



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2013 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Adams, Kari McCloud, Peter Koutroumpis, Ray Riordan, Stephane Daniel, Winston Shade, Jennifer Jones

ABSENT MEMBERS: Wanda Holloway, Linda Hunt-Williams, Marty Buckwald

STAFF PRESENT: Julia Meder, Len Bradley, Adam Huffman

CALL TO ORDER: Kevin called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF 7/11/13 MINUTES: Minutes approved.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW P&R ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ADAM HUFFMAN: Len introduced Adam Huffman, the new Parks and Recreation Assistant Director. The department is looking forward to having Adam as a part of the team. Adam will supervise most of the operations within the department. He will oversee all programs, the Hunt Center, Cultural Center and Bass Lake. Len will maintain supervision of maintenance of parks, parks and general development responsibilities within the Town. Adam shared information about his background and experience.

LEN'S UPDATE:

- **How is the new football league?:** Adam updated the board on the new football league. This past weekend Holly Springs played Siler City and Chapel Hill. This weekend one team will play against East Chatham while the other two teams have a bi-week. Kevin asked if any feedback had been received yet. Adam explained that as this past weekend was the first game, not much feedback has been received. Everything went smoothly. Adam will attend this weekend's game and will report back any feedback. Adam will send the schedule out to the board.
- **Sugg Master Plan:** Len shared that the Sugg Master Plan will be shown to the public for the final time at Bass Lake day and presented to Council for approval on October 17. Jennifer updated the board on the last Sugg Farm Master Plan steering committee. She explained that the final issue of concern was to have a dog park or not on the property. Other issues discussed included construction of new buildings on the property. Len showed board members a sketch he received from the consultants at Alta/Greenways. Len asked for comments and input from the board. He will pass comments along to the consultants.
- **Upcoming Cultural Center performances:** Len passed around the new 2013-2014 season schedule for the Cultural Center.
- **Update on Bond Projects (Womble/Jones/Bass Lake Outfall Greenway):**
 - **Sugg Farm:** Already Covered
 - **Bass Lake Outfall Greenway:** All clearing is done, erosion control and stormwater complete, and contractor is ready to get the path constructed. Should be under construction next week. This greenway will not connect to Somerset Farm and the existing sidewalk there. We are currently working with the developer of Pecan Grove apartments. Completion slated for October.
 - **Womble Park:** A considerable amount of progress has been made on this project. They have begun putting in drainage pipes for the artificial surface. This project must be complete by November as the department has a large soccer tournament scheduled. Improvements to the playground- all of the new playground equipment is in and the old equipment has been reorganized to update the play structure. A synthetic safety surface will replace the old mulch. The playground will be reopened when the park is complete. Winston asked about fencing at the park and Len explained the white fence along Stinson would go back up. The synthetic turf fields will be fenced in to keep balls inside the playing area. Len also explained that the department has started to receive questions about public use on the new synthetic fields. Staff is currently looking

into open-play time for the facility and policies in place in other Towns with similar facilities. Natural turf facilities such as the Pit will stay open for public use.

- **Jones Park:** Most of the playground equipment concrete was installed today. Synthetic safety surface will be installed here as well. Disc golf volunteers have cleared for 9 holes. Baskets have been ordered and this weekend they will start on the back 9. By the end of October this will be complete.
- **NMAC:** Timber has been sold. Looking to expedite the grading process and start by mid-October. Phase I includes all of the grading for the entire site, tennis courts, 500 parking spaces, synthetic turf for soccer fields, and the street entrance from main street. We are currently working on plans for the all-sports stadium. We are beginning the process for naming rights in the amount of \$50,000 and higher.

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