



GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 5:00 pm

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Emily Linden, Vice Chair Susan Henshall, Jeff Smith, Anthony Izzard

STAFF PRESENT

Nasha McCray, Kobe Riley, Charles Jackson, Shawna Tillery, Haley Wilson, Tony Royal, Elizabeth Jernigan, Carla Hoover, Vonda Martin

OTHERS PRESENT

None

WELCOME

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission was held virtually on Wednesday, June 8th at 5:00 pm. Commission Chair Emily Linden called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

Nasha McCray, Director, welcomed the Commission and attendees.

CONSENT ITEMS

Due to not having a quorum, the Commission will wait to approve the May 2022 meeting minutes at the August 2022 Commission meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

- A. 2022 Trust for Public Land's ParkScore Index Overview- Shawna Tillery, Planning and Project Development Division Manager and Elizabeth Jernigan, Parks Planner provided an analysis overview for Greensboro and reviewed of the methodology of the 2022 Trust for Public Land's ParkScore® Index. Greensboro Parks and Recreation participates annually in the Trust for Public Land ParkScore® data collection process. The Trust for Public Land's ParkScore® index is the national gold-standard comparison of park systems across the 100 most populated cities in the United States. Published annually, the index measures park systems according to five categories: access, investment, amenities, acreage and equity.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Changes to the 2022 Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule- Haley Wilson, Executive Assistant proposed changes to the 2022 Meeting Schedule. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviews and adopts its annual meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year each winter. Greensboro Parks and Recreation staff would like to propose two changes to the upcoming remainder of the 2022 meeting dates: Changing the September 2022 meeting from a virtual meeting to an in person meeting at Leonard Recreation Center and changing the October 2022 Facilities Tour from a 5 pm start time to a 3 pm start time.

Due to not having a quorum, Commission will wait to vote on this agenda item at the August 2022 Commission meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nasha McCray, Director, gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Month activities planned for July as well as reminded Commission of the upcoming Battleground Parks District Phase 1 Grand Opening event taking place on Friday June 10th. McCray also announced that she will be taking on the position of City of Greensboro Assistant City Manager. She has served as the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department since January 2018. Nasha will assume her new role on July 1, 2022. She will oversee the Community Services departments of Creative Greensboro, Human Rights, Libraries & Museums, Neighborhood Development, Parks and Recreation, and Workforce Development.

As part of the transition into the Assistant City Manager role, she will continue her duties as Director of Parks and Recreation until the position is permanently filled. This will ensure continuity in the management operations and leadership support for P&R. This is an exciting time for her to join the Executive team, as the City embarks on a host of projects aimed at taking Greensboro to the next level. Working with the visionary leaders of the Community Services team will present endless opportunities to meet the needs of all residents placing an emphasis on providing an equitable quality of life.

Her expectation is that as a Department, we will not only continue to serve our City and residents with professionalism and pride, but we will also continue to forge ahead with exciting projects, initiatives, programs and many other things that make us the great organization we are. We owe it to each other and to our residents to continue to do what we do best and that's working together to improve the quality of life for all in our community.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Henshall: Congratulated Nasha McCray for her promotion and hopes that she will still get to work with her in the future. Enjoyed the Parkscore presentation, especially seeing all the data in regards to Greensboro.

Izzard: Kudos to the Community Recreation Services staff for the quick thinking in regards to pools and using buses to drive people to Warnersville Recreation Center. Pools are very vital to our communities.

Smith: Has thoroughly enjoyed his time on Commission and is sad that is coming to an end within a few months. Appreciated the data shared at the meeting and enjoyed kayaking at Lake Higgins over the weekend.

Linden: Congratulated Nasha McCray on her elevated role with the City. Very well deserved. Would like to receive a Parks and Recreation Bond info sheet so that she can help advocate for the Bond.

With no further business, Commission Chair Linden adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Haley Wilson, Executive Assistant
Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department