

## Recreation Advisory Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: James Fogleman, Joy Hewett, Anne Geer, Kent Barlow, Tammy Phillips, Maria Gomez Flores, Tracy Burnett, Frank Gomez Flores

**Correction: Megan Lynch was present for the March 16, 2022, meeting but was left off by mistake. Minutes were read and approved and seconded with this correction.**

Welcome by Tracy Burnett to the Chatham Grove Community Center

Minutes approved by Joy Hewett and seconded by Anne Geer.

### **Parkers Ridge**

- Got the green light to work on the RFQ to do Phase I
- Tracy listed all the amenities that will be in Phase I
- ARPA funding and Coal Ash funds are allocated to this project
- Discussed future amenities outside of Phase I

### **Grants to Organizations Process**

- Grant is \$20,300
- In March announcement will be made that the application will open on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Megan asked if everyone could receive a list of everyone, we will send notice to about the grant opportunity
- Joy asked if we could receive the link so they can share information on how/where to apply for the Grants to Organizations
- Tracy explained the matrix system for scoring
- Tracy explained the mid-year and final report that we receive from Grant applicants

### **Haw River Steering Committee Update**

- Tracy talked about how advisory members can participate in the meetings if they wish to and the meetings are being held to keep everyone engaged with the Haw River Corridor plans

### **EDA**

- Alamance and Chatham County applied jointly for the EDA grant to provide resources to support development of a Haw River corridor feasibility study and economic impact analysis. Hopefully will know something soon if we are awarded.

## **Committee Retreat**

- Tracy asked if October 1<sup>st</sup> was a good date for the annual Recreation Advisory Committee Retreat. She explained to the new members the purpose for the retreat and for them to be thinking of what they want to discuss in October
- Megan asked about meetings with the Town of Siler City and Town of Pittsboro Advisory boards. Tracy said she will discuss this with them.

## **Other Topics**

- Frank Gomez Flores announced that the county has been approved to apply for grants for new gyms at Silk Hope, Bonlee, and Bennett
- Tracy discussed the Program Guide, and everyone received a copy of the program guide
- Tracy announced upcoming events: Earth Day at Southwest Park and the grand opening of the extension of the existing trail and opening of Track Trail and explained the details of the Track Trail
- James asked if we were closing the Northwest pool. Tracy said that the pool is not closing, and we will keep it open as long as we can keep up the repairs or there is a plan to do something differently.
- Megan asked where the Story Walk idea came from. Tracy explained it was an idea from Mallory. Megan said to let her know how impressed she was with her idea of it.
- James recommended to reach out to more people to see what programs are being offered and what they wanted, and Tracy said it was done with community meetings when the Master Plan was being completed.
- Maria asked about a Program Guide being done in Spanish. Members also asked if the guide can be distributed to the library.
- Next meeting was announced to be on May 18<sup>th</sup> which training will be done for Foundant for Grants to Organizations

Meeting Adjourned

A tour of the Community Center was given to everyone