



Recreation and Parks Advocacy Commission

Meeting Summary
November 21, 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)
Shawna Joplin (JS)	City of Mebane Leader
Laurie Sawyer (LS)	Citizen of Mebane
Sherri Seagroves (SS)	City Limits
Jay Bissette (JB)	City Limits

1. Call to order – J.W.
 - a. Meeting took place at the Mebane Community Art Center and was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Approval of minutes – J.W.
 - a. J.W. asked if anyone had any changes to the meeting minutes
 - b. J.W. asked to have members approve the meeting minutes from October.
 - c. T.D. made the motion to approve the minutes from October.
 - i. J.B – 2nd
 - ii. All in attendance approved.
3. Introductions – A.D.
 - a. A.D. introduced himself and the newly hired Park Superintendent, Shawna Joplin.
 - b. Members introduced themselves.
 - c. Laurie Sawyer introduced herself as the newly appointed member of RPAC taking office on January 1, 2023. Currently attending as a guest.
4. Master Plan – A.D.
 - a. Demographics at this point are assumptive and need to reflect Mebane.
 - b. Two new hires for the city are Kelly Hunter as the PIO and Barbara Hollerand to oversee the NC Main Street program for downtown.
 - c. The newly created video for the Master Plan will be posted this evening on social media.
 - d. The website includes an interactive map. The survey was sent to over 7,000 residents in Mebane and we received 210 responses so far. The focus groups help create the survey. RPAC members are encouraged to share the survey on social media and encourage everyone to complete it.
5. Upcoming Events – A.D.
 - a. Shop Small is Saturday, November 26th.



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- b. December 2nd, 'It's Snowing' will return to the Pocket Park downtown Mebane. Encourage everyone to attend and have their picture taken in the snow.
- c. A.D. asked for volunteers to help with letter writing for Santa.
- d. Mebane parade is December 2nd and all entries will receive a letter of safety guidelines.
- e. Christmas luncheon is December 14th at noon at the MACC.
6. 360 Evaluation – A.D.
 - a. The Polar Express movie was a big hit with the kids.
 - b. Closing off Fourth Street was very well received and provided extra protection from the wind and cold.
 - c. Steve Krans' participation in serving hot chocolate was very much appreciated.
7. Schedule for 2023
 - a. 1/9 MACC (amended to 1/30)
2/20 MACC
3/20 MACC
4/17 Community Park
5/15 Holt Street Park
6/12 Lake Michael
Etc...
8. Budget – A.D.
 - a. Walker Field needs bathrooms and working water fountains. Line in the budget for water bottle fillers. MYSA will potentially pay for the fillers at Community Park and they will go near the splash pad.
 - b. A.D. – Projects - new backboards at the Old Rec and adjusters, level the gym floor, small storage building at MACC for golf cart, metal shed for a mower, fix cracks at Old Rec, MACC tower renovations, lighting at MACC to be controlled by phone, create an office, interior lights, batting cage project, parking lot lights, smart irrigation system based on rain projections, lease a robotic painter.
 - c. Lake Michael – piers, shelter, building (no estimate), cameras at the trailhead
 - d. Capital Improvement Projects at \$30,000 or more – air condition the Old Rec, pave the back entrance to Community Park, complete trails around Lake Michael, complete the second phase of the playground at Cates Farm Park, pave the parking lot at the basketball court, repave parking lot at Old Rec.
9. City Council – A.D.
 - a. Please meet with your City Council member outside of budgetary discussions
10. T.D. motion to adjourn at 7:21, J.B. second to approve.