staff. Kevin shared that the board has an email account so the public can contact the board. The board discussed the use of Facebook and social media as a communication tool. Board members created a Facebook page in support of the bond referendum. The board agreed to delete the page as it had not been highly utilized, contained no current information, comments, nor public record. The board may revisit the idea of social media at a later time.

The board discussed how to move forward on taking a more active role in the community and agreed to begin sending a representative to each Town Council meeting in the future.

ADJOURN: There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned.