

Garner Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee
November 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Tony DeRico, Sharon Verity, Jo Cici, Ernestine Durham, Michael Tew

Staff: Council Member Kathy Behringer, Zach Pritchard, Erica Arrington, Torrey Blackmar

Meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Tony DeRico, Chair

- September Minutes approved with some grammatical corrections.

Torrey Blackmar introduced Zach Pritchard, New Recreation Superintendent for Garner PRCR. Supervising GSC, GRC, ASRC.

New Business:

Jo Cici reviewed recent meeting minutes from the PRCR Committee. South Garner Park field has been named for Mark Massey, the longtime President of Garner Baseball, Inc. Who passed away earlier in the year. The town is looking at ways to honor and recognize citizen's contributions, like a Wall of Fame. New officers were nominated and elected for the committee. Matt Davis was elected as Chair and LaPonda Edmundson, Vice Chair.

Council Member Kathy Behringer discussed recent personnel changes within the Town. The Town is hiring an Assistant Town Manager and Downtown Garner Association Administrator. Karen Harris has been named the new HR Director for the Town, coming from NC Department of Health and Human Services. There is a new Arts Committee established by DGA to identify areas where art installments can go. The first initiative is putting an artistic shroud (or wrap) on utility boxes.

Torrey Blackmar reviewed upcoming holiday events at GSC and encouraged participation from the committee. The Town will be hosting a Holiday Block Party in conjunction with the Christmas parade, sponsored by the Garner Optimist Club.

Erica Arrington reviewed September and October participation numbers with the group.

GSCAC Announcements: Torrey Blackmar encouraged the Advisory Committee to make plans for hosting the Older American's Month Cookout at Lake Benson Park on Wednesday, May 14, 3-5pm. This is a rescheduled event that will need a special planning committee. Senior Center Staff will provide the food and advertising for the event, but any activity plans need to be coordinated by committee members or recruited volunteers and community partners. This is a tabled topic for January meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50am