



MEETING MINUTES

Huntersville Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 – Fire Station No. 4 Park Public Input Meeting

Members Present: Magic McNairy, Kent Curran, Arun Nair, Janelle Harris, Frank Freeman, Patty Reich, Kathy Lewis, Ash Munro, Telisa Johnson.

Guests: Bolten & Menk Consultants.

Town Liaison: Commissioner Amanda Dumas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Kathy Lewis, Chair, at 6:00 p.m.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Kathy confirmed that a quorum of commissioners was present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Janelle moved to approve the minutes for the September meeting; Arun seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michael – Ramah Church Park public engagement meeting will take place on November 4th at 6 pm at Fire Station No. 1.

V. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Arun – Inquired about the proposed RedLine's accessibility to bike trails and greenways, emphasizing the importance of integrating these for ease of use. The GTBC – Greenway, Trail and Bike Commission is currently focused on ensuring non-motorized accessibility to the RedLine with there being a bike plan and the Greenway masterplan in place to ensure connectivity.

Janelle – Shared that the Downtown Steering Committee is planning the future of Maxwell Ave. (between Huntersville-Concord Road and Greenway Street) with the Maxwell Avenue Woonerf Public Design Charette. The community is invited to participate in workshops to explore design solutions based on the recommendations from the Downtown Plan. A

“woonerf” is a Dutch concept that means “living street”. It promotes a shared space for pedestrians, cyclists and low-speed vehicles.

VI. PROGRAMMING REPORT

Athletics

- Adult Volleyball – Registration Closes November 3rd.
- Registration for Winter activities will open on November 1st.

Recreation & Events

- LaLaCaboosa – Howdy Huntersville – Thursday, October 17th, at 6 pm – Veterans Park. Band: Heads Carolina.
- Movie In the Park – Friday, October 18th, featuring “Beetlejuice”.
- Biketober Block Party – October 19th at the Greenway Trailhead (back of 760 Craft Works).
- Halloween In Huntersville – October 27th at the Rec Center from 5-8 pm.
- Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony – November 9th at 9 am.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS OR PRESENTATIONS

NONE.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Lake Norman Pickleball Association Update.

The group has decided not to manage open play at Holbrook Park, citing concerns over questions about their membership and fund use, as well as volunteer shortages due to commitments at Bailey Park. They expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work together. Kathy noted that the questions were standard, like those asked of all groups. Ash asked if there’s been any more issues with the new rules and courts at Holbrook Park. Michael replied that we have none so they will play like all other groups do. The two additional courts have helped. When Bailey Road and Waymer Park new courts open, it will further help. We’ve moved the paddle racks to the inside of the fence and there is signage to explain all the rules. Commissioner Amanda Dumas mentioned the new pickleball craze called “Paddle or Pepper Pong”, which is supposedly growing faster than pickleball.

Old State Baseball League Update.

As mentioned in the last meeting, it was noted that we would have to expand the restroom to accommodate the permanent bleachers, but this is something that is currently not feasible. They are however, interested in just renting the facility. Michael spoke with Lake Norman Little League (LKNLL) who believe they can work with them. Old State Baseball League sent a letter proposing a five-year lease to host the team during the summer season, which will be twenty to twenty-five (20-25) event dates (excluding playoffs). They would like to sell beer, set up a portable fence for crowd management and place advertisements on the fencing at no cost. They

are also requesting a waiver for concessions and beer vendor fees. They will coordinate specific dates with the PRC board, team owners and leagues to avoid conflicts with other field users. After discussing it, the board decided counter their offer by requesting a twenty-five percent (25%) signage fee. We will waive the vendor fees and provide a five (5) year contract. Kent moved the motion as presented; Telisa seconded. The motion passed with eight in favor, one opposed. Michael will consult with Town Attorney Emily on the agreement.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Adjourn to the Fire Station No. 4 Park Public Input Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th. Location and time to be announced.