



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2011 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Adams, Kari McCloud, Stephane Daniel, Peter Koutroumpis, Monica Fanjoy, Marty Buckwald, Ken Henke, Linda Hunt-Williams

ABSENT MEMBERS: Wanda Holloway

STAFF PRESENT: Julia Meder, Len Bradley, Johnny Dickinson, Chuck Simmons

CALL TO ORDER: Peter called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF 5/12/11 MINUTES: Minutes approved. Agenda amended to include bond information presentation from Len in addition to update.

LAURA WEYGAND, WESTERN WAKE TENNIS ASSOCIATION: Laura Weygand, Community Coordinator of the Western Wake Tennis Association, provided a presentation on the tennis needs in Holly Springs, her role in the Western Wake Tennis Association, and how she can assist Holly Springs in the future. Tennis courts are on the master plan for Womble Park as well as the capital improvements plan but the lack of funding has caused the courts to not be a high priority project. The board discussed the history of tennis programming within the Town, department needs and priorities, and resources the board and department can utilize to do research on tennis needs for the future. Peter explained that effective use of space, time, budget, and more need to be examined. Kari explained that she believes tennis is a great opportunity to provide programming for children in year-round schools and that this program may grow in the future.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES: Tabled until August meeting. The board vacancies will be filled at the second July Town Council meeting. New members will be included in the vote for offices.

LEN'S UPDATE & BOND INFORMATION: The Hunt Center opened on Monday, July 11. The facility still has some minor work needed but programming is currently underway. The final touches will not affect programming. The old building is slated to be torn down later this month. The parking lot should be complete within the next few months. Photos and videos will be up on the website soon. Traffic has been steady. Monday was the first day for registration for intro to soccer and intro to football and it went well. An auction was held on Saturday, July 9. Equipment sold well and everything in the old building was gone by Sunday afternoon. \$8,500 was collected for items sold. The new building has extended hours. Len shared bond information. At the budget workshop in May, Council voted to proceed with taking a \$20 million bond referendum to the public in November. Len provided handouts for the board regarding projects the bond would cover split into two phases and a schedule for the bond process. The board discussed the information and Assistant Town Manager, Chuck Simmons explained that the board is able to go out into the public to provide information but the Town is unable to ask for voting support. The Town can only provide information and answer questions. The board discussed ideas of how to help inform the public about the bond with printed materials and visits to HOA meetings. A presentation will be given by staff at the next meeting before the board votes on endorsement of the bond referendum. In the meantime, the board will receive information electronically, begin researching local HOA contacts, and brainstorming ideas on how to provide information to the public. Ken raised the point that it would be proactive to invite the media and public to the next board meeting for the bond presentation. Chuck and Len will speak with the Town Attorney next week to find out the limitations of the board's promotion to the public regarding the bond.

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