

GSCAC Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2019

9:00 am

Present: Troy Ellis, Darlene Duncan, Tina Johnson, John Bigliardi, Norma Montgomery, Charlie Pearson, Nancy Cope, Candes Smith. Staff: Dr. Sonya Shaw, PRCR Director, Rob Smith, Asst. Director; Torrey Blackmar, Recreation Manager, Nancy Hulbert, Assistant Recreation Manager, Rebecca Brown, RFS Services Coordinator Guest: Megan Young, Recreation Superintendent Youth and Athletics

Call to Order: Troy Ellis, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of the November Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and adopted.

Dr. Shaw said a few words to memorialize Council Member Jackie Johns. A moment of silence observed by the group.

New Business:

PRCR Update:

Dr. Shaw reviewed the steps to be taken to compile information for our Comprehensive Master Plan. Consultants were taken on a tour of our parks and facilities. The next step will be staff meetings and public meetings. The GSCAC will be asked, as a major stakeholder group, to attend an input session.

Opening date is still not determined. New recreation center will have a mural painted by the same person who painted the mural on the side of the Full Bloom Coffee shop.

Resources for Seniors Report: Rebecca Brown, RFS Services Coordinator. Sue Patel, who managed our Diabetes Support Group for years, has established herself with a new pharmacy in Town and will resume the group in the spring.

Recreation Center: Megan Young, Recreation Superintendent gave an overview of the plans for the Recreation Center. She reviewed anticipated adult programs moving to the new location and offering space at GSC for evening programs. She reviewed proposed operational hours for the center and Access Pass that will allow for seniors to use the recreation center for drop in activities as an extension of the Fitness Pass. Advisory members feel that seniors will use the recreation center for the indoor walking track, pickleball and the art room.

Senior Center Certification: Torrey Blackmar informed the committee that the Garner Senior Center will be recertifying for as a Center of Excellence in May of 2019. First round materials are due to Triangle J Council of Governments (Area Agency on Aging) on March 29.

Old Business:

GSCAC Concerns/ Announcements: Nancy Cope offered information about the largest citizenship class that she has taught. Students enrolled range in age from 38-75 years old. There are people that have lived in the US for 18-33 years with a green card that are making the next step toward citizenship. The classes assist with the 21 page application process, help students answer citizenship questions and learn how to carry on a conversation in English. We are encouraged to spread the word at GSC for anyone that may be interested in future classes.

Adjournment: 9:48 am