



GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, November 9th at 5:00 pm

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Emily Linden, Vice Chair Cheskesha Cunningham-Dockery, Sue Henshall, Anthony Izzard, Blake Odum, Walter Johnson, Cecile Crawford, Scott Neely, Robert Nudelman

STAFF PRESENT

Nasha McCray, Kobe Riley, Shawna Tillery, Haley Wilson, Monique Floyd, Carla Hoover, Kim Porter

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Wollaston, NC Fusion Chief Executive Officer and Austin Homan, NC Fusion Head of Operations; Phil Fleischmann, incoming Director

WELCOME

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:04 pm. Nasha McCray, Director, welcomed the Commission and attendees and took a moment to recognize Phil Fleishmann, Greensboro Parks and Recreation's incoming Director as of December 1st.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes from the September Commission Meeting- Commissioner Henshall made a motion to approve the September Commission meeting minutes and Commissioner Neeley seconded. Motion unanimously approved. There were no October minutes as October's meeting was the annual facility tour.

RECOGNITIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

- A. NC Fusion Annual Update - Scott Wollaston, NC Fusion Chief Executive Officer and Austin Homan, NC Fusion Head of Operations, presented recent information about NC Fusion and Bryan Park Soccer Complex. NC Fusion, a 501(c)3 non-profit, was established in 2018 as a result of a strategic partnership between Greensboro United Soccer Association (Greensboro) and Twin City Youth Soccer Association (Winston-Salem) with the intent to grow the game of soccer and other youth sports across the Triad. Their Core Focus is to create intentional experiences through sport to positively impact people for life. The program offerings include various levels of play ranging from

recreation to highly competitive travel play in soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey. NC Fusion is also the contracted operations manager of the Bryan Park Soccer Complex where facility use ranges from local recreation games to 400+ team regional and national events contributing to economic impact for the City of Greensboro.

- B. Aquatics Master Plan Update- Shawna Tillery, Planning and Project Development Division Manager, gave an update on the Aquatics Master Plan engagement results and next steps. On December 21, 2021, City Council approved a contract in the amount of \$179,870 for development of an aquatics master plan and equity and inclusion assessment for all of Parks and Recreation aquatic facilities. Consistent with Big Idea recommendations in Plan2Play for “bringing up the basics,” the aquatics facilities master plan will evaluate existing aquatic infrastructure and evaluate and create strategies to address future aquatics needs through community engagement visioning and recommendations to meet needs of residents as the City continues to grow. The first phase of engagement was completed in spring 2022 and the second phase of engagement was completed in September 2022.

Second phase of engagement:

There were three pop up events held: Renaissance Community Rebound (251 participants), Warnersville Back to School event (66 participants), and LeBauer Park First Friday (53 participants) for a total of 370 participants.

286 residents completed the online survey.

Between the pop events, online survey, and stationaries, 740 residents provided input specifically designed for the community surrounding Peeler Recreation Center. 67% of those results indicated a want to update the pool and include spray ground joint feature.

For Warnersville Recreation Center, out of a total of 161 responses, 49% wanted to expand the pool with a waterslide, ninja cross, etc.

For Lindley Recreation Center, out of a total of 175 responses, 78% wanted to expand the pool with a waterslide, lazy river, etc.

The tentative timeline for the Aquatics Master Plan adoption: February 2023, staff will present a report to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Aquatics Master Plan for consideration and adoption before it goes on to City Council for consideration and adoption as well later in the Spring.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission 2023 Meeting Schedule- Haley Wilson, Executive Assistant, recommended approval of the proposed 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviews and

adopts its annual meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year each winter. In 2023, staff recommended that the Commission return to in person meetings. Commissioner Nudelman made a motion to approve the 2023 meeting schedule Commissioner Cunningham-Dockery seconded. The agenda item was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nasha McCray, Director gave a Participatory Budgeting projects update: City residents voted to fully fund 20 projects and programs and partially funded two more during Greensboro Participatory Budgeting (PB) Cycle 4, which ended October 15. Residents are invited to celebrate the winning projects and honor PB volunteers from 4:30-5:30 pm, Tuesday, November 1, on the Plaza Level of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St.

This year's winning projects included bus shelters, park improvements, and two citywide projects. A project to install lily-pad style seating at 25 bus stops citywide received the most votes in every City Council district. Residents also decided to fund an environmental scan to identify historically significant neighborhoods and to deploy sign toppers that indicate a heritage community. Over \$355,000 of the \$500k of PB are P&R related projects (71%).

Bryan Park Golf Commission:

At the November 15th City Council meeting there will be an agenda item to dissolve the Bryan Park Golf Commission - The Bryan Park Golf Commission was established by City Council on November 20, 1989 as an advisory board for the purposes of promoting, supporting, advancing, and strengthening the Bryan Park Complex as a public recreational facility. Upon review of the original resolution establishing the Bryan Park Golf Commission, as well as, attendance records, lack of activity, and board membership vacancies, the Commission no longer exists as it was originally intended. Duties of the Bryan Park Golf Commission duplicate those of the Parks and Recreation Commission, which serves in a much broader and comprehensive advisory role in the interest of the Department and the facilities it manages, including Bryan Park Golf. As such, functions and duties assigned to the Bryan Park Golf Commission can be assigned to and handled by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Moving forward Bryan Park Golf staff will give an annual report to the Parks and Recreation Commission in place of the Commission itself.

McCray also listed upcoming fall and winter events and encouraged the Commission to check out the Department's Discover Greensboro digest email with more upcoming events in November and December.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Nudelman: Congratulated the Department and Commission on the awards received at the NCRPA conference and is looking forward to future meetings.

Izzard: Looking forward to the next meeting in December and thanked staff.

Cunningham-Dockery: Is looking forward to getting to know our incoming Director. Challenged the other Commissioners to get out and visit the facilities in their district.

Crawford: Congratulated staff on the awards won at the NCRPA conference. Thanked staff for working on more outreach in the community when it came to the Aquatics Master Plan. Is looking forward to meeting everyone in person in 2023.

Neely: Is excited for Commission meetings to be in person in 2023 and plans to be present as a Commissioner by going out to facilities and locations. Is looking forward to Phil Fleischmann coming on as Director.

Odum: Thanked Nasha for her time as Director and is excited to have Phil back in Greensboro in his new role. Gave kudos to the Commissioners juggling their busy schedules and staying present in their role.

Henshall: Looking forward to in person meetings and connecting with fellow commissioners next year.

Linden: Thanked all those who made the facility tour possible in October, it was a great time and is excited for 2023.

With no further business, Commission Chair Linden adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

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