

RPAC Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2021

***Note – Meeting Minutes were taken on alternate device, so typical formatting was not available**

Lake Michael Park, Mebane, NC

6:30pm

In attendance:

Taylor Ford TF

Jesse Whitaker JW

SS called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Meeting Minute Approval from September Meeting

- Tanner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September RPAC Meeting
- Shayla 2nd the motion
 - Aaron mentioned that one small change was made that's to Jesse's review
- The motion passed unanimously

Introduction of the City of Mebane's Program Coordinator

- AD introduced Taylor Ford to the RPAC
- TF introduced herself
 - From Falls Church Va.
 - Has a lot of experience with programs and camps
- All in attendance were thrilled made kind comments regarding her hire

RPAC Application Updates

- AD mentioned that there were 7 total applications
 - 6 were within the proper jurisdiction to apply
 - He mentioned that a decision would be made at the November City Council Meeting
 - These new members will serve 3 years

City Council Meeting Update

- AD mentioned that it was a very short meeting
- AD mentioned that the Health in All Policy was passed
 - Marcy Green made a presentation
- AD explained what the health in all policy was and how the City is really already doing a lot of this.
- SS mentioned that HR sent a copy of the HiAP to everyone for their review

City of Mebane E-mail

- AD asked who had not figured out their e-mail
- AD mentioned that he would get IT to get things fixed so everyone can access their e-mails

- SAC mentioned that she needed her e-mail changed to match her name properly
- SS mentioned that all the emails need to be correct so that they follow the pattern

Trello Update

- AD mentioned the items that were added to the trello board
- AD mentioned that TD and SS were on trello and he would try to get Jesse and Shayla on Trello
- SS mentioned that it was super easy to do

Christmas Parade Grand Marshall

- AD mentioned that there was not a formalized process for selecting the Grand Marshall
- SS mentioned that Rebecca Royal would be a good selection for this year
- AD mentioned that it would be fair for the RPAC to appoint the Grand Marshall each year
- SAC asked what a Grand Marshall does
 - AD mentioned that they rode in a car during the parade and were first in line
- SS and JW mentioned that Rebecca Royal was very well respected
- SS made a motion that the RPAC would be in charge of selecting the Grand Marshall for the Christmas Parade each year via Vote
 - JW 2nd the motion
 - All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously
- SS made a motion to have Rebecca Royal be the Grand Marshall for the Christmas Parade in 2021
- SS asked questions about process and made a few suggestions
- AD mentioned that if she did not accept, RPAC would call an emergency meeting to make sure someone was selected before the parade begins

Location of Basketball Court

- AD mentioned that he had the opportunity to speak in front of the REAC to talk about the department. REAC also had a few questions for AD after he told them about the department.
- AD mentioned that the two questions were:
 - 1.) Is there a basketball court coming
 - 2.) Where is it going to be
- AD mentioned that some were disappointed that the courts were not selected to be at the Community Park.
- AD mentioned that he gave City Council three options where he thought the court would fit and they selected the location near Youth/Walker Field
- AD mentioned that with future expansion at the Community Park it would potentially inhibit those expansions.
- SS asked why REAC thought it might not go at Youth/Walker
 - AD Mentioned that it was more wanting it at the Community Park, not that they didn't want it to go at youth/walker
- AD mentioned that basketball culture is a tough thing, you wouldn't want a basketball court near a playground due to poor language.
- SAC mentioned that it sounded like they were trying to hide the courts

- SS asked what the other options were
 - AD - Convert the old tennis courts
- SAC asked if we could go south of the interstate
- JW mentioned that the youth/walker area was a great place because it connects the old rec to the state of the art tennis courts.
- JW mentioned that it was more walkable with better parking and is an awesome location
- AD mentioned that it would bring another great amenity to that area
- AD mentioned that the field near the tennis courts might become a tball only field and will also potentially get a new large net to keep balls

New Business

- Autumn Fest
 - TD mentioned that Autumn Fest went really well
 - AD mentioned that he was talking to Destination Downtown Mebane and that the City might have a role with Autumn Fest and that he thinks the city should have a role in most downtown events.
 - SS mentioned that the city might not want to be involved because those organizations might feel like the ownership of those events might be questioned if the city does too much and tried to take it over. The City needs to be careful to not cross the line.
 - SS mentioned that police need to help more with the traffic when there are thing going on
 - AD mentioned that it didn't need to be a city event, but that the city should support the event
- Halloween Event
 - SS asked about the partnership with the Halloween Event
 - AD mentioned that it was a planning collaboration
 - AD went through the event schedule for the Halloween event
 - AD mentioned that the city was buying candy for the businesses and asking them to supplement a little.
 - AD mentioned that judges would be roaming and writing down their favorite costumes so we could give out awards at the end of the event.
 - SS asked about more details about the costume contest etc...
 - AD said that the rec department is behind on the social media schedule for the event. Things are busy right now and they are trying to get contracts completed etc.
 - AD mentioned that they currently only had two food trucks, but were waiting on the a 3rd.
 - SAC asked about combining the two events: Autumn Fest and The Halloween Event
 - AD mentioned that they events do not mesh very well.
- Volunteer opportunities
 - Check Trello and sign up for what they can help with
 - Float for santa tours
 - Snowing event help
 - Parade float for xmas parade

- Trello
 - JW wanted to know about trello and what each category was for.
 - AD went through the list and told the RPAC about what each category was for and how they related to the rpac and how they should comment.
 - JW asked about the budget process and when things would be going to council and if the RPAC would be weighing in on the items that will go into the budget
 - AD mentioned that we should have a budget explanation should be ready for the RPAC after the first of the year.
 - AD mentioned that a lot of things would be focused on finishing and fixing
 - SS mentioned that the floor at the community park needs to be painted
 - AD mentioned that he was not aware of the issue and that he would look into it
 - SS mentioned the trail map and getting that changed at the bell garden
 - AD mentioned that we were working on getting that fixed
 - SS wondered if there was any pushback on the mebane walk signs
 - AD said NO
 - AD mentioned that he had info about the pavers being painted and that he would follow up.
 - JW mentioned that the reindeer run had been cancelled
 - SS gave an updated-on Mebane Walks and gave locations and times
 - TD asked where they walked in the different locations
 - SS replied with how the event takes

Adjournment

TD made a motion to adjourn

JW 2nd

Meeting was unanimously ended at 7:20pm