



**GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 5 pm**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vice Chair Jeff Smith, Marsha Glazman, Cheskesha Cunningham-Dockery, Susan Henshall, Emily Linden

**STAFF PRESENT**

Nasha McCray, Kobe Riley, Ron McMillan, Shawna Tillery, Haley Wilson, Jennifer Hance, Chamreece Diggs, Kim Porter, Austin Homan, Elizabeth Jernigan, Vonda Martin, Carla Hoover, Sharon Williams

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Students from UNCG's Community and Therapeutic Recreation Department

**WELCOME**

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission was held virtually. Commission Vice Chair Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Nasha McCray, Director, welcomed the Commission and attendees to the meeting.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Approval of Minutes from the March Commission Meeting- Commissioner Linden made a motion to approve the March 2021 meeting minutes and Commissioner Cunningham Dockery seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

**RECOGNITIONS**

None

**STAFF REPORTS**

- A. 2021 Summer Camps Update- Chamreece Diggs, Facilities Coordinator, presented an outline of the Department's 2021 Summer Camp Programs, which include Summer Day Camp, Summer Stay Camp, ENERGY at the Park, All Star Sports Camp, Service Leaning Camp, and Camp Joy. The presentation provided an overview of each camp opportunity. Camp Joy is an adaptive and inclusion recreation camp located at Hagan Stone Park in Pleasant Garden and includes six outdoor cabins, activity building, art cabin, and picnic facilities. ENERGY at the Park stands for education, nutrition, exercise, recreation, and games for youth. Locations for ENERGY at the Park are: Hampton Park,

Heath Park, McCulloch Street Park, Sussman Street Park, and Woodmere Park. All Stars Sports Summer Day Camp takes place at the Greensboro Sportsplex where participants try a variety of sports and games. Service Learning Camp provides high school students a chance to learn more about poverty through hands-on experiences with local organizations. Recreation Center Summer Day Camp runs from June 14 to August 13 at nine recreation centers citywide with free breakfast and lunch, special instruction, and themes each week. Summer Stay Camp will also be offered with take home kits and digital download option, weekly themes, zoom meetings each week, and self-guided games. All summer camps will operate with COVID guidelines of reduced capacity, staff training on proper safety protocols, hand hygiene, physical distancing, and co-horting.

- B. FY 2021-2031 Capital Improvement Program- Shawna Tillery, Planning and Project Development Division Manager, provided a brief overview of the Department’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) planning process and an update of the unfunded and funded projects included in the adopted FY 2021-31 CIP. The Commission will be presented with a formal request to review and adopt the FY 2022-2032 CIP at the April 2021 meeting. If approved by the Commission at the April meeting, the Department’s CIP will be submitted to City’s Budget and Evaluation Department for further review and to City Council for consideration and inclusion in the City’s FY 2021-22 Annual Operating Budget.
- C. Greensboro Parks Signage Plan/Design Standards - Elizabeth Jernigan, Trails Planner, and Ron McMillan, Parks Operations Division Manager, presented the Department’s proposed Park and Facility Signage Design Standards. The signage design plan was created to provide a series of criteria that will guide the style, identity, branding, and methods by which signs are constructed and placed in all Department’s parks and facilities. This exciting endeavor directly relates to Plan2Play’s goal of “Connect,” by elevating a consistent Greensboro Parks and Recreation brand and identity throughout the entire parks and recreation system. Although not originally an action item, the Commissioners decided to vote in favor for adopting the sign plan. Commissioner Cunningham Dockery made a motion to approve and Commissioner Glazman seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of the Mayer Park Master Plan- Vonda Martin, Park Planner, presented and requested approval of the Mayer Park Master Plan. The Master Plan, completed in January 2021, serves as a guiding document for park renovation. Mayer Park is a 3.5 acre neighborhood park located at 135 Poe Street and was officially dedicated in September 1973. The park was originally developed utilizing funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and was further renovated in 1976 through fundraising of a local community organization. The park contains a playground, basketball court, tennis court in disrepair, shelter and open play field. Based on census data, the neighborhood has grown more dense and younger in population over the park’s 47 years of existence. In

August 2020, the City sold drainageway and open space property at 1716YY and 1718 YY Sherwood Street to allow for the development of a new apartment complex that will abut the park and cater to UNCG off campus student housing. Utilizing proceeds from the sale, the City selected Revington Reeves Landscape Architecture + Planning to develop a master plan of Mayer Park that reflects the changing character and recreational preferences of the neighborhood, The City of Greensboro completed two community engagement sessions with UNCG Community and Therapeutic Recreation (CTR) Department students, and three separate park visits for engagement interviews with participants, all of whom live in neighboring houses and apartment complexes. The master plan, completed in January 2021, features an accessible entry and connective walkways, a grill and chill zone, a fitness and play area, and a dog park.

Commissioner Glazman asked if the department plans on reaching out to UNCG to see if the University would be willing to help with the costs and be a partner in the Mayer Park endeavor. Martin responded that yes, the department plans to have meetings with UNCG but wanted the approval of Commission before moving forward with the Master Plan.

Commissioner Glazman made a motion to approve the Mayer Park Master Plan and Commissioner Henshall seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Nasha McCray, Director, gave an update on past and upcoming programs, as well as, an update on rabid animal attacks/trail closures. McCray stated that the department will keep Commission abreast of the situation as the trail closure evolves and requested that the Commission defer any questions or concerns to staff for follow up. McCray also stated that the Department has some of the top wildlife management experts and professionals in the industry coordinating appropriate protocols and communication efforts with other agencies and groups to ensure safety of all.

McCray also provided updates on upcoming spring sports and programs, including the Chalkwalk 2021, Footgolf Tournament at Gillespie Golf Course, and the Great American Clean Up with Greensboro Beautiful.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Smith: It is exciting to see the Plan2Play items coming to fruition and appreciate all the work being done to make that happen.

Glazman: Even after four years on the Commission, it is still just as exciting to see what all the Parks and Recreation Department continues to accomplish.

Henshall: Learned so much about Parks and Recreation and thanked staff for being so engaged.

Linden: Loving the Parks Passport and her family has almost completed it.

Cunningham-Dockery: Has been visiting the parks in her district and really looking forward to summer camps and the new park signage.

With no further business, Commission Vice Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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