



**Quick Minutes**

***Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission***

**Date/Location:** May 8, 2024 – Trotter Active Adult Center

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

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

**Staff Present:** Phil Fleischmann, Kobe Riley, Shawna Tillery, Tony Royal, Tonya Williams, Josh Sherrick, William Brown, Alex Zaleski, Jennie Matkins, Ben Silvers, Bob Brooks, Chad Duncan, Mark Hayes

| <b>Agenda Item</b>                  | <b>Discussion Points</b>  | <b>Motions/Votes</b>  | <b>Action</b>         |
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| Call to Order                       | Chair called meeting to order at 5:30 pm  | N/A   | N/A                   |
| Welcome                             | Mark Hayes welcomed attendees to Trotter Active Adults Center and provided information about the facility and its programs.   |   |                       |
| Approval of minutes from April 2024 |   | Linden made a motion to approve the April 2024 minutes; Nudelman, second. | The motion passes 7-0 |
| Staff Recognitions                  | Phil Fleischmann recognized Kobe Riley for completing 9-month Municipal and County Administration course at UNC School of Government.   | N/A   | N/A                   |
| Active Adults Update                | Jennie Matkins highlighted various programs and activities offered by the active adults section. Matkins noted that May is celebrated each year as Older Americans Month and talked about the growth in attendance at both Smith and Trotter Active Adults Centers. | N/A   | N/A                   |
| Fee Change Outreach Update          | Tonya Williams provided an update on the proposed fee changes at Gillespie Golf Course and noted there were no  | Johnson made a motion to accept Gillespie Golf                            | The motion passes 9-0 |



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|   | <p>survey responses, and conversational responses were positive for the change. There was discussion to clarify school fees and scholarship opportunities.</p>  | <p>Course fee increase; Odum, second.</p>   |   |
| <p>Capital Improvement Plan</p>                           | <p>Shawna Tillery provided a brief overview of the FY 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and requested approval of the plan. This approval will be documented and included for further consideration and possible inclusion in the City's FY 2024-25 annual operating budget.</p>  | <p>Cunningham-Dockery made a motion to recommend submission of CIP to City's Budget; Nudelman, second.</p>  | <p>The motion passes 9-0</p>                              |
| <p>Letter of Support for Weill Fund Grant Application</p> | <p>The Greensboro Parks Foundation sought support from the Parks and Recreation Commission to submit a grant application to the Weill Fund through the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro for funding towards Phase 2 of Mabel D. Smith Community Park. The Greensboro Parks Foundation also requested authorization from the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Commission Chair to work with parks and recreation staff to draft a letter of support on behalf of the Commission.</p>  | <p>Cunningham-Dockery made a motion to support the grant application; Johnson, second.</p> <p>Cunningham-Dockery made a motion to authorize the Chair to work with staff on letter of support; Johnson, second.</p> | <p>The motion passes 9-0</p> <p>The motion passes 9-0</p> |
| <p>Speakers from the Floor</p>                            | <p>Byron Gladden spoke from the floor to discuss concerns about using White St. Landfill in the Bingham Park Remediation Project. Parks and Recreation Commissioners shared that City Council will ultimately make the decision about where the dirt is moved, and Commissioners encouraged residents to bring their concerns to Council.</p> <p>Laura Blackstock spoke from the floor about concerns related to utilizing White St. Landfill for the Bingham Park Remediation Project as the Secretary of the Concerns Citizens of Northeast Greensboro group.</p> | <p>N/A</p>  | <p>N/A</p>  |

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|                       | <p>Nelson Johnson spoke from the floor to share concerns about utilizing White St. Landfill for the Bingham Park Remediation Project and urged Parks and Recreation Commission members to use their power and influence to advocate for a different solution.</p>   |     |     |
| Director's Report     | <p>Kobe Riley gave an update about pools for summer 2024. Barber Park sprayground passed inspection, Keeley will undergo inspection soon. There is no anticipated date for Peeler, and currently working through infrastructure issues at Lindley and Windsor. Warnersville needs maintenance on decking and grates prior to inspection.</p> <p>Phil Fleischmann noted that the new nature play yard at Brightwood Park has been completed, Right of Way staff worked on accessibility in an area in Lindley Park, and patching has been completed along the cart path at Gillespie Golf Course. Fleischmann provided information about budget hearings and upcoming parks and recreation events.</p>                   | N/A | N/A |
| Commissioner Comments | <p>Henshall – thanks P&amp;R staff and found the meeting topics interesting</p> <p>Linden – thank you to speakers from the floor, and thankful for the reminder that there's a lot of power and privilege to serve as a Parks and Recreation Commission</p> <p>Odum – hearing Reverend Johnson speak hits home as a resident of Flint, MI. He is in the fight with Bingham Park.</p> <p>Kudos to City staff, and mentioned he heard support from residents about fee increase at Gillespie.</p> <p>Neely – Ditto Commissioner Linden. It's amazing how much passion comes out of these meetings. Voices were heard.</p> <p>Johnson – thank you to speakers from the floor. Wants to help outside of these meetings.</p> | N/A | N/A |

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|         | <p>Izzard – echoes Commission Johnson and wants to support however he can. Southside Reunion is this Saturday</p> <p>Nudelman – appreciative on the input from East Greensboro community and providing context for a complex issue.</p> <p>Congrats to Kobe for completing UNC school program</p> <p>Crawford – joined commission because she was upset about pools and then found out about toxic dirt at Bingham. Noted that the decision about where the dirt goes doesn't fall on PRC, but has shared concerns with her Council rep. and encouraged residents to organize.</p> <p>Cunningham-Dockery – thank you to speakers from the floor and encouraged residents to go to City Council. Congrats to Kobe. Thanks to Tonya for working on rate increase. Reminder to PRC about the Code of Conduct and attendance.</p> |     |     |
| Adjourn | Chair adjourned meeting at 7:07 pm  | N/A | N/A |