

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting 2/14/2022

Attendees: Anita Jones-McNair, Brian Payst, Debby Filer, Maggie Funkhouser, Maketa Ma'at, Daniel Nowell, (Town Council liaison)

Called to order: 7/:02 PM

Approval of minutes 7:05 PM

Minutes from last meeting not approved, Payst will rework the minutes to summarize the discussion rather than explicitly naming people in the discussions

Communications and/or speakers from the Floor: 7:12 PM

Bob Proctor – Fidelity St. open lot park discussion

Town owns 3 acres of green space, 500 people live within a 5 minute walk and another 500 within a 10 minute walk. South of Main was identified in the September plan map from the Trust for Public Land which highlighted a need south of Main for park space. Subsequent versions used a walkshed approach which results in a different prioritization.

Council approved the racial equity framework and that will be used to assess park facilities

Council ultimately will need to review the Carrboro Connects plan before committing to it, the request is that the Commission take another look at the park maps and continue to focus on them going forward

New Business

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair postponed until the next meeting by vote. There will be 3 vacancies on the Commission after this meeting. Anita will stress attending the next meeting for elections

Old Business: 7:44 PM

None

Reports: 7:45 PM

Comprehensive Plan Update – task force has met and reviewed the plan, comments on the plan will be sent directly to the town council for review, public comment period is closing and next step is Council consideration

Chair – none

Parks & Recreation – activities are resuming and programs are ramping up with COVID protocols in place. March 8th is a scheduled Council update for the community gardens in Baldwin and MLK parks. Budgets due March 1st. One Orange Racial Equity Framework was approved by Council on 2/1 and starting on 3/1 policies, practices, procedures and services will be reviewed through the equity lens and guidelines in that framework. All town employees have been through equity training, roughly 70% of boards and commissions are trained. There will be additional opportunities in the future.

Adjournment 7:57 PM

Motion by Filer, second Funkhouser. Unanimous approval