

Sanford Parks Advisory Committee
Depot Park
106 Charlotte Ave, Sanford NC
August 15, 2022 4:00pm
Meeting Minutes

The following people were present

Bob Bridwell
Chad Spivey
John Dean
Joni Martin
Alyson Cochrane
Al Roethlisberger

Non-Voting Attendees

Nick Fortune
Charles Taylor

Call to order

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

Approval of Minutes

John Dean made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting in July, seconded by Joni Martin. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Administrators Report

Nick Fortune started the Administrators report by explaining there was a new comparison in everyone's packets for park figures by year for July 2021 to July 2022. Also, the document compares visitor counts for the splash pad for the same time frame. Nick stated that he thought the change in visitor count was due to the splash pad being closed a few times through the summer. New park attendant that was hired recently has started and is doing a good job. Parks supervisor has been out due to a non-work-related accident and will probably be out for a few more months to recover.

Summer Concert Music Series is still going on at Depot Park on Thursday evenings. The Main Event band is scheduled for the finale this coming Thursday. After music concert series, the movies in the park at Kiwanis will start in partnership with Lee County. The movies will be held in August, September and October.

Charles Taylor stated that there is \$20,000 approved in the budget for a stage at Kiwanis so more events will be taking place there. Nick said the stage is still in the early planning stages and being studied due to the area being in a floodplain next to the floodway, which, the stage can be in the floodplain, but it must be adapted for a certain height.

John Dean questioned if the Kiwanis events were going to be in competition with Depot or if they were going to compliment each other. Charles stated that it would be the same audio quality

but no screen, that would be the only difference. Chad asked for an update on the inventory for all City parks. Nick stated that he would work on that for next meeting.

New Business

Last week on Friday, Nick received three Request for Qualifications for the parks master plan update. Staff from Public Works and Engineering will work together to create a committee and recommend who they select based on information received and negotiate pricing. Nick stated that hopefully by the end of September someone will be selected. The master plan should be in alignment with what the UDO states for development, so that they work together well for future development for parks. Chad reminded the committee that the next County public input session is scheduled for August 24th at OT Sloan for phase II suggestions. Brief update was given on the sports complex project by Chad and Charles.

John asked Charles and Nick if they thought in the future the City would charge a fee like the water/sewer system developmental fees like Wake County has to fund greenways for new development. Charles stated that he would be cautionary with presenting another fee in the next year due to the system developmental fees that just passed. A possibility in the future of charging a fee for the use of the splash pad may be something that would generate revenue.

Old Business

John asked how far the medical mile project is into completion. Nick said a lot of the engineering of the project had been completed just waiting on funding now since the PART grant didn't happen. Continuing of the greenway in either direction would be in a flood plain area. Chad stated that the public input sessions have the greenway ranked in the top three of what citizens want. Joni stated that the number of people who could access the medical mile would be huge from hospital employees, YMCA and residents in the area who could immediately use it and have an impact on connecting to Kiwanis Park.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be September 19th at 4:00pm.

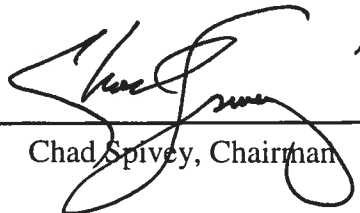
Comments

None.

Adjournment

John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joni Martin.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad Spivey, Chairman

Attest:



Nick Fortune, Clerk