

FROM: Parks and Recreation Advisory Council

SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting

DATE: February 3, 2016

LOCATION: EAC Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Neal Bench; Joel Bulkley; James Carter; Evelyn Daniel; Michael Dempsey; Allan Green; John Greeson; Tori Williams Reid; Haywood Rhodes; Betty McDade Khan; Rachel Massai; Rob Robinson;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniel Siler;

LIASON: Annie Jarabeck

STAFF PRESENT: David Stancil; Lynn Hecht

- I. Beginning time of meeting: 6:35. Roll was called. Introductions were made.
- II. Meeting Summary (12/2) was approved with no comments from the Board. Bulkley asked that Connect NC Bonds be added to the agenda.
- III. Report of the Chair (Bench)
 - a. Membership. Daniel Siler is moving to Chatham County, so he will no longer be able to remain on the board.
 - b. Discussion about Chair, Vice-Chair nominations. Elections will be in April. Bench cannot be in his elected position anymore.
- IV. New Business
 - a. March 2 Joint Advisory Boards Meeting Agenda. Every two years, all Parks and Recreation Boards have a joint meeting. This is our time to host the meeting. The agenda will cover issues that impact all departments. Bench brought the list of the items discussed at the last joint meeting. The onus on the group is now to set the agenda for that meeting. Two topics were brought forward by Stancil. One is joint funding for future parks. Stancil spoke of splitting up into groups to discuss various topics. Carrboro has much interest in biking. That could be the second topic. Then a meeting debrief. Stancil asked the board for their input from those ideas. Massai asked if this meeting could impact the OC Master Park Plan. Stancil said it could. McDade pointed out that it wasn't much time to take care of anything. Green suggested that each department share what they are doing. Maybe ask what are the top three priorities of each department? Massai suggested sharing survey results. Daniel suggested looking at what was the

outcome of the 2014 meeting and what came of that. Greeson suggested finding out in advance each jurisdiction's top 10 priorities and then come to the meeting with this already established and come up with maybe 5 or so joint overlapping themes and use those issues when the whole group meets to discuss in the smaller groups. This groups' list includes: Trails; Biking; Athletic Fields and Artificial Turf; Biking and connectivity; Camping; Pools; Seniors and Parks; and Disc Golf

- V. Connect NC Bonds. Much is for Education, but 5% covers money for upgrading State Parks including the Zoo getting some of the money.
- VI. d Business
 - a. Mountains to Sea Trail (MST) Update. Agenda item went to the BOCC the end of January to look at segment 11 of the MST. Some opponents of this plan have seen this and have expressed their opinions about it recently. 270 private land owners along that segment will be contacted about this process to include conducting community meetings. The first community meeting will be around the 1st of March. Green spoke of the opposition to the MST.
 - b. Hollow Rock Nature Park-Update. Since October, we have had 15 inches of rain, yet, the park is still almost ready. Maybe the opening will be in late April.
 - c. Blackwood Farm Park/Disc Golf-Update. The memo PRC wrote was given to the BOCC at their meeting last night. Around mid-March, the County Manager will present her capital fund budget with the hopes that funding does goes through for this.
- VII. Report of the Director (Stancil)
 - a. Fairview Park Improvements and Commemorative Sign. The commemorative sign has been developed with a ceremony occurring soon.
 - b. Efland Cheeks Park Incident. There was a murder on MLK day. A young man was shot multiple times near a car in the ECCC Park. The man was from Durham. It doesn't sound like it has anything to do with the Park. It seems the location was random.
 - c. Community Center Coordinator. David Caldwell is the new Community Center Coordinator. He will be introduced at the April meeting.
 - d. April Chair/Vice-Chair Elections will occur at the April meeting.
 - e. Stancil added some Recreation information. Summer Camp registration opened this week with many coming in. Now co-sponsoring with Hillsborough Chamber to show the Movie in the Parks. Partnering with the Health Department and the Family Health Alliance to have Summer Camps at New Hope Elementary.
- VIII. Council and Committee Reports
 - a. Intergovernmental Parks Works Group.
 - b. Items from the Council.
 - c. Friends of Orange County Parks and Recreation (FOPR). Has been stalled for a few months. There is a \$400 file fee. They are fundraising to raise the file fee.

Next meeting is the multiple Advisory Board meeting at the Whitted Building, room 230. 300 W. Tryon St, Hillsborough

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05pm

Name of Notes Taker Lynn Hecht