



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Park and Recreation Commission

MINUTES

August 10, 2004

PRC COMMISSIONER PRESENT:

William M. Brawley, Jr.
James R. Brown
Stephanie L. Carter
William W. Chandler, Chair
Lawrence F. Huelsman, Jr.
Vickie P. Lee
Laura McClettie, Ex Secretary
Scott McClure
Michael D. McMahan
Robert M. Patterson, Vice Chair
Bradley E. Pearce
Stephanie Taylor

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Wayne Weston
Fred H. Gray, Deputy Director
Dot S. Law, Fin Svc Director
Jeff L. Robinson, Park Svc Mgr
James D. Alsop, Core Proc Mgr
Isaac L. Applewhite, Gen Mgr, NPD
Christopher Bauer, Grnway Planner
R. Neil Carroll, Gen Mgr, CPD II
Peter A. Cook, Park Svcs
C. Blaine Gregory, Gen Mgr, NEPD
Greg A. Jackson, Gen Mgr, NEPD
W. Lee, Jones, Sr Park Planner
Steve Law, Core Proc Mgr
Lola Massad, Wellness & Rec Svc Mgr
C.W. McIver, Resource Dev Coord
Sherry A. Wilson, Gen Mgr, CPD I
Doug Hefner, PWC

ABSENT:

None

STAFF ABSENT:

N/A

Guest

Bette Rae Thomas – Public Comment

I. GENERAL SESSION

- A. Call to Order – 6:12 PM
- B. Chair Chandler requested a moment of silence and prayer.

- C. Chair Chandler made a motion to add an item to the agenda "Receive request and reading to name a room in the new Enderly Park Community Center (R. Lee Bass) presented by Ms. Bette Rae Thomas". Approved by Vice Chair Patterson and seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.

Vice Chair Patterson made a motion to approve the naming of a room in the new Enderly Park Community Center for "R. Lee Bass" seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.

D. Awards and Citations

1. Mr. Fred H. Gray was recognized for his sixteen (16) years of outstanding service to the Park and Recreation Department. Plaque was presented by Chair Chandler.
2. Ms. Heidi D. Kitterman was recognized for and presented a Mecklenburg County 10 Years Service Award by Chair Chandler.

E. Brainstorming

1. Vice Chair Patterson stated that a newspaper article on the Morganton Little League going to the World Series stated that Morganton is building a Youth Sports Complex in their downtown area. Also an article in USA Today stated that parks were getting neighborhood and community support, so it appears that the park systems are becoming fashionable.
2. Commissioner Brawley stated during the 2004 CBM Conference Director Weston was recognized by his peers and given the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award for the state of North Carolina and Mr. Doug Youngblood of Partners for Parks also received an award.
3. Chair Chandler stated the 2004 CBM Conference was the best he had attended and he hopes all Commissioners will be able to attend the 2005 conference.

V. PARK AND RECREATION ISSUES/PRESENTATION(S) SET FOR A SPECIFIC TIME

- A. Paul Eich, gave a presentation on the Ribbon Walk Conservancy, Inc.
- B. Howard M. Landers, gave a presentation on the Center City Transportation Study.

(See Attachment)

- D. General Manager Applewhite and Mr. Mark Carpenter- First Tee, gave an update and status report on the First Tee project.

General Manager Applewhite invited all to attend an upcoming Northern Towns (Davidson, Huntersville and Cornelius) meeting on September 21, 2004 at 6:30 PM in Huntersville, this will be a three town meeting to discuss future CNA projects.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS BY CONSENT

- A&B Commissioner Brawley made a motion to approve all items by consent. Seconded by Commissioner Carter and approved unanimously.

IV. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve all items. Seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – Staff Items for Consideration

- A.1. Dianne Thomas, Enterprise Svc Manager Massad, General Managers Carroll and Wilson gave a presentation on the Fit City Challenge program. *(See Attachment) (T-shirts were given out).*
- B.1. Greenway Planner Bauer gave report on petition for Rezoning at Greenway Cliff.
- C.1. General Manager Alsop gave an update on the National Golf Foundation local audit.
- F.1. Chair Chandler stated the item included in agenda package on the Bond Committee was all information needed to date. Rest assured that all of the PRC members will be utilized in this initiative.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.1. Commissioner Taylor made motion to add an item to the agenda “Acceptance of Nomination/Appointment of Off Leash Dog Areas Advisory Council”. Seconded by Commissioner Carter and approved unanimously.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

2. Executive Secretary McClettie nominated *Lisa Cunningham and Jude Harding* for *reappointment* to a 2nd term (ending June 2007) on the Tennis Advisory Council. Seconded by Vice Chair Patterson and approved unanimously.
3. Commissioner Huelsman nominated *Terance O. Bott* to an expired term (ending June 2007) on the Dowd House Preservation Advisory Council. Seconded by Vice Chair Patterson and approved unanimously.
8. Commissioner Pearce nominated *Richard Alan Goodman and Kay Jones* to expired terms (ending June 2007) and *Lisa Jenkins and Leslie Shiel* to unexpired terms (ending June 2005) on the Northwest Park District Advisory Council. Seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.
9. Commissioner Huelsman nominated *Willis W. Harney* for *reappointment* to a 2nd term (ending June 2007) on the South Park District Advisory Council. Seconded by Commissioner Brawley and approved unanimously.
10. Commissioner McClure nominated *Dona Clark* for *reappointment* to a 2nd term (ending June 2007) on the Therapeutic Recreation Advisory Council. Other nominations were deferred until the September 2004.
11. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to appoint the listed members to the Off Leash Dog Area Advisory Council. Seconded by Commissioner Carter and approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:25 PM