



Recreation Committee Meeting

Location: *Recreation Main Office*

(1 E. Main St., Thomasville, NC 27360)

Date: 12/6/2022

Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)

- i. Call to order/ Welcome
- ii. Approval of Agenda
- iii. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/08/22
- iv. Public Forum – Please sign up on the Public Forum Signup Sheet. A two-minute time limit will be enforced.
- v. Agenda Items
 - a) Updates on the Aquatic & Community Center Project
 - b) Park Audit (Chairman Dunbar)
 - c) ARPA Projects
- vi. Reports:
 - a) Division Reports

Response from Committee Members
- vii. Adjournment: The Next Committee Meeting Date: TBD



Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022

Present:

Jarrold Dunbar, Scott Styers, Colon Starrett, Bill Tagliaferri, Steve Bare, Kevin Leake, and Kathleen Sarette

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

Next meeting:

December 6, 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. The motion was approved by Kathleen Sarette and seconded by Bill Tagliaferri. Jarrold asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and motion was approved by Bill Tagliaferri and seconded by Scott Styers. 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 project is moving along and the facility has power. This will allow us to start turning on the HVAC systems. There's plywood in place of the windows which has delayed us some but we do anticipate January 2023 being the finish date. They have been ordered and we should see some being delivered on November 9th and that is a key component to this phase of construction because we can start getting the interior systems acclimated. The team has started to prime the walls and give the first coat of paint as well as put some of the tiling up in the lobby area and locker room / bathroom areas. The wood for the facility has to adapt to the environment before it can be worked on so it can get accustomed to the wet or dry space of the facility. This is the same with using an epoxy floor that is contingent on a good temperature. The curb and gutter is being laid and poured into place and the nice features for the entrance of the facility is coming along. It looks great when you ride by at night and can see the splash pad features, the amusement park slide as well as the shelter beautifully lit. We did bring a contract forward to the City Council for the company Aqua Tech which is a pool management company that will be a third party staffing and maintenance component for us. They do all the chemicals, staff all lifeguards and pool manager but they will recruit locally as well. They can recruit at our local high schools and get them certified, train them and teach them how to be lifeguards. Once the building is complete will determine a grand opening date and will let us know when we can start to operate the Council Chamber and meeting room. The AV system has been an issue with us because the microchip items for soundboards and speakers are hard to get right now.

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The AVIT equipment for the chamber is the holdup due to supply chain being on backorder. It has been ordered and we are still waiting for delivery but this will not be a reason we cannot operate in the Council Chamber. All TV screens are integrated together, each Council chair has a 26-inch monitor at it, there's screens within the room, smartboard for meetings to be held without projection, an automated voting system to utilize the Yes, No, and Maybe options. It's a fully integrated system in that room and the infrastructure of the entire facility will be able to broadcast Wi-Fi to a connection point at our Cushwa Stadium which will then cover the stadium in Wi-Fi for those who need high speed internet. This is what our MIS department is currently using for our park spaces to utilize our cameras as well as downtown Wi-Fi access.

- b. **SYSTEM PROJECTS** – With the ARP funding the city was given, we are able to get connection coverage at our many park spaces with the help of our MIS department. MIS has been working on our park space coverage with Wi-Fi and camera footage. We have coverage at Pace Park, Central Recreation campus, Doak park / skate park and the downtown area. We have begun asphalt paving for finch field and the handicapped parking paving has been done and the lining will be done soon. That will also be done at our Cushwa stadium's handicapped spaces. Myers park is laid and rolled so it is flat which means from Carolina to the second gate past the basketball court will be paved with asphalt for parking. It left about three-fourths of an acre of area down Mason Way and Council is discussing different ideas for that area to add more to the park. The corner of Memorial and East Guilford will receive a milled and resurface asphalt and that area asks for more because it had not been done in a long time and is due for new asphalt. This will also be done at our Reginald Strickland parking lot and had not been done since 1948. The downtown parking lot near the clock tower will have asphalt as well.
- c. **HOLIDAY EVENTS** – This is a very busy time of the year for our department. This coming Saturday we will be hosting our 45th Annual Craft Fair on November 12th from 9AM – 2PM at our Central Recreation Center. Our senior club members will be selling biscuits for breakfast and hotdogs for lunch to raise money for the club. We have our annual Senior Club Thanksgiving and Holiday Lunch on November 16th and then again on December 14th and it is catered by Rosa Mae's. Our Holiday Drive-Thru event will be on December 13th at the downtown clock tower from 5PM – 7PM. We have the Santa Claus Calling registration up for a personalized message from Santa to your child. The deadline for this is December 15th. We are going on 3 field trips; the Millstone Creek Apple Farm this coming Thursday on November 10th, Fruitcake Factory on December 8th, and Wholfhart Haus Dinner Theater on December 20th. We have a Drive-In Movie for Christmas which we will be playing The Grinch on December 16th at 7PM at our Cushwa Stadium and then following that we have Pancakes with Santa at Ball Park on December 17th from 9AM – 10:30AM. There will also be a ½ Day Winter Camp on December 27 – 29 from 7:30AM – 12:30PM. We will be doing fun activities like cooking, arts & crafts, games, and pickleball play.

