



# Recreation and Parks Advocacy Commission

Meeting Summary  
September 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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NAME	Representation
Aaron Davis (AD)	City Leader
Sherri Seagroves (SS)	City Limits (Chair)
Jesse Whitaker (JW)	City Limits (Vice-Chair)
Tanner Deisch (TD)	City Limits

Call to order – S.S. (Meeting took place in the Recreation and Parks Director’s Office)

## SS - 6:02 start of the meeting

Present @ the Meeting: Sherri (SS), Jesse (JW), Tanner (TD), and Aaron (AD)

### 1. Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2021 Meeting – S.S.

- a. AD mentioned that he made changes as recommended via e-mail responses
- b. JW – motion to approve
- c. TW – seconded motion
- d. All in favor – motion passes unanimously

### 2. Council Meeting Update – A.D.

- a. Aaron did not attend (nothing recreation and parks related)
- b. AD mentioned that he attended the Farmers Market board meeting instead
  - i. AD mentioned that Farmers Market group will be meeting more often during the off season, and they hope to have things scheduled far in advanced of the start of the season (food trucks, special days/events, etc.)
    1. AD hopes to have a shredding company & knife sharpening company to come to the Farmers Market next year.
- c. SS asked if were renewing the contract with Healthy Alamance
  - i. AD mentioned that we had not decided
- d. SS asked who was on the committee
  - i. AD mentioned that it was a lot of Vendors from the Farmers Markets and the representative from Healthy Alamance
  - ii. AD mentioned that vendors are allowed to pay an extra fee to be apart of the planning board for the Authentically Alamance Farmers Markets
- e. SS asked if AD was responsible for the band
  - i. AD mentioned that he did not book the band from the previous week, but that he has came up with the idea to get a band.
  - ii. AD mentioned that a Vendor suggested the band that played.
- f. SS asked about food trucks at the Market



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- i. AD mentioned that He and Amy Pendergraph had been doing most of the work booking food trucks
        - ii. AD mentioned that we started too late in the process and that starting earlier will give us a better chance to book food trucks for next year.
      - g. SS mentioned that she had been giving cards to vendors at other markets and wanted to know what to do with the information from potential vendors
        - i. AD mentioned that we should hold on to them for now
        - ii. AD mentioned that we needed another fresh produce vendor for next year.
      - h. JW asked who made the decision to renew the contract with health Alamance or not
        - i. AD mentioned that it would a collaborative effort between he and those at city hall.
        - ii. AD mentioned that if we did not renew, we would need to make sure that we could offer all the things healthy Alamance is offering now
        - iii. TD mentioned that part of the reason we signed with healthy Alamance was so they could do those extra things
          - 1. AD mentioned that he did not expect to be at the market each weekend, and he had been to most every weekend
          - 2. JW asked what my responsibilities were at the market each weekend
            - a. AD replied that he had to set up cones to block of the parking lot very early (3:00am) He also has to make sure the food trucks are set up in the correct place.
            - b. AD mentioned he did not have to do much with the vendors but was doing a lot of social media and dealing with the logistics of other portions of the market.
        - iv. TD mentioned that the Makers Market did very well with the later time
        - v. SS gave her opinion on the future of the Farmers Market
          - 1. SS mentioned that the recruitment was not as great as we thought it was going to be
          - 2. SS mentioned that there could be a committee started to help with the planning for next year.
- 3. City E-mail Help – A.D.**
- a. SS was having problems signing up
  - b. JW needed help getting it set up as well
  - c. TD had his all set up
  - d. AD went through the process for signing up for their e-mail
- 4. Project & Program Updates – A.D.**



