

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

## **Feb. 16, 2022**

### Attending

Davina bell, Andy McGlinn, Shirin Jenkins, Terry Smith, Will Bordeaux, Zach Gilbert, Julia Stockwell, Amy Beatty, Cynthia Holden

The meeting was called to order by Andy McGlinn

### Comprehensive Plan

Davina explained the process of the comprehensive plan starting with the research. The McAdams team began with researching they city, parks and facilities. After that was complete, there was a public meeting concerning what matters most to the community. Afterwards McAdams also had several meetings with our staff. In turn, they were able to determine a lot of our strengths and challenges. Once the survey information was analyzed, McAdams team were able to come up with their key findings for the parkland and facilities. Some of which are that our recreation programs are out growing facility capacities and repairs have not been made to several facilities in quite a while. The city also could improve connectivity between the parks. As far as diversity of amenities, some parts of Wilmington are varied and may not meet specific neighborhoods' recreational needs. When it comes to park character and placemaking, we need some branded signage and site furnishings that would give visitors a visual cue that they are in a City of Wilmington Park. One of the things we are most proud of is that we are continuing to keep our parks overwhelmingly clean and free from litter and debris.

### Polar Plunge

The NHC Special Olympics polar plunge will be held on Saturday, 2/29 at Kure Beach Ocean Front Park beginning at 11am. The event will include a costume contest, raffles, a 5k run, a 1-mile fun walk as well as live music. The actual plunge will be at 3:05pm. All proceeds will benefit Special Olympics of NHC. Brooke DeAmaral oversees the program and to register, you can visit [www.specialolympicsnhc.org](http://www.specialolympicsnhc.org)

### Special Meeting (vote required)

The next phase of community engagement is set to begin this spring beginning with the draft presentation of the plan to the Board and the community before going to Council for adoption. But due to a scheduling conflict with the next meeting, the consultant asked for the presentation to be made to the board after the meeting. The board will vote to determine when during the week of 3/28/22 the special meeting will be held.

### Old Business

#### Greenfield Park Master Plan

Community engagement will begin in spring of 2022 at which time we will be working with the consultant to formalize a plan.

#### Urban Forest Master Plan

Davey Resource Group will be visiting sites next week including field tours that will show them urban forestry issues, challenges and opportunities. They will also be interviewing staff to gather information.

### New Business

Applications are currently being reviewed for the Assistant Director position. Phone interviews should be completed by the end of February.

PMH- Due to supply and shipping issues, there will be significant delays on the roofing material for the restroom building and pavilion. Which will also delay the timeline for the project completion. The project team is discussing what can be done currently to show the community that the project is progressing despite the unexpected delays.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm @ MLK center.

The meeting is adjourned by Andy