



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

JANUARY 15, 2020 5:30 PM

302 Willard St., Recreation Downstairs Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of November 2019 minutes
3. Introduction of new board member – Emily Morgan
4. Staff presentations to board beginning in March
5. Parks & Recreation Updates – Monthly Report
 - a. North Waterfront Park
 - b. Muni
 - c. Sports Complex
 - d. Portia Mills Hines Park
6. Tree Planting Initiative
7. Joint Advisory Board Meeting with NHC – February
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 5:30PM, 230 Government Center Dr.

Notes for Andrea

4. Beginning in March, staff will present what they have going on to the Advisory Board. This will allow members the opportunity to hear directly from staff and learn about what's going on with programs and at facilities. Presentations will be roughly 10-15 minutes with time allowed for questions. (If anyone asks, Kim will give the first presentation in March.)

5. Make sure everyone gets a copy of the monthly report.

- North Waterfront Park: Construction has started. (Waiting for info from Amy)

- Muni (Waiting on info from Amy)

- Sports Complex: staff will meet next week to discuss the project following the recent cost estimates provided by McAdams. Two options were presented but before moving forward with either, the Thom Moton (Assistant City Manager) asked for an internal meeting with Budget and Finance.

- PMH (Waiting on info from Amy)

6. The Mayor has expressed his desire to increase the tree canopy of Wilmington, which is currently at an estimated 48.2%. Staff will be working with the Tree Commission on this initiative. Staff will also be partnering with a research class from UNCW (the instructor, Dr. Alana Seaman is on the Tree Commission). Dr. Seaman will introduce to the students the idea that the city wants to promote tree planting, tree education, maintenance, etc. and then allow them to determine the exact course of research – which will be done by 8 or 9 groups of students, so each group may pick different aspects to research. Staff will meet periodically to get updates regarding how things are progressing and will share with the board. If anyone is interested in working on this project, please let me know.

7. Since the county board members were unable to attend in November, we will be meeting in February. There will be an open discussion item on the agenda, so please come with things to discuss.

8. Working with Marian to figure out distribution of the monthly report as suggested during our November meeting. Suggestions are welcome, but keep in mind we do not have the funds to print something on a monthly basis that is similar to the quarterly newsletter the city sends out to all residents. Updates to come.