



## **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:30PM 401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Martin Luther King Center**

### Call to Order

Terry Smith, Chair 5:30pm

Staff Liaison: Sally Thigpen, Community Services Assistant Director

- Zach Gilbert absent (excused)
- David Eason absent (excused)

Public comment period Request for a directory of bicycle parking around the city.

### Approval of February 2023 minutes

- Lisa Sullivan moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Ingrid Corbi and the motion carried unanimously.

### Old Business

- Reviewed draft work plan based on SWOT analysis
  - Update work plan with new language and mission statement.
  - Liaisons to the city boards commissions and committees.
  - Annual action items included in the plan.
  - Create Committees and assign priorities to specific committees.
    - Parks and greenways committee chair needed
- Riverfront Park bullet list of current activities. Brainstorm ideas to activate Riverfront Park for the public.
- Future meeting guest: Aaron Reese with the Tree Commission

### New Business

- Urban Forestry Master Plan Draft Review
- Andrea Talley, Athletics Supervisor on Olsen Park PARTF Grant.
  - Funding for phase 2 of Olsen Park expansion.
  - Review of phase 2 and phase 3 plans.
  - Shirin Jenkins moved to approve the PARTF Grant application, seconded by Lisa Sullivan and the motion carried unanimously.
- Urban Forestry Master Plan
  - Preserving the Urban Forest and replenishing sustainable trees.
  - Deadline to leave comments on the plan is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



- Plan includes action items and implementation strategy.
- Wilmington receives 35% less funding compared to similar cities.
- 225 trees pending removal. Each tree costs \$4000 to remove.
  
- Boy Scouts want to do a presentation.
  
- Riverfront Park
  - Emphasis on publicity, split the responsibility between us and the event host. School theater (BAMA), small concerts, cultural events. TERRY SMITH
  - Yoga classes, “work out Wednesdays” by cyclebar or orange theory. En Plein Air, painting in the park. LISA SULLIVAN
  - Program rooms
    - Wine and Design. SHIRIN JENKINS
    - Kids camping under the stars, family camping with movie. LISA SULLIVAN
    - Glamping. RON MCMILLAN
  - Church Groups, Pottery in the Park, Bird Watching. SHIRIN JENKINS

#### Chair’s Report

- Terry Smith
  - Rotary Wheel at Greenfield Lake needs power washing. There is a plan to do this in April for free.

#### Staff Report

- Ron McMillan introduction.
- Recruitment information needs to be posted on the website. Reach out to other board’s members with term limits.
- Greenfield Lake Masterplan Draft.
- Ribbon cutting at Portia Mills Hines was March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- We received PARTF grant for Maides park accessibility fund for \$175,000.

#### Adjournment

Terry Smith, Chair motioned for adjournment, seconded by Ron Woodruff and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

- **Next Meeting: April 19th, 5:30PM at the MLK Center**



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