



October 19, 2022 PRAB Minutes

Attending

Board Members:

- William Bordeaux, Shirin Jenkins, Terry Smith, Ron Woodruff, Zach Gilbert, Lisa Sullivan, David Eason, Alexia Fritz

City Staff:

- Sally Thigpen

Call to order

- Terry Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

Welcome new member Ron Woodruff

- Ron is a retired attorney, he is very interested in pickleball. Ron provided some reading material and wants to bring someone in to do a short presentation at one of the P&R Advisory Board meeting. Ron mentioned that they offer free pickleball classes. Ron met with Amy Beatty and members of the city council discussing the ongoing pickleball issues.

Approval of September 2022 minutes

- Zach made the motion to approve the September minutes, Shirin seconded the motion, all approved.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

Consider changing meeting date to a different Wednesday (1, 2, or 4) or a different day.

- Zach made a recommendation to move the meetings to the 2nd Wednesday starting in January. Lisa made a second motion to move the meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Leaving the time and day of the week.

Chair's Report

SWOT analysis activity to brainstorm Board activities and inform annual work plan (SWOT = Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

Should take a few meetings to go through this activity. Terry brought a few items to the board to discuss with board members.



Strengths: board is genuinely concerned and interested in maintenance, development and utility of Wilmington Parks & Recreation. A staff that is dedicated and relentless in the pursuit of providing residents access to the best green space and amenities. A mayor and city council who understand that a vibrant Parks and Recreation department and facilities is critical to economic growth.

Weaknesses: The board is typically not proactive in bringing forward suggestions to staff that have not been solicited by staff. Input is generally on projects presented by the staff. Financial and staff resources.

Opportunities: invite various staff member to meetings to learn about their role, for example, the new park ranger. Review budgets to obtain and appreciation for constraints and where to the focus is for the year. Board members to volunteer to visit a park and present observations and suggestions for improvement. Review the by-laws and mission statement. proactive in the development of the bike/pedestrian improvements with the county. Visit/invite members of the other advisory boards who have similar interests. Have a joint meeting the NHC Parks & Recreation advisory board. David Eason suggested meeting with Jim's 2-wheeler dealer board.

Threats:

Staff Report

Maides Park Halloween Fest is Friday, Oct. 21 from 6PM – 8PM

Currently recruiting volunteer coaches for youth basketball, age groups 8U, 10U, 12U & 15U. Please contact Andrea Talley (andrea.talley@wilmingtonnc.gov) if interested or share with someone you think may be interested.

Adjournment

Meeting was Adjourned at 6:30pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16 at 5:30, MLK Center