

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022

Call to Order at 5:33pm

Approval of April 2022 minutes, Lisa approved, and David seconded.

Approval of May agenda, Zach approved, and David seconded.

Urban Forest Master Plan

The plan has been handled by Davey Resource Group from Raleigh. The master plan will serve as a road map to proactively manage and grow Wilmington's tree canopy and provide a shared vision for the future of the urban forest.

There are four steps in the planning process.

1. Assessment. What do we already have?

Tree health summery

Good 5,457

Fair 3,611

Poor 594

Dead 188

Total 9,850

2. Vision. What do we want? Engagement, Outreach and Education. This stage is in process.

3. Goals and Recommendations. How do we get there?

4. Performance and benchmarks. How are we doing? This stage should be completed late June or early July of this year.

Champions Committee

The County Commissioners in a split decision, have decided to put a .25% sales tax on the ballad. If passed, it would be split between public transportation, rail realignment, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The commissioners are putting together a Champions Committee to educate the public about the referendum. They would like the Parks and Recreation Advisory board chair (Andy) to appoint someone to serve on that

committee. After a unanimous vote, David Eason and Lisa Sullivan were appointed.

Old Business

The Greenfield Park Master Plan formal public engagement was held on May 7th at the Ampitheater. There was a great turnout with lots of feedback from a very diverse group of people. There will be another public engagement set up at a concert on the 20th of the month.

The final of the Comprehensive plan should be passed out to the board a week before the next meeting. And then on the 15th, hopefully it will be approved so that it can go to council saying it has been approved and is ready to move forward.

nCino sports park is out for bid and closes on the 26th.

New Business

Trish Farnam (Bike walk NC) and Kitty Cole (Terry Bengi foundation) reached out to Andy Fairbanks at Halyburton Park to about using Halyburton to put on a bike and pedestrian safety program at the end of June. And also, to have the same event at the MLK center. In the future, we may partner with them for our summer camp programs as well.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 15th, 5:30pm MLK Center

Motion to adjourn, David. Seconded by Lisa