



Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

October 11, 2018

6:00 p.m. Town Hall Holloman Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Cicora, Tom Joyce, Gerry Martinez De Andino, Alice Reese, Liz Stone, Wanda Holloway

ABSENT MEMBERS: Leonard Lloyd, Marc DiGiacomo

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom O'Brien

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Huffman, Lauren Martin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order 6:02pm by Chair Stone

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve: Member Cicora; Second: Martinez De Andino; Vote: Unanimous; Meeting minutes approved with no corrections.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Citizen Christine Campbell requested an update of parks facilities, specifically, she was wondering about the pools mentioned in the master plan and concerned that the Town of Holly Springs is falling behind the curve of neighboring towns.

Interim director Huffman provided the update noting that most goals set in Beyond the Green Master Plan has been achieved and that the Park & Recreation Department is currently working with Town Council to determine how the funds will be spent. He also encouraged Ms. Campbell to speak to Council during the public speaking portion of their meeting as they are interested in her concerns also.

IV. ADAM HUFFMAN, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION WILL DISCUSS TWELVE OAKS PHASE 10 LAND DEDICATION (ACTION REQUIRED). COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT LAND DEDICATION OR REQUIRE A FEE-IN-LIEU BASED ON LAND USABILITY.

Twelve Oaks has proposed a new parcel of land for dedication with phase 10 Original differing from the 16 acres the original developer proposed to dedicate. To date, Twelve Oaks has been paying the Fee-in-Lieu rather than dedicate land. Interim Director Huffman would like committee's recommendation for Town Council's reference as they consider the choice to accept the dedication. Before presenting the parcel, Adam reviewed the Town's criteria for land dedication. Using maps, Interim Director Huffman presented the parcel. Turning on the flood plain layer indicated the parcel is not developable and can only be used for open space. The fee-in-lieu received for the parcel would be \$570,000.

Member Cicora motioned that the land not be accepted due to limited uses and is not accessible to general public. Motion was seconded and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Following the recommendation, the Committee briefly discussed the process and several members voiced concerns of accepting fee-in-lieu over land when park land west of 55 is sought after and questioned the possibility of the development sourcing the land, receives direct benefit from the developed park and recreation opportunity to entice developers to dedicate parcels with more potential for park and recreation facilities.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Fall line-up of events is beginning with a variety of musical performances and the traditional events including Spooktacular, the Haunted Hay Ride and Holly Fest filling the remaining weekends in October.
- b. Fall Athletics tournaments are also beginning at the Town facilities including several club sports
- c. Suggly Sweater coming up followed by the Christmas Parade.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Interim Director Huffman noted the marathon will occur regardless of any delays Hurricane Florence may have had on the opening of the Carl Dean Greenway. Path may have crush & run put down for the event.
- b. Park it in the Market was also a success with roughly 3,000 people attending.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Staff Member Martin can provide color copies of the Mim's Park Master Plan to Committee members.
- b. New committee member will be appointed Tuesday, October 16 and their training should be completed before November's meeting.
- c. The Mim's walk for committee members will be rescheduled.
- d. Proposed agenda items for November meeting: Salamanders & Wake FC to present. Committee members should email questions to Adam prior to meeting so Guests can be prepared necessary data supporting answers.

- e. Member Holloway shared citizen input supporting a Senior Center.
- f. December Meeting: Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the VIP room of Hickory Tavern.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion: Member Holloway, Second, Member Cicora.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.