

Henderson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 13th, 2019, 12pm, AAC

In attendance: Jeff Donaldson, Phillip Ellis, Jennifer Hensley, Katie Breckheimer, Tricia King, and Corum Smith

Staff in attendance: Carleen Dixon, Bridgette Galloway, and Erin Hendrix

Minutes taken by Erin Hendrix

Called to Order: 12:10pm

Dismissed: 12:57pm

Public Input

None

Members in attendance did not equate to a quorum. Meeting could not be called to order. Minutes from previously meeting could not be approved. The following is a discussion between present members and staff.

Halloween Event Changes - Bridgette Galloway

Bridgette overviews the upcoming Halloween event and the changes that will take place compared to previous years. This year, Parks and Recreation and their partner, Hola Carolina, will be combining events with the City of Hendersonville's downtown trick or treat event. Main Street will be closed down from E. Allen Street to 6th Avenue and will have trick or treating, inflatables, an outdoor movie screen, Hola Carolina's Dia De Los Muertos celebration, and more. Jenn discusses the event and suggests shutting down 4th avenue as well for safety reasons. The board agrees that 4th Avenue it is a common route for trick or treaters leaving the downtown area and would support shutting down the street for the event. Bridgette will take the 4th avenue closure suggestion back to City staff to see if they can implement this safety suggestion.

Soccer 2019 Fall Season Update - Carleen Dixon

Carleen give a brief overview of the upcoming soccer season and give opportunity for the board to ask questions about the league.

Top Gun Tournament Impacts Update - Carleen Dixon

Carleen presented the board with revenue impact reports for the tournaments that have been held this year in Jackson and Etowah Parks. Girls Softball has produced the most revenue as baseball has been out of the county for so long that it will take longer to bring back. Overall, the tournaments have generated 595,600.00 in total impact to our County and there are 7 more scheduled for the fall.

Gymnasium Work Update - Carleen Dixon

The gym floor is undergoing work to repair damage caused by a burst pipe. It has been sanded down and is being allowed to dry out before refinishing can be completed. There were also two spots not caused by the leak but by previous water damage which will need some additional work. Users have been advised of other areas for recreation while this process is completed.

Park Overview

The board viewed pictures of Hickory Nut Gorge Park and some of the recent updates. They were also shown plans for the completion of the military memorial site at Tuxedo Park that the Green River Community Association has been working on. The remaining work will be taking place soon and will be fully funded by the Green River Community Association.

Refund Policy - Erin Hendrix

Erin presents the Board with a department refund policy. They discuss the potential impacts to the community and the responsibility of the department to protect itself and its contracted instructors. The board that was present all supported the policy and stated that it was needed. However, it will be placed on the September agenda for review and a recommendation since a quorum was not present.

Hola Community Arts Potential Partnership - Carleen Dixon

Carleen will be presenting a proposal to the Board of Commissioners on August 21st from Hola Community Arts. They are requesting to use space at the Jackson Park House for offices and gallery/event space. The Hola Community Arts proposal was shared with the board seeking feedback. The board discussed the proposal and potential use of the house. They support the idea of Hola Community Arts being in the Jackson Park House. They had a few questions about what the group would be providing in exchange for rent and use of the facility but ultimately decided this was up to the BOC to work through the details. They could not make a formal recommendation due to the lack of quorum however, they all stated support for Hola Community Arts being located at the Jackson Park House and a partnership with Parks and Recreation.

Motions:

None. Member attendance did not reach quorum.