

## **Meeting Summary – Parks and Recreation Council March 1, 2023**

Bonnie B. Davis Environment and Agricultural Center, Hillsborough NC

**Members Present:** Gina Reyman (Chair), Mikki Fleming (Vice-Chair), Natalie Ziemba, Andrea Zimmerman, Greg Hughes, Bob Smith, Chris Colvin, Sophia Fratta, Becca Truluck, Tim Tippin (via Zoom)

**Members Absent:** Rod Jones, Jessie Birckhead; Xilong Zhao

**Staff:** David Stancil, Ardra Webster, Beth Young

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Chair Gina Reyman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She asked members to introduce themselves and their interest in Orange County parks.

### **Review of Meeting Summary/Additions to Agenda:**

- a. No changes or additions.

### **Report of the Chair:**

- a. Reyman gave a summary of the Annual Report and Work Plan presentation at the BOCC February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. She talked about what she presented to the Board including emerging trending issues and importance of equity, race and inclusion with Orange County parks and recreation programs.

### **New Business:**

- a. **Outside Agencies:** The PRC reviewed applications from **Bridge II Sports, Triangle Bikeworks, and Van der Horst Water Safety Initiative** for county funding and provided scoring of the applications via the Orange County Outside Agency Application Scorecard. After discussion, the Bridge II Sports application scored 77.5 out of 100 available points, Triangle Bikeworks scored 92.5 out of 100, and Van der Horst Water Safety Initiative scored 73 out of 100. The Council recommended funding for all applications and provided comments for each application. These comments ranged from recruitment of minority participants including genderqueer participants, explanation for low number of Orange County participants in programs and accessibility for low income residents to be included in the programs.

### **Old Business:**

- a. **Resolutions for Bob Smith and Tim Tippin:** Reyman thanked members Bob Smith and Tim Tippin for volunteering to serve on the PRC for 5+ years. Bob Smith was presented a certificate of appreciation and resolution and Tippin was recognized while he attended via Zoom (certificate and resolution to be sent). Tippin said that he will work with the Friends of Orange County Parks and Recreation moving forward and will see everyone in

the parks. Bob Smith was appreciative of serving as a representative for Little River Township.

**Report of the Director:**

- a. **Updates:** David Stancil provided the Council with an estimated soft opening date for Blackwood Farm Park. He also mentioned the next Perry Hills Mini Park meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chris Colvin asked if there would be an official opening for Blackwood Farm Park. Stancil said a grand reopening event is being planned and will be held in May.
- b. **April Meeting Plans: Review potential new member Applications.** Reyman asked that staff provide members with any new applications received prior to the April meeting.

**Council and Committee Reports:**

- a. **Intergovernmental Parks Work Group** (next mtg April 12)
- b. **Items from the Council /Sharing of Volunteer Opportunities-** none

**Adjournment:** Reyman adjourned meeting at 8:20 pm.

**Next Meeting:** April 5, 6:30pm Animal Services Meeting Room.