



**Town of Holly Springs
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, May 12, 2022
7:00 pm
Town Hall – Council Chambers**

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Val Atkinson, Stephen Brauer, Jodi Carey, Jason Guetgemann, Len Lloyd, Tony McDermott, Susan Smith, Scott Warner

Members Absent: Chris Cook & Tony McDermott

Staff Present: LeeAnn Plumer, Adam Huffman, Kristen Denton, Chris Champion

Council Members: CM Bennett

Call to Order Time: 7:01 PM

Minutes: March 10, 2022

Motion to approve: Susan Smith

Second: Len Lloyd

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Minutes: April 15, 2020

Motion to approve: Susan Smith

Second: Stephen Brauer

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Public Comment Period: None

New Staff Introductions

- Kevin Miller, Events and Performances Manager (Cultural Center) - Looking forward to bringing national performers
- Kitty Gayner, Recreation Program Specialist (Cultural Center) - Wants to bring diverse programs

Discussion/Action Items

- Presentation by Simple Gifts Community Garden - Monte Morée & Ann Harrison Due to property being sold in Apex, they're looking to relocate from their current location to Sugg Farm
- Produce fresh, chemical free produce
- Donate to local food banks, including Holly Springs Food Cupboard
- Support pollinators
- Engaged, active community

- Sustainable, local food production
- Community Garden - all welcome, youth classes, service hours, scouts
- sustainability
- Looking for a partnership; Requesting a long-term commitment of 10 years; deer prevention fencing; parking area; water; initial land clearing
- Ideally need 1-2 acre; Half an acre fenced in, plus compost bins, leaves for mulching, wood chip paths
- This would complement what's already being planned in the community - Planning a HS community garden; Capital investment slightly more than already planned; Involvement by local families

Recommendation for Partnership with Simple Gifts Community Garden Motion for the Department to move forward with proposal: Jodi Carey
 Second: Val Atkinson
 Vote: Approved Unanimous

Chris Champion, Athletic Programs Manager

- Discussion on future State-Wide Athletics Committee (SWAC) participation & alternatives Record #'s of registrations
- Lack of host sites
- Travel
- Lack of oversight
- Dwindling due to rise in club/travel teams Alternatives - "All-Star Day"
- PRAC Recommends to move away from SWAC do further research to do tournaments with other local towns & support the all star day

Football program update - Flag, Tackle or Both being considered Not feasible due to:

- Staffing (FT & PT)- Do not have the staffing to support both
- Safety
- Travel
- Funding

Motion for Committee to support flag football

Moved by Susan Smith
 Second: Len Lloyd
 Vote: Approved Unanimous

Hot Topics

PRAC Round Robin

- Susan thanked Adam for driving the bus for our tour; It was helpful to understand the connectivity of the Greenway system
- Jason - Ting park lots of activities

Reports

Council Update – CM Bennett

- At a recent visit to Womble Park, observed Gaga Pit, Horseshoe Pit
- Wants to be sure work is continuing at each park
- Don't have future funding figure out yet
- Resident wants - Transportation & Healthy Active Community

Tree Advisory Committee – Tony (absent)

Director's Update – LeeAnn

- Construction is underway on Utley Creek 1 greenway
- Due to weather conditions the International Food Festival is rescheduled for 6/3 5-9 PM
- Reclassification of some positions is occurring
- Projects include - Cass Holt Park, playgrounds, resurfacing, sunshades, greenways, Hunt Center lobby
- Mim's Park Trails & Signage
- Boardwalk & bridge
- Sugg Farm Park amenities

Lori Puzak, Administrative Manager

Reported on 3 months of activity - serving the same number of people. Numbers vary depending on the month and when registrations occur. The number of weeks in a month is also a factor.

Operations Update – Adam

- Community Theater - Nonsense; Clean Comedy Series - J.J. Barrows
- Sugg/Bass Lake - Turtle event
- Summer camps starting the week of June 13th
- Ting Soccer College All-Stars
- Dick Sears Field
- MLB Home Run DerbyX (geared towards teens) 23rd of May
- Concourse at Ting stopped due to the cracks being deeper; concrete needs to be repoured
- Bass Lake is in need of counselors (over 18), or teachers who are available for the 10 weeks of camp

Town Council to recommend/confirm PRAC appointments @ May 18th meeting

Old Business

PRAC feedback on greenway tour. It was very informative and helpful to see in person and walk some of the trails.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:07 PM by Susan Smith

Second: Stephen Brauer

Vote: Approved Unanimous