



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 17th, 2024, 5:30PM Skyline Center – 929 N. Front St

Call to Order Chair: Terry Smith Call to Order at 5:37pm
Vice Chair: Ron Woodruff

Staff Liaison: Amy Beatty, Parks & Recreation Director, Sally Thigpen Assistant Director

Public comment period (3 minutes) No comments

Approval of March 2024 minutes Ron Woodruff motioned for the approval of the March 2024 minutes, seconded by Ingrid Corbi and the motion carried unanimously.

Guest staff speaker:

Old Business

- By laws update- on May Council Agenda- discussion on draft if needed
- Naming request- Sam Bowens Memorial Field
 - Naming request still ongoing

New Business

- Officer Elections in May.
 - Board to nominate Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Term is one (1) year from May 1- April 30th. Officers can hold multiple terms.
 - Any Board member shall serve for three (3) years. A member may serve two (2) consecutive terms. A one (1) year break is required before a member can re-apply.
 - Ingrid Corbi motioned to nominate Terry Smith and Ron Woodruff to continue their positions as Chair and Vice Chair. Franklin Boney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - The Chair requested that staff solicit additional nominations from the committee ahead of the next meeting.
- Downtown plant beds- North Front St (200-300 block)
 - City Council proposed plant bed barriers downtown.
 - The MSD voted to allocate funds for landscape bed fencing.
 - Staff noted that previous landscape bed fencing was damaged by car doors. There's a need to anticipate these kinds of problems.



- In coordination with Wilmington Downtown Inc. and city staff this project would begin in the new budget year, after July 1st, 2024.

- Laney HS Student Parking Behaviors at Olsen Park
 - Staff presented that students are littering, skipping class, and creating tire skid marks in the parking lot generating complaints from students' parents and park patrons.
 - The principal has been receptive to concerns. No comment from the superintendent.
 - Staff proposed installing an entrance gate to control entry in the morning and add towing signage in August before the new school year. This would include communication with the School.
 - Ingrid Corbi motions to install a gate and post signage at Olsen Park. Alexa Fritz seconded the motion and there are seven 'ayes' and one opposed.

Committee Reports

- Parks & Greenway Committee – Ron Woodruff, Committee Chair
 - Adopt-a-Park initiative.
 - Reminder to visit your assigned parks.
- By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee – Zach Gilbert, Committee Chair

Chair's Report

- Terry Smith cites a conversation with Mayor Saffo about needed funding for an additional park ranger.

Staff Report

- Parks and Recreation had a large feature in The Wilmington Current magazine, Spring 2024 issue.

Board Member Round Table

- Compliments are shared for Maides Park Spring Break Camp.

Adjournment

- Ron Woodruff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm, seconded by Franklin Boney and the motion carried unanimously.
- **Next Meeting: May 15th, 5:30PM Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17th St.**



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