



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

**Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 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, June 16, 2025 at the Garner Recreation Center. The Committee members in attendance were: Vice Chair Dr. LaPonda Edmondson; Tim Montgomery; Dr. Pauletta Thompson; Hope Webber; Mark Wood; Mon Peng Yueh, and newly appointed committee members Amanda McCloskey and Arthell Day. Staff present were Maria Munoz-Blanco, Matt Beard, and Zach Pritchard.
- II. Call to Order:  
  
Vice Chair Dr. LaPonda Edmondson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Prior to voting on the agenda, Mark Wood suggested introducing the new members. Vice Chair Edmondson welcomed the new members, Amanda McCloskey and Arthell Day, who introduced themselves and their background. The current committee members and staff also introduced themselves and their background to the new members.
- III. Approval of Agenda  
  
Motion to approve: Pauletta Thompson  
Second: Mark Wood  
Motion passed unanimously
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (May 19, 2025)  
  
Motion to approve: Tim Montgomery  
Second: Pauletta Thompson  
Motion passed unanimously
- V. Petitions and Comments from the Public  
  
None reported.
- VI. Committee Members Concerns/Comments  
  
Tim Montgomery asked about a budget update. Ms. Munoz-Blanco provided a brief overview of the recommended budget that will be presented to Town Council for approval at their June 17 meeting. She noted that the budget includes positions for the opening of Yeargan Park, as well as funding to expand the youth sports leagues.

VII. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Update

None presented.

VIII. Reports/Discussion Items

a. Director's Report/Department Updates

Ms. Munoz-Blanco presented highlights of the written report that was distributed earlier. She expressed appreciation for Ms. Webber's six years of service to the Committee, as she rotates off at the end of June.

Mr. Montgomery asked for a brief update on the fee-in-lieu / parkland dedication process for the new members of the Committee. Ms. Munoz-Blanco provided a brief overview of the role of the Committee. Matt Beard provided additional context of land dedication areas as identified in the PRCR Comp Plan.

i. Zoning Petition: CZ-MP-24-005 Arden Subdivision

Mr. Beard presented highlights of the Arden Subdivision project. He noted that the location is on the edge of a parkland acquisition fund identified in the PRCR Comp Plan. He provided details of the transportation improvements and the UDO open space requirements.

Mr. Montgomery discussed the need to secure parkland for growth. He noted the location of the Arden Subdivision and whether this would be a location where land dedication would be more desirable. He noted that developers generally prefer to pay the fee rather than set aside land for public park. Ms. Yueh mentioned that if land is dedicated, the Town would have to take care of the land. Mr. Montgomery discussed the value of neighborhood parks. Ms. Webber asked about the recreational amenities that this developer is proposing. Dr. Edmondson noted that it would be beneficial for the Committee to get involved at an earlier stage with recommendations. Ms. Yueh recommended that they combine the smaller amenity spaces to have a larger space. Amanda McCloskey asked about the process for a developer to assign land dedication. Mr. Montgomery noted that as park advocates, Committee members should advocate for parks. Ms. Webber asked about the buildability of the site and the stream and open space.

Motion to recommend fee in lieu made by Mon Peng Yueh.

Second: Tim Montgomery

Through discussion, the Committee added as a recommendation that the main amenity and open space should be usable for recreation year-round.

Motion passed unanimously.

ii. Zoning Petition: CZ-MP-24-006 1306 Creech Subdivision

Mr. Beard provided a summary of the project. He noted that in this property there are two greenway corridors identified in the Town's Transportation Plan. The Committee commented positively on the inclusion of greenways into the plan.

Motion to recommend fee in lieu: Tim Montgomery

Second: Hope Webber

Motion passed unanimously.

iii. Subdivision Plan: SB-24-007 Wall Store Rd Subdivision

Mr. Beard provided a summary of the project. He noted this project provides a multi-use path greenway per the Town's Transportation Plan. Committee had questions about the recreational amenities proposed.

Motion to recommend fee in lieu: Mon Peng Yueh

Second: Hope Webber

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Council Updates

None presented.

c. Announcements

None presented.

IX. Other Business

a. Election of Officers for the Term July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

Motion to approve nominations presented at the May meeting: Tim Montgomery

Second: Mark Wood, Mon Peng Yueh

Motion carried unanimously

b. Future agenda items of interest to Committee Members

Mr. Montgomery asked about the fee-in-lieu discussion. Ms. Munoz-Blanco shared information about the fee-in-lieu study. Dr. Edmondson asked about the timeline for the study.

Mr. Montgomery asked about a tour of the facilities, bylaws, and Town Code. Ms. McCloskey asked about committee members' specific places or roles.

Vice Chair Dr. Edmondson invited Ms. Webber to say a few words in her last meeting. Ms. Webber shared that she had enjoyed her years of service and noted that she is looking forward to seeing all the park developments. Committee members thanked her for her service.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Tim Montgomery

Second: Hope Webber

Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes approved at the  
09/15/2025 Committee Meeting