



Recreation and Parks Advocacy Commission

Meeting Summary
November 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

NAME	Representation
Aaron Davis (AD)	City Leader
Sherri Seagroves (SS)	City Limits (Chair)
Shayla Clemons-Armas (SCA)	City Limits
Tanner Deisch (TD)	City Limits
Emily Powell (EP)	Non-Member
Jay Bisette (JB)	Non-Member

1. Call to order – S.S. (Meeting took place in Civic Room at the Mebane Arts and Community Center)

SS - 6:00 start of the meeting

2. SS – Called for introductions from those present at the meeting
 - a. SS, SCA, TD, EP, JB, and AD all introduced themselves
 - b. SS - explained that Lashonda Hester was unable to attend this meeting and that Justin Brawley had resigned previously to tend to his restaurant business.
 - c. AD - explained that Coach John Kirby was also a part of the commission but was unable to attend this meeting.
3. SS – Asked for approval of minutes from the October 18, 2021 RPAC meeting
 - a. AD mentioned that approval of previous meeting minutes could not take place due to lack of quorum
4. Council Meeting Update – A.D.
 - a. AD - explained that RPAC Members were appointed by City Council and that they were both present at the current meeting.
 - b. AD – explained that the Drone policy was on the agenda but was not pursued and that a new policy would be brought to council in the next few months. He also explained that Josh Cutlip (p/t leader) attended Elon’s Drone Day, which brought more information back to the department to help finalize a policy.
 - c. AD – Ability to apply for the T-Mobile Grant was approved by council
 - d. AD – MYSA’s 3-year contract was approved by City Council
5. Senior Games/Chess/Open Gym Promotion – S.S.
 - e. SS – Explained that the city was adding more senior games options for its citizens and asked what the best methods were to reach them.
 - i. AD mentioned that information was in the newspaper, but it has not brought anymore participants.



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- ii. AD mentioned that this was a 1:30-3:30pm program on Tuesday and Thursdays
 - iii. AD mentioned that Pickleball has always been a staple program, but that the city had added Ping Pong, Corn Hole, Chess, Board Games, and Card Games.
 - f. SS – Asked to have a discussion on the best ways to reach those eligible for Senior Games
 - i. Methods suggested by the commission (locations were assigned)
 1. Assisted Living Homes
 2. Restaurants (SCA)
 3. Downtown Businesses
 4. Churches (SS)
 5. Schools
 6. Subdivision Clubhouses – (EP)
 7. Vet Connect
 8. Department of Aging (JB)
 9. HOA's
 10. Bowling Alley
 - g. TD – mentioned that 65+ community represented only 10% of the Mebane community. He also will be in charge of distributing the flyers to assisted living locations in Mebane.
 - h. AD will be printing flyers for the next meeting for the assigned members to deliver them to.
- 6. Ball Field Lights Discussion – A.D.
 - i. AD shared a story about a citizen who wanted to use a ball field with lights and that AD did not allow them to because they needed to rent the space.
 - j. AD mentioned that the phone call prompted him to have a conversation with the RPAC about the possibility of turning on lights for public play at ballfields once day light saving time ends in the fall.
 - k. There was various discussion by all members about equity, field maintenance concerns, cost, supervision, and other topics.
 - l. AD gave a brief explanation of the history of the light operations at the MACC grass fields and the Community Park.
 - m. AD suggested potentially turning on lights at the Community Park from 5:30-8:00pm to allow for public play. Though others agreed, a vote was not taken due to a lack of quorum.
- 7. Budget – A.D.
 - n. AD – Went through his suggestions for personnel matters pertaining to recreation and parks.



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- i. AD's proposal suggested superintendents for Recreation and separately for Park. This suggestion would include a reclassification of one current position, and one new position.
 - ii. AD also is suggesting a promotion for one leader who is currently a groundskeeper to a higher-level position.
 - o. AD – Went through the list of currently suggested CIP items
 - p. AD – Mentioned that other operational budget items were rather small in nature and did not merit conversation at this time.
 - q. AD – Mentioned that he would be sending out the current Fee Schedule for all members to look at and make suggestions for changes.
 - i. Tennis fees were brought up as a suggested fee (currently, not all tennis programs are being charged for)
- 8. SS – Gave a tutorial of the Trello Board with assistance from AD
 - r. AD suggested that City Council members should be re-paired with RPAC members at the next meeting.
 - s. SS suggested they be paired at the current meeting
 - i. The following pairings were set:
 1. SCA w/ SE
 2. TD w/ PP
 3. JW w/ JW
 4. JB w/ TB
 5. SS w/ EH
 6. EP w/ MH
 - ii. AD and SS explained the importance of these meetings in terms of budget suggestions. More information will be given out at the first meeting in January, 2022.
- 9. SS – Spoke a little about the current special events taking place, specifically the Christmas Parade.
 - t. AD – talked about the snowing event and participation numbers
 - u. SS – Went through the full list of programs for the future including the Santa Tour
- 10. Next Meeting – January 10th
- 11. Adjournment – ALL