



## MEETING MINUTES

### Huntersville Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Fire Station No. 4 Park Public Input Meeting #3

Members Present: Arun Nair, Kent Curran, Patty Reich, Magic Johnson, Frank Freeman, Ash Munro.

Absent: Kathy Lewis, Telisa Johnson, Janelle Harris.

Guests: Bolten & Menk Consultants.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Ash Munro, Vice-Chair, at 6:00 p.m.

#### II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

#### III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Kent moved to approve the minutes for the November meeting; Magic seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michael,  
Congratulations to Patty, Kent and Arun on their reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board!

**Waymer Splash Pad** - We recently held a community input meeting at the Waymer Center to discuss the future splashpad. Attendees suggested replacing the flower shade structures with either a large rectangular shade to cover the entire splashpad, or two smaller ones. We received positive feedback. We also gathered great ideas for the animal-themed sprayers. Another meeting with the design team is scheduled for this Friday.

**Huntersville Cares** - Takes place this Friday (December 20<sup>th</sup>). We are serving sixty (60) families this year.

**Holbrook Park Pickleball Tournament** – Holbrook Park will host the Dink Holiday Smash Pickleball Tournament this weekend on all eight courts. Saturday, 12/21: 7am-10pm and Sunday, 12/22: 7am-12pm.

**MLK Day Celebration** – Our first annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration is scheduled for Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Waymer Center, from 3-5 p.m. The event will feature a program and a mobile exhibit presentation. Ash inquired about the budget allocation for the splash pad, and Michael confirmed the

funds are in place. We hope the splashpad will be open by August, depending on how quickly we get through permitting.

Patty – Inquired about the name for the baseball team. The name will be revealed during an event at Barley Market in Cornelius this Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The league will have high school seniors and college-aged players.

V. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Kent – At the Holiday Advisory Board Gathering, he was asked if a roof could be added to the pickleball courts planned for the new Fire Station No. 4 Park. Michael mentioned that Wilson, NC recently covered their pickleball courts. It's easier to cover a pickleball court because they are smaller than basketball courts. The roof should be at least 18ft high. Having a roof accommodates play during hot or rainy weather.

Ash – Reported that the second input session for Ramah Church Park was held last week at Fire Station No. 1, and there was a meeting with the stakeholders this week. The final session is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tonight is the final meeting for the Fire Station No. 4 Park. Survey results from the two park options previously presented will be shared. The next steps include presenting the plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission in January for recommendation, then to the Town Board. If everything proceeds as planned, construction on the two new parks will begin by fall next year.

VI. PROGRAMMING REPORT

- Our winter programs kick off on January 6 with Mini Athletes and Volleyball. Registration for Spring programs also opens on the same day!

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS OR PRESENTATIONS

None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

Adjourn to the Fire Station No. 4 Park Public Input Meeting #3

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at Town Center, 105 Gilead Road at 6:30 p.m.