



**Quick Minutes**

***Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission***

**Date/Location:** March 13, 2024 – Leonard Recreation Center

**Members Present:** ChesKesha Cunningham-Dockery (Chair), Cecile Crawford (Vice-Chair), Scott Neely, Emily Linden, Robert Nudelman, Anthony Izzard, Blake Odum, Sue Henshall

**Council Members Present:** (if applicable)

**Staff Present:** Phil Fleischmann, Kobe Riley, Tonya Williams, William Brown, Alex Zaleski, Erin Kennedy, Elizabeth Jernigan, Monique Floyd, Carla Hoover, Phelan Fletcher, Ben Silvers, Tyler Welborn, Chad Duncan, Shannon Teamer, Phil Hardin, Baron Edwards

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion Points</b>	<b>Motions/Votes</b>	<b>Action</b>
Call to Order	Vice Chair called meeting to order at 5:30 pm	N/A	N/A
Welcome	Shannon Teamer welcomed attendees to Leonard Recreation Center and provided information about the facility and its programs.		
Approval of Minutes from February 2024 PRC Meeting		Nudelman made a motion to accept minutes; Neely, second.	The motion passes 5-0
Staff Recognitions	William Brown recognized Chad Duncan for being promoted to Construction Coordinator and Tyler Welborn for being promoted to Contracts Inspector. Carla Hoover recognized Phelan Fletcher and Ben Silvers for completing NRPA’s Maintenance Management School. Kobe Riley recognized Shannon Teamer for being promoted to Facilities Coordinator.	N/A	N/A
Bluford Blues Baseball Recognition	Monique Floyd recognized the 1965-1967 Bluford Blues Little League, who were not properly recognized, for their contributions and achievements as members of the City of Greensboro little league baseball league and participants in	N/A	N/A



	the Greensboro Jaycees Tournament. Dr. Thurman Guy, who played for the Bluford Blues, shared stories about players from the team and the impact they had on and off the field.		
State of Greenways	Elizabeth Jernigan provided a brief overview of existing and planned greenways, funding status, and partnership opportunities. Commission asked questions about considerations for displacement, community engagement, and maintenance planning related to future greenway development.	N/A	N/A
Request to Rename Basketball Court at Benbow Park	Erin Kennedy provided a third reading of the renaming request of the basketball court at Benbow Park to be renamed after Bob McAdoo. Sid Evans, on behalf of neighborhood association and surrounding neighborhoods, spoke in favor of the renaming request. Sallie Hayes-Williams, Benbow resident who grew up with Bob McAdoo, shared that the court has a long history of being a place where community can gather and supports the renaming request.	Henshall made a motion to approve renaming the basketball court at Benbow Park after Bob McAdoo; Izzard, second	The motion passes 8-0
Speakers from the Floor	N/A		
Director's Report	Kobe Riley provided an update on pools for summer 2024: Lindley will not open this season, planning for Warnersville and Windsor to open, and work is needed to address issues at Peeler so it could open this summer. Commission supports suspending fees for summer 2024. Director shared that Charles Jackson is returning to work part-time, remotely. Parks and recreation staff will present at City Council work sessions on 3/14 and 3/28 on Bingham Park, and state of our parks.	Odom made a motion to suspend pools fees for summer 2024; Linden, second	The motion passes 8-0
Commissioner Comments	Odom – moved by Bluford Blues presentation and noted that equity is so important within the fabric of Greensboro. Kudos to Monique for her work	N/A	N/A

	<p>Izzard – excited about the history of Bluford Blues team. Southside Reunion has room for vendors and will take place on May 11.</p> <p>Linden – shared thanks.</p> <p>Neely – Bluford Blues presentation was powerful, and appreciates the connections people can make using greenways.</p> <p>Henshall – enjoyed seeing the lasting connections between the Bluford Blues players. Thanks to Emily for bringing the Commission together and for the continued work of the PRC leaders.</p> <p>Nudelman – loves to see the investment that the department puts into professional development of its staff and promotions within the department.</p> <p>Crawford – felt very privileged to witness the City right the wrongs from the last 60 years. Loves seeing hiring for teens and providing a decent wage to teen workers. Glad to hear about how greenways are connecting community, and wants P&amp;R to provide bikes to low-income residents.</p> <p>Cunningham-Dockery – thank you for providing a virtual option. Appreciate the work of P&amp;R. Glad we’re still moving forward with pools and looking forward to attending work sessions.</p>		
Adjourn	Vice Chair adjourned meeting at 7:13 pm	N/A	N/A