



Town of Mooresville
Cultural & Recreation Services Department

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Mooresville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board August 7, 2018

Members Present

Mitch Abraham
Beau Evans
Thurman Houston
Secretary
Amy Lowe
Michael Royal
Lawrence Williams

Members Absent

Tina Slevin
Steve Mangum

Staff Present

Pam Reidy, Director
Darrin Hucks, Asst. Director
Debbie Wyatt, Board

Guests

Angel Wright-Lanier, DTM

I. Call to Order/Determination of a Quorum

In the absence of a Chair or Vice-Chair, Pam declared a quorum present at 6:00 and called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of April 2018 Minutes

There were no changes or corrections to the minutes; Pam made the motion to approve and Beau seconded; the motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved at 6:05 pm.

III. Introduction of New Advisory Board Members

Pam called for the introduction of new members Mitch Abraham, Amy Lowe and Michael Royal. Each member told the others about his/her personal background and connection to Parks & Recreation.

IV. Staff Introductions

Town Staff Angel Wright-Lanier, Darrin Hucks and Debbie Wyatt introduced themselves and shared their backgrounds serving the Town of Mooresville.

V. Election of Officers

Nominations were opened for the office of Chair of the Advisory Board, and Mitch Abraham offered to serve. Pam made the motion to accept his self-nomination, and the vote to accept was unanimous. The meeting was turned over to Mitch Abraham as the new Chair.



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Nominations were opened for the office of Vice-Chair, and Beau Evans offered to serve in that capacity. Mitch made the motion to accept, and Beau was voted in unanimously as Vice-Chair.

VI. Project Updates

- **Selma Burke**

Pam discussed the Selma Burke renovation project, saying that the bids came in within budget. This will allow completion of the entire project including a new building, green space and walking trail, and renovations to the gymnasium. The Board of Commissioners will vote August 20 and the bid is expected to be approved. Construction is scheduled to begin in September with a projected 441-day build.

- **Liberty Park**

Pam reported that plans for the Liberty Park Phase I project should be 90% complete this month and will involve a 9-month build process. Plans include the creation of a connection between Downtown and the park with an entrance leading into a memorial walkway and down into the park itself. Amenities will include a band shell, large multi-use green spaces and walking areas.

- **Liberty Park/War Memorial RFP**

Pam reported that the Board of Commissioners voted to provide funding for a feasibility study this year which will garner information concerning cost recovery and the actual amenities Mooresville citizens would like to see included in the War Memorial renovation. Phase II of Liberty Park will be done at the same time. This study will also look at options for the Parks & Recreation Administration Building (across from the War Memorial), as well as the storage building and Town staff work space next to it. Pam called for the Advisory Board members to actively solicit the community for input into exactly what residents of Mooresville want to see done with this area.

- **Mazeppa Park Mountain Bike Trails**

Pam reported that of the 6 total miles of mountain bike/hiking trails under construction at Mazeppa, just over 4 have been completed, 3 of which are rideable now. The project will ultimately include 4 bridges, and developers must have the project fully completed by December 18, 2018 to meet a grant deadline.

- **Cornelius Road Park - Phase II**

Darrin reported that Phase II of the CRP renovation project involves the addition of 2 ball fields and 3 multi-purpose grass fields for soccer, lacrosse, etc. Donations have been made to fund grading, sprigging and irrigation. All the fields except one have been sprigged, and that one is set to be sprigged on 8/10/18. Darrin noted that we are using a new type of grass which stays green longer, is hardier and requires less water. The goal is to have activity on these fields by the spring of 2019. Funding for ball-stopper netting and fencing for the ball fields has been approved in the budget. Mitch stated that the



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CVB owns 50 acres and will be putting in multiple recreation amenities to help attract more state, regional and national tournaments to this area.

Mitch asked about the disc golf course at CRP; Darrin responded that we are considering a re-design by Russell Schwartz who created the course initially. In the meantime, staff is looking for an organization to help develop and maintain the course. Pam emphasized the importance of getting feedback from disc golf players to help staff determine the level of play they want in a course.

Commissioner Houston thanked members of the Board for their participation and role in making recommendations to include on the agenda. Pam added her appreciation and asked that board members be vocal about what they want to see included in the FY20 departmental operating budget.

VII. Partnership Highlight

Darrin shared information about a partnership begun in 2016 with the Showcase Baseball Academy.

SBA provides resources not afforded by other organizations in the area, such as indoor facilities

which they make available to participants in Town leagues, as well as top-quality professional pitching instruction. SBA offers all Town-sponsored teams 2 indoor practices each season at no cost,

as well as free, professionally-conducted clinics, both specialized and general, for players in the

leagues. In return for these and other opportunities, the Town provides SBA with use of the fields at

Coddle Creek Elementary School during the week. The relationship with SBA has proven to be advantageous to both parties.

VIII. Department Goals - Questions/Comments

There were no questions or comments related to the Department goals sent to Advisory Board members in July.

IX. Adjournment

Mitch reminded the board that the next meeting will be either November 6 or 13; he will notify members once the date has been decided.

In the absence of any new/old business, Mitch called for the motion to adjourn. Beau made the motion, Michael seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.