



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2012 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Monica Fanjoy

STAFF PRESENT: Julia Meder, Len Bradley

CALL TO ORDER: Peter called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF 11/3/11 MINUTES: Minutes approved.

KAREN REDFERN WITH HS FOOD CUPBOARD: Karen Redfern spoke to the board regarding the HS Food Cupboard. The food cupboard has asked the Parks & Recreation department to partner with them to host food drives at events, picture days, etc. Karen provided facts and information regarding the food cupboard's activity and the need for food drive assistance. Requests for assistance from partners include handing out flyers, collecting food, and hosting drop-off locations. The food cupboard will assist with promotion of the food drive event. Len agreed that the department would be able to host food drives at larger events such as Bass Lake Day, July 5th and Hollyfest. Winston offered to take the lead on hosting a food drive at three athletic picture days per year. Len also suggested that the department could find sponsorship for a department concert to then allow the public to attend for free in exchange for bringing food items. Ken offered to be a liaison between the advisory board and the food cupboard. Peter asked the board and food cupboard to first work with Len and staff to initiate some ideas and schedule some events.

LAURA WEYGANDT WITH WESTERN WAKE TENNIS ASSOCIATION: Tabled until February.

KEVIN-DISCUSSION OF LETTER TO COUNCIL FOR RETREAT: In the past few years, the board has communicated to Town Council via a formal letter any requests such as funding, land purchases, etc. Since the bond recently passed, Kevin asked the board members if they would like to still submit a letter to council. Peter suggested that the board submit a proposal of ideas and thoughts for the future of the department. The letter would be provided to council for their retreat during the first week of March. The board will collect thoughts via email and Kari will collect all information. A draft will be created for the next meeting. Kari requested the results from the bond surveys so that the board can do some research on resident requests/needs for the department. Len shared with the board that the retreat may not be the best place to provide council with this information. The retreat will be directed toward the commitment of an amount of money to spend to being use of the bond funds. There is plenty of time to collect further public input on what to build but the focus now is to decide on an amount of money to being with. The board will work to do some research to provide the council with feedback in a letter.

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