

Recommendations for Bynum Beach-Name Change to South Bynum River Access

Recreation Advisory Committee GO TO Meeting Agenda for November 18, 2020

6:00 Welcome (Tim)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Tim Mounce ✓
James Fogelman
Josh Lindgren
Lisa Baaske ✓
Ann- Excused Absence
Megan Lynch
Andrew George ✓
George Pauly ✓
Tammy Phillips
David Woods ✓

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Tracy Burnett ✓
Jina Stamey ✓
Mallory Peterson ✓

6:10 Approve September 16, 2020 Minutes

1st Motion: George
2nd Motion: Andrew
Minutes Approved.

Comment(s):

- Suggestion made to use full name of attendees under the ‘welcome’ section.

6:15 Bynum Beach recommendations for public river access to the BOC and updates (Tracy)

- Megan and George attended the August Bynum meeting for citizen input.
- The following phase recommendations will be presented to the BOC at their December 21st one on one meeting:

Phase 1

- * Signage/ park rules including QR codes in English and Spanish
- * Site condition improvements with trimming clean-up
- * Discourage access to adjacent private properties
- * Provide trash cans and park benches
- * Create designated parking spaces and rope off no-parking areas
- * Install a gate by the river access staircase entrance
- * Address erosion issues by checking with NC State Natural Resource measurements

Phase 2:

- * Open to further discussions-formal canoe access

Comment(s):

- Tracy reviewed the 7 principles of “leave not trace”.
- George asked about adding specific wording for fishing rules in Phase 1. Tracy said an informational board would be added to the recommendations. Tim suggested a fish ID sign would be a great project for someone to adopt.
- George asked about parking in the gravel area, but DOT prohibits parking in that area.
- Tracy clarified a gate would come at a future time after signage.

6:45 Shared use agreement update (Tracy)

- Chatham County has secured a new attorney who is reviewing the agreement draft. The attorney wants to address some issues in the agreement.

Comment(s):

- The Commission and Department are excited about offering a diverse array of programs in the gym after 3:30 pm, and the community center portion as early as 9 am.
- Tim asked Tracy if the Department could have programs in the gym during the day on Wednesdays when the school is not using the gym. Tracy to follow-up and report back.

6:55 The Park at Briar Chapel PARTF and park improvements (Tracy)

- We are meeting our obligations of PARTF funds. The dog park fencing is finished and we’re waiting for installation of the water line and benches for the dog park.
- The additional parking spaces are anticipated to be completed before the April, 2021 deadline.
- Staff are working on dog park rules and are reviewing dog park rules from other dog park locations.

7:05 Covid-19 modified upcoming programs (Tracy)

- Staff are working on holiday programs and events.
- The Holly Jolly Drive Through event is scheduled for December 11 at NE Park (see flyer). More than 500 people have expressed interest on social media.
- Tracy reviewed the successful Halloween drive through event with 300+ families.
- Staff are planning a youth basketball modified skills development program to be offered by school group pods.

7:10 Others

- George shared a Christmas fundraiser idea that he recalled from Ft. Wayne, Indiana involving local businesses.
- Mallory updated members on virtual program offerings.
- Staff will look into food collection at their events or teaming up with a food organization to help get activity bags to kids.
- Tracy and Tim are presenting our yearend report to the BOC on December 21st.

7:15 Adjourn

1st Motion: George

2nd Motion: David

Meeting adjourned. Next virtual meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021. Tracy will send out the agenda and GoToMeeting link prior to our meeting.