After no further business, Jarrod asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2022 at Recreation Main Office at 12:00PM.



Athletics/Program Report November 2022

Senior Club - During the month of November, we had our Thanksgiving Dinner, a field trip to the apple farm as well as regular informative meetings!

Football/Cheer Banquet - We hosted a hotdog dinner/awards banquet for the 2022 Football players/ Cheerleaders. Due to the amount of people coming in at one time, we could have been better prepared. However, the kids and parents were happy which all that matters is!

C.O.O.K. Class - On November 5th we hosted a cooking class, partnered with the Thomasville Rotary Club and the Latino Association of Davidson County. We had 15 youth attend this event, and volunteers! The kids made authentic Mexican tacos from scratch.

Craft Fair - The 45th Annual Craft fair was held on Saturday November 12th and was a great success with over 500+ community members coming out to support local artists. All vendors were happy with the turnout and plan to come back next year.

Pickleball- Registration for Pickleball is still growing along with new guests visiting and participating weekly. We are currently up to 53 registered members.

Pickleball Potluck- On November 21, we extended the hours from 3 to 6 hours and allowed the Pickleball players to have their regular open play, pause midway to have a potluck luncheon and resume playing afterwards. The Recreation Staff came by and Cory Tobin gave an update on the things happening in the department.

Afterschool- Afterschool Program is still going strong. They have all participated in numerous fitness and art activities. One of their bigger art projects was spearheaded by Nick Williams and Molly Hussey to give thanks to the City Hall staff by designing Thank You Bags. On November 18, we took a field trip to City Hall to pass out the bags to the Staff.

Volleyball - Great participation still averaging around 18 participants every session, going to be ending soon with youth Basketball starting in December

Letters to Santa- Post Cards have been made and working filling out return addresses and Santa Signature from Payton Williams.

Santa Claus Calling - registration was posted on Revise Forms, TFD will call all registered children between December 16th – 22nd!

Outdoor Programs - Everything in planning has been going good just ready to get things started

Story Walk - Finally got all materials needed to start our 2023 story walk. These story walks will be start at Finch Field and rotate weekly to a different park with a walking trail!

Basketball Registrations - Approximately 137 football participants registered for our Youth Basketball Leagues. D-League (Ages 5-6): 25 participants; G-League (Ages 7-9): 66 participants; Pro-Am (Ages 10-12): 45 participants. Practices will start the second week of December, with games starting the third week of January. The season will consist of 13 teams total with games being held throughout the week as well as Saturday mornings at Central Recreation Center.



MAINTENANCE UPDATE NOVEMBER 2022

- ___ Fire extinguisher inspections
- ___ Pick up trash in parks daily
- ___ Empty trash at playgrounds weekly
- ___ Set up for Senior meetings as needed
- ___ Ceaning Cushwa after ballgames
- ___ Painting football field
- ___ Seting up for football games
- ___ Going to picked up concession supplies weekly
- ___ Removed leaves at Carver
- ___ Patched holes in fence at Myers playground
- ___ Worked on gutter drains at Cushwa
- ___ Installed floor cover for craft fair
- ___ Removed leaves at Pace park
- ___ Removed leaves at Haus
- ___ Winterized visitor restrooms at Cushwa
- ___ Winterized Myers restrooms
- ___ Removing leaves at Memorial Park
- ___ Set up for Craft fair
- ___ Cleaned up for Craft fair
- ___ Closed up Cushwa for the season
- ___ Removed leaves at Lex. Ave.
- ___ Removed leaves at Fairgrove
- ___ Removed leaves central front yard
- ___ Removed leaves at Doak park