



vii. Adjournment: The Next Committee Meeting Date: TBD



Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022

Present:

Jarrold Dunbar, Scott Styers, Colon Starrett, Bill Tagliaferri, Steve Bare, Kevin Leake, and Tony Vizzini

Staff Present: Cory Tobin, Molly Hussey, Dominique Pickett, and Caprishia Davis

Next meeting:

November 8, 2022 at the Recreation Main Office

Announcements

Jarrold Dunbar called the meeting to order. Jarrold asked for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting with the additional item D added. The motion was approved by Bill Tagliaferri and seconded by Steve Bare. Jarrold asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and motion was approved by Scott Styers and seconded by Bill Tagliaferri. The motion was carried unanimously. There was no one who signed up for the Public Forum.

Agenda Items

- a. **UPDATES ON THE AQUATIC & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT** – The interior designing has begun and the project is moving along. The main exterior work with all the brick work has been done and a lot of dry wall is up. The blue accent tile is around all of our sink area for the restrooms and locker rooms with the white tile around it in the facility. The floors will be an epoxy style floor and the main part of the facility will have the concrete style tile. The slide is taller than 16 feet and we had to get a permit with the state because it is considered an amusement ride for the city because of height requirements. The entry area has little jets that shoot up, buckets, splash pad spray cannons, and toddler slide that matches the big slide has been installed. We are waiting on windows to arrive. We have our garage doors that lead to our meeting rooms and it can be transformed into multiple rooms or one big room. The concessions stand area is the gray area beside the meeting room spaces. There is also a staff room for lifeguards when they are taking a break and there is a one-way window so they can still see the pool deck but no one can see inside.
- b. **DONOR BENCH PROGRAM** – There was an individual who contacted the department about wanting to buy a memorial bench in honor of her loved one who was cremated and did not have an actual burial site. She wanted to honor her at a physical location where a bench could be placed at one of our parks. This could be an opportunity for us to add more seating to our downtown area and create partnerships. We wanted to bring this to the committee because this could be an opportunity to honor people or be a civic

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engagement standpoint. This could be something for clubs such as Rotary or Lions, a church or non-profit could participate in this to honor someone or their organization. We understand that with this initiative comes with many questions, such as, what are the rules and guidelines to purchase or participate, and what would happen if the bench was to be damaged and who would be held accountable? This also will open up the discussions on what is allowed and will it go before a board to have the bench approved and finalize and what would happen if someone felt that the bench was rightfully theirs and did not want anyone to sit on it. These are situations that we feel we will run into so before we present this idea to City Council we want to have a discussion to see if this is achievable.

- c. **305 E. MAIN STREET** – For many years, the city did not own the parking lot across the street from our Central Recreation Center. We've always had a good understanding over the years that we would use it for evening programming, parking for games, etc., and the system worked. An opportunity arose for the city to pursue that property and the contract was approved at the council meeting to enter into purchasing that area. We believed this was very necessary considering how much we use this space and how much our facility usage has increased over the last year or so. It has roughly about 171 parking spaces and it came with the small HR office space that used to be with the old TFI building. The property that the city will purchase connects to 5th avenue down to the grass area near Montlieu but the grass near the corner is not a part of the purchase. The square footage of that area is about 2,200. The long-term goal is for there to be a Recreation Administration move to the office building and then begin to upgrade the exterior of that area and make it a Recreational Campus. There is no target date as to when this will be finalized but the city has moved forward with purchasing and little enhancement will start to be made to the property.
- d. **PARK AUDIT** – This is a way to help the Recreation Department identify in our park spaces and ways to upgrade our playgrounds, walking trails and courts. Most of our parks are about 10+ years old and we are seeing the need to add upgraded features and enhancements to our parks. This helps the maintenance staff recognize what we need to fix, change or get rid of things that are broken.

After no further business, Jarrod asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2022 at Recreation Main Office at 12:00PM.



Athletics/Programs Report October 2022

Programs:

Volleyball- Open Gym every Monday and Wednesday at the Rec Center. Attendance has been steady averaging between 15-20 people.

Artisan Market - Had a total of 13 Vendors, Sunset Slush, and Free Coffee Stand Provided by The Blend Coffee Shop, We had about 60 people come out and several of our vendors did quite well.

