

TOWN OF GARNER
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
Advisory Meeting Minutes
Date: October 16, 2017

Date and Time: Pursuant to the Bylaws governing the Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on October 16, 2017 at 6pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm. The committee members present were: Lisa Sullivan– Chair, Beverly Adams, Ernestine Durham, Elmo Vance, Chris O'Connor, and Ken Marshburn, Council Liaison
Staff members present were: Rob Smith– Assistant Director, Sara Shaw – Recreation Program Specialist, The committee members absent were: Byron Wade, Bob Deaton, Althea Boone and Darlene Duncan.
2. Approval of the October Agenda:
 - a. Ms. Adams made the motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Vance seconded the motion.
 - b. The Agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.
3. Approval of the September Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Ms. Durham motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion.
 - b. The Minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.
4. Petitions and Comments from the Public: None
5. Committee Members Concerns/Comments:
 - a. Committee members commented that they enjoyed the Advisory Board Dinner.
 - b. Mr. Smith followed up with concern from last month about possible drainage issues around the main gate and concrete areas when it rains. Ms. Sullivan is going to follow up with her source and report back to Mr. Smith.
6. Senior Advisory Committee:
 - a. Ms. Duncan was not present so Mr. Smith gave an update from the Senior Advisory Committee.
 - i. The G Squad competed in the State games, but unfortunately did not medal. Nancy Hulbert has stepped down and one of the dance instructors has taken the lead.
 - ii. On the Mend will have their annual craft sale on November 4th at the Senior Center.
7. Reports/Discussion Items:
 - a. Garner Forward:
 - i. Mr. Smith gave an overview of the Garner Forward drafts that have been presented for public feedback.
 - ii. Mr. Smith mentioned that this document calls for a new Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Master Plan, which will build off the data provided in this document.
 - iii. Mr. Smith highlighted that the Comprehensive Plan called for the Town to invest in maintenance of current Parks and Recreation facilities, continue to

implement the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation Greenway and Open Space Master Plan, and introduce more neighborhood parks, amongst a myriad of other proposals.

- iv. The Transportation Plan called for more pedestrian and bike connectivity by adding sidewalks, bike lanes, and working to improve the perceived safeness of current sidewalks.

b. Project Updates:

i. Recreation Center

1. Mr. Smith reported that construction is ongoing, and that there is a meeting scheduled for October 17th at which updates were expected to be provided.
2. Ms. Sullivan noted that she had stopped by to see the sample exterior wall and encouraged everyone to do so.

a. Subcommittee Meeting Update:

- A. Ms. Sullivan reported that the Recreation Subcommittee had a very active meeting reviewing various models and discussing pricing, and hours of operation.
- B. Ms. Sullivan stated that there would be 2 more subcommittee meetings, and then the subcommittee hoped to have a recommendation for the committee.

c. Director's Report:

- i. Mr. Smith reported that the September report had been sent out earlier in the week with Agenda and Minutes.
- ii. Mr. Smith stated that the Athletics Youth and Teen Division had a successful inaugural Mother Son Night Out and were busy taking registrations for the winter youth athletic leagues. The Senior Center is gearing up for the annual trip to the NC State Fair, and collecting personal hygiene items for Veterans shoeboxes. The Cultural Arts and Events teams is busy preparing for Trick or Treat the Trails, and working with program partners on the Miss Garner Pageant and Broadway Voices. The Outdoor and Adventure team has been steadily busy with Nature Center rentals and shelter rentals this past month.

d. Citizen Inbox: None

e. Miscellaneous: None

f. Announcements:

- i. Ms. Durham mentioned that the survey for feedback on the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan is live.
- ii. Mr. Marshburn noted that the Town would be offering tours of the new Town Hall on November 4. Also the Towne Players of Garner are presenting Over the River and Through the Woods at the GPAC.

g. Adjournment:

- i. Ms. Adams motioned for adjournment and Ms. Durham seconded the motion.
- ii. The committee unanimously adjourned at 6:55.