

Sanford Parks Advisory Committee  
Depot Park  
106 Charlotte Ave, Sanford NC  
April 18, 2022 4:00pm

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **The following people were present**

Chad Spivey  
Bob Bridwell  
Alyson Cochrane  
John Dean  
Joni Martin

#### **Non-Voting Attendees**

Nick Fortune

#### **Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Chad Spivey.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Joni Martin made motion to approve meeting minutes from March, seconded by John Dean. Unanimously approved by the committee.

#### **Administrators Report**

Nick Fortune gave a brief update on employees of Sanford Parks by stating that all positions have now been filled and a new employee starts this Friday. Opening day of splash pad is scheduled for May 15th. Currently in the planning process for the event including a live band, face painting and small petting zoo. Nick stated that this would be a good event to bring in families to the park and hopefully establish a standard for opening day.

The Depot Park rental policy was recently approved by City Council and now the application for rental and other information is listed on the City of Sanford website. Nick stated that another thing that has come up since the last meeting is the Sanford/Lee County Planning Department is redoing the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to include a portion for mobile food vendors at parks. This would establish a standard language written for the parks commission to refer to. Bob Bridwell asked that Nick look into the Parks and Open Space provisions in the UDO and report back to the committee on what it says. Alyson Cochrane stated if the language isn't included in the proposed updated UDO already for fee in lieu of for parks, then the next May meeting the committee should talk about what it would like to suggest being added.

John Dean asked what the timeline was for giving the suggestion on verbiage for the UDO. Nick stated that it would be best to wait and see what it says already and decide that at the next meeting. Bob and John both agreed the most important thing right now is to identify what the priorities are for recommendation.

Nick stated that Anna Stinson has resigned from the committee and now there is an open seat. Chad Spivey stated that Anna was an advocate for ADA compliance, so the committee should keep that in their thought process of what would represent her. Everyone agreed.

**Old Business**

Nick gave an update on the PARTF application and stated there is an upcoming public input meeting scheduled for April 25th from 4pm-7pm at Kiwanis Family Park. Everyone on the committee is invited to attend. Nick will be meeting with two civic groups; the YMCA and Elks club this week in hopes of gaining support. John stated that he has already talked with the new CEO of the hospital and he was very interested in partnering with the City on some opportunities with the proposed greenway trail. Joni Martin stated that PARTF likes to see community backing/input and see partnerships. They would like to know the hospital is involved as well. Bob suggested that there be a statement or letter of support from the hospital received, not necessarily a commitment.

Brief discussion again of the top 5 priority list including new improvements to parks and greenways and goals the committee is working towards. As new members come, and old members go off the committee, there will be a set of goals to work towards.

**New Business**

Mclver/Sunset park presentation postponed due to Al Roethlisberger's absence.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be May 16th @ 4:00pm.

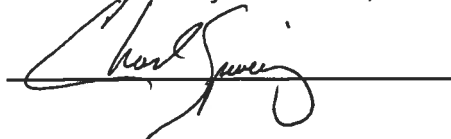
**Comments**

John asked for clarification on what will the committee be discussing at the next Meeting. Nick stated that he would have more information on the Parks and Open Spaces in the UDO and then the committee can move forward from there. Suggestion was made to have Marshall Downey provide a sample of another UDO that the committee could look at.

**Adjournment**

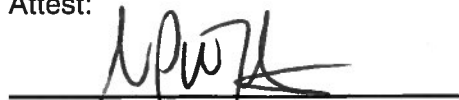
Motion was made at 4:54 pm to adjourn, seconded by Joni Martin.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd Childers, Chairman

Attest:



Nick Fortune, Clerk