Fall Party in the Park - The 2022 Fall Party in the Park was held at Doak Park. We had 15 community vendors and over 200 people from the community attended. These events are great to spread information to our community while receiving a free meal from TCS Nutrition, prizes from Rotary and inflatables from Novant Health.

Drive-In movie - This year we showed the first Hocus Pocus again. We gave out candy from Mexico to celebrate Hispanic culture and heritage. All 100 treat bags were given out.

NCRPA Conference - Cory and Molly both attended the NCRPA Conference in Greenville, North Carolina. There were lots of connections made as well as great program ideas to bring back to Thomasville.

Pumpkin Carving - We had the second pumpkin carving at the Thomasville Farmers Market. We had about 35 people come out and carve pumpkins for free. The Pumpkins were donated from Lidl.

Senior Club - During the month of October we visited the Butterfly farm in High Point, had information meetings as well as performances and held our Annual Halloween Potluck.

Cheerleading - Flag and tackle cheer squads continue throughout the month of October with games and pictures. We are coming to an end with Tackle games on Saturday November 6th and Tuesday November 8th for flag football.

Pickleball- Registration for Pickleball is still growing along with new guests visiting and participating weekly. We are currently up to 48 registered members.

Afterschool- The Afterschool Program is still going strong. They have all participated in multiple Fitness Friday, group activities and art projects throughout the month. One of their bigger art projects was spearheaded by Nick Williams and Molly Hussey that was presented to the City Hall staff. On October 28, we took a field trip to City Hall to receive candy and prizes from the Staff.

Kid's Night Out- We had a group of 35 kids at the center for movies, food and fun. We named it Kid's Night Out but it ultimately gave the parents a night out from 6:00-9:00 pm on October 14. The kids had a blast and multiple kids and parents have already asked for an encore.

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Athletics:

Programs Reporting On:

Flag Football Registration/Practices
R.E.D. ZONE Registration/Practices
Youth Basketball Registration

Activities/Programming Performed:

Approximately 126 football participants registered for Flag Football (80 participants) and R.E.D. ZONE: 10u (25 participants); 12u (21 participants). Coaches received equipment and had a meeting to cover all rules and expectations. Practices and game schedules have been finalized and officials have been contacted. R.E.D. ZONE Football games began on September 17th. Practices are ongoing; - 10u (Ages: 9-10) practices take place at Central Recreation; 12U (Ages: 11-12) practices take place at Doak Park. Flag Football games are set to start October 4th with the first game starting at 6:00pm at Cushwa Stadium. The season will consist of a total of 6 games for our 4 team league. All games will be held on Tuesday nights.

Outcomes or issues:

R.E.D. ZONE concluded on Saturday, (November 5, 2022) with all three championship games being held at Cushwa Stadium. Our Flag Football League last game of the season will be held Monday (November 7, 2022).

Upcoming additions or new ideas:

Planning for the upcoming Youth Basketball League has begun. Youth Basketball Registration will start late October / early November. There will be three different divisions: D-League (Developmental) (Ages: 5-6); G-League (Ages: 7-9); and Pro-Am (Professional-Amateur) (Ages: 10-12) All games will be played at Central Recreation Center; D-League games will take place on Saturdays. As of now we have a total of 81 participants signed up: D-League - 21 participants; G-League - 41 participants; Pro-Am - 25 participants.



Maintenance Update October 2022

- ☐ Fire extinguisher inspection
- ☐ Picked up trash in parks
- ☐ Empty trash at playgrounds weekly
- ☐ Set up for Seniors meetings when need
- ☐ Clean farmers market weekly
- ☐ Check supplies in buildings weekly
- ☐ Clean shelters weekly
- ☐ Preparing Cushwa for ball games
- ☐ Cleaning Cushwa after games
- ☐ Going to BBQ Shack, Shulers and Sams weekly for concession supplies
- ☐ Had new ticket booths wired
- ☐ Had new sign installed at Cushwa
- ☐ Painting football field
- ☐ Winterized sprinklers at Cushwa, Pace, Finch field and garden
- ☐ Installed AED machine at Ballpark
- ☐ Removing leaves from parks