



Recreation and Parks Advocacy Commission

Meeting Summary
April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

NAME	Representation
Aaron Davis (AD)	City of Mebane Leader
Tanner Deisch (TD)	City Limits (Vice Chair/Chair Elect)
Emily Powell (EP)	City Limits
Jesse Whitaker (JW)	City Limits (Chair)
Jay Bisette (JB)	City Limits

1. Call to order – JW
 - a. Meeting took place in the upstairs office at the Mebane Arts and Community Center and was called to order at 6:02pm
2. Approval of minutes – JW
 - a. J.W. asked if anyone had any changes to the meeting minutes
 - b. J.W. asked to have members approve both sets of meeting minutes, previously, there was not a quorum to approve the February meeting minutes.
 - c. T.D. made motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February and March meeting minutes
 - i. J.W. – 2nd
 - ii. All in attendance approved.
3. Updates from Council Meeting – A.D.
 - a. A.D. mentioned that both the Mebane Trail Rangers (MTR) and Triangle Off Road Cyclists (TORC) MOUs were approved by council
 - i. A.D. also mentioned that both Sherri Seagroves from MTR and Matt Engwall (TORC) were present at the meeting.
 - ii. A.D. mentioned that there were few questions, and the two representatives were not needed to speak on the matter.
 - b. A.D. brought up the mentions of the Juneteenth holiday from the council meeting. He mentioned that the city was considering making it a paid holiday for all leaders.
 - i. A.D. mentioned that he was asked how the Juneteenth event would fit into the equation, to which he replied that he wanted to discuss the options with the planning committee for the event.
 - ii. A.D. mentioned that since the council meeting, he brought this up to the planning committee and they would like the event to take place on the Saturday BEFORE the actual holiday.
 - iii. A.D. lastly mentioned that this would be a council item for the next meeting in May.



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4. Budget Update – A.D.
 - a. A.D. mentioned how appreciative he was to all those who met with their council representatives.
 - i. A.D. said that he thought things were looking positive for the reclassifications and new park superintendent position to be approved.
 - b. E.P. mentioned that she met with Council Woman Hadley and discussed their meeting and interactions.
 - c. A.D. mentioned that Sherri Seagroves had her meeting with Mayor Hooks and things went well. He referenced her e-mail for others to review if needed
 - d. T.D. referenced his meeting with Councilwoman Burkholder, who he mentioned was a big supporter of the department.
 - e. J.W. spoke briefly about his meeting with Councilman White, who seems to also be a big supporter of the department, but also understands restrictions of a large budget and how difficult the balancing act is.
 - f. J.B. mentioned that he was unable to meet with Councilman Bradley due to his injury.
 - g. A.D. went through items that had already been cut from the budget.
5. 360 Evaluation Time
 - a. There wasn't much to report from the members in terms of items for discussion.
 - b. J.B. mentioned that he was excited about baseball and that it was rocking and rolling.
 - i. A.D. thanked J.B. for his service as a volunteer coach this year.
 - c. A.D. and J.B. had a quick conversation about how parents are acting during practices.
 - d. A.D. explained how Civic Rec was making it easier to track what the coaches are e-mailing to their parents and is keeping them more accountable.
 - e. A.D. went through some examples of how this worked in the favor of the department because they could reference the e-mail.
6. Events Recap – Movies, Rock Hunts, & Eggstravaganza
 - a. A.D. mentioned that there were a few issues with the movies.
 - i. Movie 1 – Cold and Sound issues
 - ii. Movie 2 – Cold, Wind, and the screen deflated at one moment due to the cold weather.



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- b. A.D. mentioned how great it was to have the Rock Hunts again at the schools. They were fantastic.
 - c. A.D. also mentioned that the Eggstravaganza was outstanding and that we had over 500 eggs in windows and that A.D. and Taylor would be cleaning windows downtown in the next few days.
7. Upcoming Events – A.D.
- a. Aaron went through all upcoming events
 - i. Movies in the Park – April 29th - Encanto, back to the Future – May 6th
 - ii. Dogwood Festival – April 22nd and 23rd
 - 1. A.D. described the city’s involvement in the Dogwood Festival.
 - 2. A.D. described the difference between how the Dogwood festival is laid out vs. Autumn Festival.
 - 3. A.D. also explained how the city was not involved at all with Autumn Fest.
 - iii. Trivia Night – May 3rd
 - iv. Farmers Market Starts – May 7th (Makers Market)
 - v. Concert - May 20th
 - vi. Concert – June 17th
 - vii. Juneteenth – June 18th
 - 1. A.D. described how the partnership for this event came about and how the Community Park was selected.
 - viii. Sports HOF – June 18th
 - ix. 4th of July Celebration - July 4th
8. Any Other business
- a. Comprehensive Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update – A.D.
 - i. A.D. mentioned that 7 total RFPs were submitted and that they would be reviewed between April 18 and April 26
 - ii. A.D mentioned that the committee will be a big part of Master Plan process.
 - b. T.D. asked about the Light box issue, was that resolved.
 - i. A.D. mentioned that there had not been issues lately but that the city was still waiting for the fob to be installed.
 - c. A.D. talked a little bit about the why the boat rental operations were being halted at Lake Michael.
 - i. He went on to say that engineers had taken a look at the building and that they recommended it not to be used until it could be fixed or removed.



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- ii. T.D. asked when the lake would be lowered – A.D. mentioned that it could be more than a year before the work is started.
 - iii. A.D. mentioned that they had looked at a locker rental option, but it was too expensive to consider.
 - d. J.B. mentioned the Social Media bracket challenge.
 - e. E.P. brought up trivia night and potentially doing some for adults in the future at downtown businesses.
 - i. A.D. mentioned that it would be a better option than the virtual option and that the city would look at this for a future option.
 - ii. A.D. mentioned that they would not be doing trivia after the calendar year 2022.
 - f. T.D. mentioned a possible social for the committee prior to one of the concerts.
- 9. Aaron mentioned the next meeting – May 16th @ 6:00pm – MACC
- 10. Meeting was adjured at 7:06pm