



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 10 2013 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Adams, Kari McCloud, Peter Koutroumpis, Winston Shade, Linda Hunt-Williams, Marty Buckwald, Wanda Holloway

ABSENT MEMBERS: Ray Riordan, Stephane Daniel, Jennifer Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Julia Meder, Len Bradley, Adam Huffman

CALL TO ORDER: Kevin called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF 9/12/13 MINUTES: Minutes approved.

ON THE HORIZON UPDATE: The Town recently held an event called, "On the Horizon." This informational session allowed the public to visit the Cultural Center to receive information about upcoming Town projects from every department. Len shared that the meeting went well. An estimate of 50 people attended. Town Manager, Chuck Simmons, provided a 45 minute presentation. Staff was on-hand to answer questions before and after the presentation. Multiple public opportunities have been held to allow for input and questions. The board members discussed at length how else to provide information to the community. Information will be available to the public at Hollyfest at the department information tent.

SUGG FARM MASTER PLAN: Alta Greenways will be presenting the final draft of the Sugg Master Plan to the Town Council on Tuesday, October 15. Kevin shared that he and several other board members participated in the steering committee for Sugg Farm Park. Kevin shared his disappointment in the final plan as he felt that there was too much included in the plan and that the highlights included did not fairly represent the entire steering committee, rather individuals on the committee. He also stated that he felt that the majority of the committee wanted to see more of a performing arts venue but that it was pushed off to the edge of the park. Kevin stated that he was pleased with the location of the dog park, but felt that there was a circus atmosphere in the main area of the park. Len stated that if board members did not support the final draft of the master plan, they are free to attend the Town Council meeting on Tuesday to share their thoughts. Peter stated that his concern is to not promise more for a park than can be provided. Len shared that this project is currently unfunded and that only the master planning process was funded through bond funds. Kevin asked for Len's suggestion for the most appropriate way to approach Alta Greenways regarding the location of the amphitheater. Len responded by stating that it was his recollection from the last steering committee meeting that the general consensus from the committee members was not to have a facility that would draw massive crowds. Len also shared that this project had the largest steering committee and provided the most opportunities for public input that he has worked on. Kari asked about the future and staffing needs for upcoming facilities. Len responded that the department will need to hire more staff for future facilities and programming. By moving programming around, adjustments for staffing will be made. Kevin stated that he will attend the meeting on Tuesday.

LEN'S UPDATE: Len shared that Womble Park construction is nearing completion. Turf is on the field. Jones Park playground and disc golf course are nearly complete. Clearing is nearing completion at the North Main Athletic Complex. Erosion control will be going to bid on Monday and bids for phase one construction will be coming up shortly. Completion of phase one construction is slated for Spring 2014. Phase two construction will go to bid in March 2014 with construction slated for completion in 2015. Bass Lake Outfall Greenway will take about 30 more days for completion and half of the trail is now ready for asphalt. Recent events include Dog Days in September, Cycle NC last week and Bass Lake Day last weekend. Each event was a success and the department received a number of complements. Len also shared that Loren Gold from the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitor's Bureau will be giving a presentation on the benefit of tourism and sporting events. The presentation will provide a great example

of the benefits the current bond projects will provide and the economic impact on Holly Springs. Julia provided an overview of Hollyfest, which will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Len also shared an update on the Town's football program. Staff has received great feedback from participants and many positive comments regarding the new league. Len stated that the SWAC state championship will be hosted by the Town in November.

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