

## Henderson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 12pm, AAC

**In attendance:** Jeff Donaldson, Terry Maybin, David Hill, Milton Butterworth, Corum Smith, Bob Smith, Philip Ellis, Stephanie Cantwell, Scott Rhodes, Katie Breckheimer and Tricia King.

**Staff in attendance:** Carleen Dixon, Melanie Adams, Jason Kilgore, Bruce Gilliam, Autumn Radcliff, Charlie Savage(new intern)

### Speakers in attendance:

- **Call to Order:** 12:08
- **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the November 2021 minutes was made by Katie Breckheimer, seconded by Bob Smith, unanimously approved.

(comments by Katie Breckheimer concerning trails and taking care of our current facility needs to be clarified in previous meeting minutes – needs to be: take care of other facilities instead of also take care of current trails)

- **New Business:**
  - a. **ArtScape proposal for Jackson Park – Michele Sparks with Art MoB Studios and Marketplace** (proposal for local artists work to be used for banners on posts throughout the park) Carleen - Not a direct expense for HCPRD, will only require manpower to put up the banners. Motion to approve made by Terry Maybin, and seconded by Katie Breckheimer, unanimously approved to move forward with banners.
  - b. **Balloon Ban in Parks Proposal – Katie Breckheimer**  
Brought up concern for large balloon release within the parks and proposal for support to take to the county commissioners for a ban on balloon releases within Henderson County Parks. Environmental concerns discussed and possible ordinance modification through the county commissioners. Work to proceed on this topic to be brought back during the January meeting.
- **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. **Soccer Subcommittee Update – Bruce**  
Update from Sub-Committee (Stephanie, Milton, Philip and Bruce) to discuss soccer in Henderson County and ABYSA. Milton updated the group on the minutes from their sub-committee meeting. Identify what we are doing well and what we need to do better to support our Henderson County Soccer Community. Looking for true access for all through recreation soccer and also competitive soccer. Concern that there might be a lack of representation on the ABYSA board, challenge of field

conditions, and contract status between Buncombe County and ABYSA and non-renewal of contract. Discussion to continue concerning ABYSA, Henderson County Youth Soccer Association and Henderson County Parks and Recreation Soccer. The soccer sub-committee will continue to gather information to share a upcoming meetings.

**b. Capital Budget Recommendations – Carleen**

The Advisory Board requested a list of top priorities to be able to review and make suggestions for the upcoming budget. These are some of the top priorities needed currently:

Renovation of Jackson Park maintenance building and parking lot upgrade

Field 7 flip for better utilization and safety

Lower tennis courts resurface and replace back fence (same as work completed on upper tennis courts)

Lighting upgrades on sport fields 8 and 9 poles – considering phasing the lights to upgrade all lights on all fields

Inner loop trail renovation

Update on playground – commissioners approved \$50,000 to begin planning process, TDA and ELKS is heading up the fundraising for the playground project.

AAC replace floor goals with hanging goals

Renovate gym access to a main entrance

Etowah Park - replace playground, resurface basketball courts/replace goals and add pickleball courts

East Flat Rock Park and Edneyville Park – replace playgrounds

If any members have suggestions on these priorities please let me know as soon as possible or at the latest or next meeting.

• **Member Comments**

Discussion continues on soccer field improvements or purchase of property for a soccer complex.

• **Call to Adjourn: 1:37 Corum Smith made motion to adjourn**