

Carrboro Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting 10 February 2020

- Present: Chris Colvin, Alessandra Gutierrez-Arnold, Debby Filer, Ryan Oaks, Brian Payst, Tamara Sanders, Fiona Matthews (potential member), Jeff Laufenberg (potential member), Anita Jones-McNair (staff liaison)

Motion to approve minutes

- Motion to approve (Colvin), approved unanimously

From the floor

- Discussion of terms and open seats, there are 3 seats open with 3 potential members. Sanders has served 2 terms and will likely end her term.

New Business

- Nominations for officers – Chair and Vice Chair
 - Discussion of potential candidates and a question of whether to vote with 2 members not present. Jones-McNair stated that officers are usually elected in February and that there would be a need to fill the position promptly if the decision was postponed to the next meeting.
 - Filer nominated Brian Payst for Chair and Chris Colvin for Vice Chair, Gutierrez-Arnold seconded the nomination. Nomination was passed, new officers were confirmed

Old Business

- Jones-McNair shared that she spoke with the staff liaison for the Greenway Commission about requesting a member from the commission to sit on the IPWG. It will be placed on the commission agenda for discussion
- Council approved the remaining 5 quotes for MLK Jr. park, the 3 selected by the commission are already in place in the park. Colvin asked about the process for selecting the additional quotes, Jones-McNair shared that several community groups (Youth Council, NAACP) were consulted and proposed additional quotes
- Filer commented on the new Martin Luther King Jr. Park and the popularity of the pump track in particular. Jones-McNair stated there still remains a punch list of items to correct, including drainage issues and the need to engineer a proper solution and the change orders will need to move through the necessary change orders and channels and that work should commence soon. Working with gardeners on water catchment system and a few other items. Work on the murals has begun off-site, both may be finished ahead of schedule. Oaks commented on bathroom fixtures and Jones-McNair said that is being reviewed. Oaks also commented on a need for lighting at the entrance, Jones-McNair stated the community feedback during design was to limit the lighting in the park. Jones-McNair stated there will be a proposal to the council for reservations for the pavilions. Oaks suggested substrate-gluing the pump-track to increase stability, Jones-McNair asked for more info to be sent on the idea. Sanders asked about additional bike parking and Jones-McNair asked for that to be added to the note from Oaks. Jones-McNair added there are plans to add benches, grills and other amenities. Oaks asked

about signage for the pump track, Jones-McNair said those are under development and asked for input. Examples were suggested based on Rocky Knob Park in Boone. Additional discussions around the pump track, orientation for usage, not riding when the pump track is wet, etc.

Reports

- Department
 - Jones McNair shared that the department name is now Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources after Town Council approval
- Chair
 - Sanders commented on some feedback on the effectiveness of communications around the new park and in general as it related to minority communities in the town. Jones-McNair said that efforts were and are being made to reach out to the community in a variety of ways – e-mail, Next Door, church outreach, addressing community groups directly and more ideas are welcomed.
 - Reminder to view the training video on boards found on the Town of Carrboro website

Agenda for next meeting

- Presentation on community programming
- Carrboro Parks Project (April meeting suggested)

Motion to adjourn made by Filer, seconded by Payst, vote unanimous