

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

Meeting Minutes

The following people were present

Bob Bridwell
Chad Spivey
John Dean
Joni Martin
Alyson Cochrane
Mark Lyczkowski

Non-Voting Attendees

Nick Fortune
Kelli Ladaute
Charles Taylor

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 4:02 by Chad Spivey.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Bridwell made a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Joni Martin. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Administrators Report

Nick Fortune started the Administrators report by informing the committee that there is now an open park attendant position and the temporary employee is still with Parks until the end of July. Chad asked if the reason for employee turnover was due to how much the position pays? Nick stated he didn't think that was the issue because the pay is competitive, and employees are given a 5% pay increase after 6 months of being hired. He hopes to fulfill the position soon as interviews have already started.

An update on the PARTF grant was given by Nick and he stated he had a meeting with the PARTF Representative a few weeks ago and was informed that the project was being deemed ineligible to receive grant funds due to property easements. Alyson Cochrane asked if the easement for the area near hospital, because it is not finished, is a part of it being ineligible? Nick replied that one of the PARTF's rules is that the applicant must own the land/easements before the project starts because they are only going to fund a project if they know there is no reason why it cannot be completed.

Nick also gave an update on the new Summer Music Series at Depot Park saying it was off to a great start with an average of 350 attendees per event. The last concert of this series will take place on August 18th. The Kiwanis stage system that was discussed at the previous meeting possibly has some funding secured and will be moving forward and details will be shared as they come up.

Introduction of new committee member, Mark Lyczkowski, who is from Sanford originally but moved away for some years and moved back is a local developer in the area. Nick stated that Mark is going to be a good addition to the committee.

Nick asked for nominations for new Chair and Vice Chair. Chad stated he would like to put his name into consideration. Motion was made by Bob and seconded by John for Chad to be Chair. Unanimously approved by the committee. Alyson stated that she would like to be considered for Vice Chair. Motion was made by John and seconded by Joni. Unanimously approved by the committee.

New Business

Nick stated that the updated Parks master plan was approved in the budget, so he is now working on a request for qualifications for that and he hopes to have at least three applications by next meeting.

The RFQ would be looking for a way to incorporate greenway into the master plan, new development for parks including amenities, and where/what kind of parks to be built for new developments. John Dean asked if the master plan is just a document or recommendation for the City to follow, how much "teeth" does it have that the City has to follow it? Bob stated it is a policy statement if council adopts it, they are making a policy commitment, but they do not always have to adhere to it, but it becomes a guide for City council in making their decisions.

Charles Taylor stated that one dilemma City council faces is when neighborhoods are presented to council for approval is the lack of demographic information that is given. A senior community wouldn't need a park but an age appropriate amenity such as a shuffle board or something else. The question is brought up every time, of what amenities will be provided. Charles stated that he could see the master plan providing guidance to developers to pick from a menu of options.

Recommendations list for changes to the open space and parks in the UDO to be made by Bob and reviewed by committee via email for final thoughts before submitting to the public comment section for the upcoming UDO review.

Old Business

None.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be 8/15.

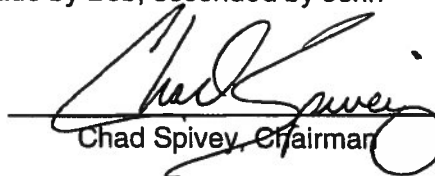
Comments

None.

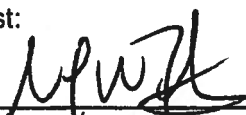
Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm, motion made by Bob, seconded by John

Respectfully Submitted,


Chad Spivey, Chairman

Attest:



Nick Fortune, Clerk