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- a. AD briefly went through a list of projects that were starting or had already started
    - i. New Door at Lake Michael
    - ii. Piers at Lake Michael
    - iii. Bat Mitigation @ MACC
    - iv. Youth Field Lights
    - v. Basketball Court
    - vi. Tennis Court signs about giving lessons and court usage by the city
    - vii. Carpet cleaning and re-doing @ MACC
    - viii. Slides @ Old Rec Playground on back order
    - ix. Emergency blue lights ordered
    - x. Mural at Lake Michael will start in late fall
      1. SS asked if AD could mention who was doing the mural
      2. AD replied that Lauri Daughtry would be painting the mural
      3. AD mentioned that it would be a surprise
    - xi. Swing sets @ Lake Michael will be installed in late fall
      1. SS asked where we were on this process
      2. AD mentioned that it was on the way and that we needed to make sure the playground mulch was delivered and installed before opening up to the public to use.
  - b. SS asked if there were any more questions about projects
    - i. TD asked if there were any updates about Cates Farm including data
    - ii. AD replied that there is a trail counter, he needed to collect the data soon.
    - iii. AD mentioned that Cates Farm could be shut down again soon depending on the process for the playground
    - iv. TD asked if the trails were foot traffic only or were mountain bikes allowed?
      1. AD mentioned that it was only foot traffic at this time
      2. AD went through the reasons why it was only foot traffic.
- 5. Drone Policy – A.D**
- a. AD asked the commission to help find someone around the community to help with the drone policy.
- 6. Trello – ALL**
- a. SS mentioned that TD helped SS had a phone call to learn how to use Trello
  - b. SS talked about the different “boards” on Trello
  - c. AD asked how to get notifications
  - d. JW asked if it was a dedicated APP or was it on the website
    - i. AD mentioned either/or
  - e. SS used the youtube video AD sent out to help her learn how to use it
  - f. AD made some updates to the Trello board on the spot



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- g. AD mentioned that we could take the project listing off the agenda to save time and everyone on the commission could check out the Trello board to see updates.
- h. SS mentioned that she created a Mountains to Seatrails board and invited others.

## 7. Mountain to Sea Trails – Trail Angel Program – S.S.

- a. SS made a presentation about the MST and potential partnership with the City.
- b. AD mentioned that it would be best to have the partnership go through Mebane on the Move and that the City would then help with advertising etc..
  - i. AD mentioned that the City could be part of the program, but not run by the city.
  - ii. AD mentioned that potentially having Jim from the MST and Sherri present at a council meeting about the program.
- c. TD mentioned that the passers through are not residents of Mebane so it wouldn't fit the mission of the department
  - i. TD also mentioned that it was health and wellness related
  - ii. TD mentioned that having the loop at Lake Michael and Cates Farm would be great placed for these passers through could attend
- d. TD mentioned that it was great that it went through two parks
- e. AD mentioned that the loop at the lake could be a challenge part of the MST
- f. TD and SS mentioned that figuring out where it lives is the most important part
- g. JW asked if the trail town and trail angels was most of the program or was there more?
  - i. SS replied that she would find out
- h. JW mentioned that he was a supporter of the program, could be a point of pride and that Mebane would be apart of the bigger mission.
- i. SS will speak with her MOTM friends
- j. TD wants to see a trail awareness program through the department
- k. JW mentioned that it would take more effort than money 😊

## 8. Mebane Walks – S.S.

- a. SS mentioned that the kickoff would be on October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Mebane on the Move Program
- b. SS gave more details on the Mebane Walks program
  - i. Three designated group led walks
    1. Tuesday – 5:30pm @ Mill Creek
    2. Thursday – 5:30pm @ Community Park
    3. Saturday – 9:00am @ Bell Garden
- c. SS mentioned the Reindeer Run put on by MOTM – December 18<sup>th</sup>
  - i. *Since the meeting, the run has been canceled for this year.*
  - ii. AD mentioned that the Rec Department would take registration for the 5K if needed.



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## 9. Other Items

- a. SS asked about the RPAC applications
  - i. AD mentioned that there were 4 applications at this time
  - ii. SS mentioned that JW would become chair in January
    1. AD mentioned that SS would become past president and that a new Vice Chair would need to be elected
  - iii. SS mentioned that she would become the secretary if needed in the future.
- b. AD mentioned that Cy Stober and he met with Impact Alamance to discuss the Health in All Policies
  - i. He mentioned that he would love the RPAC's support when this goes to City Council.

## 10. Adjournment – ALL

- a. JW motion
- b. TD second the motion
- c. Unanimous decision to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm

11. **Park Tour** – A.D. drove the Commission to all parks to make sure everyone was aware of each park location, what amenities each of them has and answered any questions that the Commission may have had about each facility.