

PRC Board Members

Kent Curran (27) – 1
Sharon Carroll (25)
Janelle Harris (26)
Kathy Lewis (25) - 2
S. Magic Cypress-McNairy (25)
Arun Nair (27)
Patty Reich (27)
Ash Munro (Chair) (26)
Frank Freeman (Vice-Chair) (26) -1



Town Staff
Michael Jaycocks
Tramaine Mills
Town Mayor
Christy Clark

MEETING MINUTES

Huntersville Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.
Huntersville Town Center
105 Gilead Road, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Patty Reich, Kent Curran, Magic McNairy, Ash Munro, Janelle Harris, Arun Nair, Sharon Correll.

Absent: Frank Freeman, Kathy Lewis.

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Ash Munro, Chair, at 6:30 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 March meeting; Patty seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Caught Doing Good – This is a good way to boost staff morale, especially the maintenance team.

Employee Updates – Master Sgt. David Wright started his 20th year with the town. Raymond Bart – new Park Operations Technician. Daniel Avery – Employee of the Quarter and Steven Cannon – Part-Time Employee of the Quarter.

NMP Greenway – Is currently under construction. It will be one mile connecting the Hamptons and Harvest Pointe neighborhoods.

Holbrook Park Playground Seating Wall – Provides additional seating and helps with drainage by the playground.

Fire Station No. 4 – Town Board approved the master plan in March and the trust fund application deadline is May 1st, but we will submit it next week. The recipients are announced in August. Parks & Recreation Trust Fund is a state grant. Michael further explained the selection process.

Ramah Church Road Park – Town Board approved the master plan. Once we are done with Fire Station No. 4 Park naming, we will start the Ramah Church Road Park naming process.

Waymer Park Splashpad – Has been submitted for permitting. We anticipate construction to start in June, which will take 90-120 days.

V. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Janelle – Inquired about water run-off from the splashpad at Waymer Park. Michael explained that like the splashpad at North Mecklenburg Park, the water flows into the sewer system when the splashpad is in use and into the stormwater system when not in use. For Waymer Park, the water will flow under Holbrooks Road. Stormwater calculations will be completed to ensure the infrastructure can handle the expected volume.

Janelle also mentioned that the Pottstown Preservation Plan is asking about the future of the Dellwood building. She asked whether the town would consider turning it into a museum rather than continuing to rent it out.

Arun – Requested an update on participating in the dragon boat competition at Charlotte’s Asian Festival next month. Michael reported that he spoke with the mayor, who is supportive of the idea and the concept of the three towns competing.

Janelle – Inquired about the previously mentioned appreciation for Parks & Recreation volunteers. Are we ready to start talking about what that will look like? Magic suggested a survey to see which date works best. The event will be geared toward volunteers and camp staff and should take place at the end of summer camp. We would also invite all part-time staff. Sharon asked how many volunteers there are. Michael responded that there are a few hundred. Michael will speak with Ben because he was also considering hosting an appreciation event for the volunteer coaches. A lunch event would probably work best for maximizing staff availability.

VI. PROGRAMMING REPORT

Donuts with Duck and Bunny - April 12th at Veterans Park.

Earth Day – April 22nd – Sign up and choose your location to volunteer (11am-1pm) Downtown Huntersville, Rosedale Nature Park or Huntersville Athletic Park.

Growers’ Market Opening Day – May 3rd – Veterans Park

Hello Huntersville – May 4th – Music & Art Festival.

Wine on the Vine – May 13th at Huntersville Greenway Trailhead.

Adult Day Trip – Kayak Adventure to the Spider Lilies on May 17th.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS OR PRESENTATIONS

None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Discuss Girl Scout Troop 2097 Growers’ Market Fee Waiver.**

They presented at the last meeting, and after further discussion with staff, it was recommended that we introduce the program at no charge. We will incorporate it as

one of our programs; however, they will be required to pay a \$5.00 fee per vendor/maker. This helps them to meet their program requirements. We will provide a tent at no charge, although availability is not guaranteed every month. The troop will introduce the program to the community, after which it will transition to being one of our programs. Kent supports the \$5.00 per table/vendor-maker fee because having them pay, even if it is a small fee, helps reinforce the principles of entrepreneurship.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of Fire Station No. 4 Park Name Suggestions.

Michael reviewed the name suggestions from the Facebook survey, which led to further discussion. The two final name options under consideration are Huntersville Heroes Park and McIlwaine Station Park.

Additional name suggestions from the survey were also discussed, including the possibility of incorporating memorial bricks. This would allow community members to honor individuals in a meaningful way, especially given that our current policy discourages naming parks after people – although there are a few exceptions.

The final decision was to table the naming discussion until all commission members are present and input can be gathered from the resident who served on the stakeholders' committee.

Groundbreaking for the park will not take place until the end of the year, likely in November or December, so we have until summer to finalize the name.

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

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21st at Town Center, 105 Gilead Road at 6:30 p.m.

