



Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

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**Town of Garner
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
Date: February 17, 2025**

- I. Date and Time: Pursuant to the Bylaws governing the Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Committee was held on Monday, February 17, 2025 at the Garner Recreation Center.

- II. Call to Order

Chair Matt Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Committee members present were: Chair Matt Davis, Tim Montgomery, Mark Wood, and Senior Advisory Committee Liaison Jo Cicci. Council Liaison Gra Singleton was in attendance. PRCR staff in attendance were Maria Munoz-Blanco, Matt Beard, and Zach Pritchard. While there was no quorum present, the Committee members present agreed to discuss the items on the agenda.

- III. Approval of Agenda

No action was taken.

- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (January 24, 2025)

No action was taken.

- V. Petitions and Comments from the Public

A GRC member has requested consideration of a guest pass for members who may bring a friend from out of town to play pickleball. Staff will research and bring back information to the Committee on how this is handled in other similar organizations.

- VI. Committee Members Concerns/Comments

Chair Davis reported on the use of the Thompson Road Park field after the rain. He noticed a group playing ultimate frisbee on Sunday, when the field conditions were not playable. Staff noted this was not a rental; additional efforts will be made to try to prevent use of the fields when water-logged.

- VII. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Update

Ms. Cicci reported that the Senior Advisory Committee did not meet in February and their next meeting is in March.

VIII. Reports/Discussion Items

a. Director's Report/Department Updates

Ms Munoz-Blanco let the Committee know that Scott Bare had submitted his resignation due to work conflicts. A written report was provided, with Ms. Munoz-Blanco highlighting progress at the Yeargan Park construction site. She noted that the Budget Office asked the department to look into potential increases due to inflation and introduced Zach Pritchard to present recommendations.

- FY26 Recreation Fees Schedule Update

Zach Pritchard presented a review of athletic fees and potential increases, providing information on market rates. Committee members discussed the various options presented and where Garner rates fell in comparison with neighboring municipalities. There was a question on the differential rate for non-residents; staff noted that a few years back the differential was set at 40% across all fees for consistency. The Committee members were in consensus to increase the youth athletic leagues to \$70, with the non-resident fee at \$98; to increase the adult athletic leagues to \$500 with the non-resident fee \$50; to increase Camp K resident fee by \$5. Committee members present encouraged staff to be more aggressive in raising the fees.

- Zoning Case: CZ-MP-24-004 - Wrennmoor Pines

Matt Beard presented background on the project, noting that this site is not in one of the park acquisition areas identified in the PRCR Comp Plan. Staff recommendation is fee-in-lieu. The Committee members present were in agreement with the recommendation.

b. Council Updates

Council Member Singleton noted that the Town Council retreat is scheduled for this Thursday and Friday. He also asked about the driveway permit issue at Yeargan Park.

c. Announcements

Chair Davis commended the Town's recent hiring of Matt Poole and April Wood.

IX. Other Business

None reported.

X. Adjourn

With no further business, the Committee members present agreed to adjourn at 6:45 pm.