



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2012 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Adams, Wanda Holloway, Winston Shade, Peter Koutroumpis, Ray Riordan

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Kari McCloud, Linda Hunt-Williams, Marty Buckwald, Jennifer Jones, Stephane Daniel

**STAFF PRESENT:** Julia Meder, Len Bradley

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kevin called the meeting to order

**APPROVAL OF 10/11/12 MINUTES:** Minutes approved.

**ADVISORY BOARD TABLE AT MAIN ST. CHRISTMAS:** Each year the board hosts a table at the Cultural Center for Main St. Christmas. The board discussed hosting the table again and giving away hot chocolate.

**ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER:** The board discussed options for the annual holiday dinner. The board agreed to go to the Bass Lake Draft House for dinner at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 13.

**LEN'S UPDATE:** Len updated the board on several topics within the department. Len shared with the board that Hollyfest was a great event. The event was postponed one week due to the prediction of high winds related to the super storm. The crowd was still good, vendors were great, and the department saw very minimal issues for the day. Staff arrived at 6 a.m. and worked hard throughout the day until 6 p.m. This will probably be the last year that Hollyfest is held at Womble Park. Len continued to explain that the new synthetic turf and fields will not allow vehicles to drive through the park or vendors to set up in this area. A new location is under discussion.

Len informed the board about the upcoming charrette and public information meeting on Thursday, November 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This event is to provide the public with images of projects, information about projects, and the opportunity to ask staff and consultants questions. These projects include Womble Park, Jones Park, Greenways and the North Main Athletic Complex. Staff has been working to inform the public about this meeting through direct mail, email, website and newspaper advertisement.

At Tuesday night's Town Council meeting Council voted to purchase the Suggs property located at the end of Grigsby. This land will go under the master plan process shortly. Staff plans to have someone at the charrette to answer any questions about the master plan process for this project. This may become the new home for Hollyfest. This property will be used for passive programming.

Len invited the board to attend the charrette.

Wanda asked the status of the Mims property. Len stated that the status has not changed. This project remains unfunded.

Len invited the board to the W.E. Hunt Recreation Center dedication event on Wednesday, December 12 from 6-8 p.m. Staff is currently working to complete any unfinished projects at the Hunt Center. This event will include a dedication ceremony, program information and facility tours. Len updated the board on recently completed and upcoming projects at the Hunt Center. The path to the pit has been paved for easier access. The large blue wall in the fitness center will soon be wrapped in a large landscape photo and trees will be installed at each end to give it a three-dimensional feel. The facility will be closed November 19 and 20 for maintenance.

Len shared that the North Main Athletic Complex is currently being planned to be a facility of partnerships. Possible future partners include the Coastal Plain League, Wake Tech Community College, a soccer organization and a tennis organization. Staff is currently working on plans for programming and management.

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