

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
December 20, 2016

I. Call to Order

- Laura Botto called the Meeting to order. The Meeting was held in Building G, Parks and Recreation Conference Room.

II. Invocation

- Dale Rabon gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2016 Meeting

- **The Minutes were approved 5-0. Mike Allocco made a motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Dale Rabon seconded.**

IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard

- **There were no Citizens Wishing to be Heard.**

V. Commission Business Session

- **Discussion of 2017 Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Updated
Board is requested to discuss Plan and update and formally approve**

Aaron went over the 2017 Strategic Plan. Discussed results to approve. Explained that last year we had to do a re-evaluation and held meeting in the Commissions Chamber. Had an excess of 60 plus people attend.

Aaron stated the Comprehensive Plan in 2009 showed a lot of Parks are not to code with ADA compliance. Town Creek needed renovation. Septic tank caused problems and the Park was not in ADA compliance. Comprehensive Plan is put in place to list items that might be completed. We are now at pay as we go with projects.

Mike asked if the Advisory Board should focus on ADA compliance or park improvements for the area they serve.

Aaron indicated that most complaints from the public are in regards to outdated facilities based on Parks being built in the 1970's. Stated Hood Creek Community Building is outdated and when used for Elections our office receives the complaints. When sports events are occurring then the complaints are in regards to sports.

A Grant was not applied for in regards to Smithville Park. The project came in at 9.5 million and had to be phased out with first phase being at 4.5 million. Once Smithville was approved the time to apply for a Grant had passed. Partf Grant process is very detailed with a 300-400 page document.

Ocean Isle Beach Park wanted to be done next. The Town of OIB donated property 10 years ago and County had yet to proceed with project. Two million was allocated to OIB Park with an additional 2.5 million for a total of 4.5 million. Received a Partf Grant for \$300,000 for a total of 4.8 million.

Aaron stated that projects would have to be in the top 5 of Capital Projects to be considered.

Mike asked could you apply for Grants for studies and Aaron said yes.

Mike said he looked at the County in regards to rating the Strategic Plan rather than his district and where can we make the biggest impact in regards to the money.

Dale indicated he would love the County to have a bond done to get more projects done at one time.

Mike asked Aaron could we do a bond and Aaron said the County Commissioners had voted to pay as you go. He recommended the Advisory Board take their request to their Commissioners in regards to the bond.

After discussion the Advisory Board ranked projects for the 2017 Strategic Plan as follows:

1. Ocean Isle Beach Park
2. Smithville Park
3. Lockwood Folly Park
4. Leland Park
5. Shallotte Park
6. Northwest Park

Numbers 7 through 20 were listed as what was suggested by the Advisory Board and Recreation Staff combined which is listed as follows:

7. Navassa Park
8. Holden Beach Park
9. Cedar Grove Park Phase 2
10. Smithville Park Phase 2
11. Dutchman Creek Park
12. Brunswick Nature Park
13. Greenway Master Plan
14. Sunset Harbor Blue Way Trail
15. Tournament Sports Complex
16. Aquatics Feasibility Study
17. Greenway System Phase 1
18. Greenway System Phase 2
19. Aquatics Facility South
20. Aquatics Facility West

Mike made a motion to accept the 2017 Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan as listed above and Danny seconded. Motion was approved 5 to 0.

- **Advisory Board Training/Travel Requests for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

Aaron stated in the past Advisory Board Member Cynthia Tart attended training. Informed Board that he would be adding them to receive the monthly NRPA magazine. Indicated the State Conference is in Greensboro 9/11-9/13/17 and the National is in New Orleans 9/26-9/28/17. Asked to let him know by January 20, 2017 who was interested in attending. Would have to look at adding it into the upcoming budget. Laura stated the National was the best to attend and had the top things. Aaron felt he got more out of the State.

- **Leland Senior Community Building**

Aaron indicated they had been back and forth with issues in regards to the Building. Dixie Youth wants to fix the Building although Operation Services does not think it is fixable. Dixie Youth said they would still like the opportunity to see if they can fix the building. Mike felt they should be allowed the chance as long as they bring the Building to compliance.

VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Waccamaw Park Project**

Maintenance building is 75% completed. Four tennis courts and one basketball court is done. One tennis court has pickle ball courts marked. Doing sidewalk to tennis courts in house.

- **Update on Smithville Park**

Received DOT permits. Meetings for prebid to be held 12/21/16 at 11:00 am at Parks & Recreation Building G. Final bids due by 5 pm on 1/12/17. Will be able to inform Advisory Board who won the bid at the next meeting.

- **Update on Ocean Isle Beach**

Meeting to be held on 12/21/16 at 12:30 pm, Parks & Recreation Building G, to meet with Benesch to start design of 30/60/90. Whoever will be working on project will be at meeting to make sure to catch things up front. Pickle ball Association is requesting to help out with fundraiser events to be able to do fixtures. Aaron stated County Manager is checking. Pickle ball Association will submit what fixtures they want and how they will raise funds then bring to Advisory Board to take to the Commissioners.

VII. Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members

Laura indicated she received an email from Andrea White in regards to copying her on the minutes from our meeting. Tanya stated she would be supplying this information to Andrea. Laura also said she was contacted by Alan Holden in regards to supplying input on what he thought would be advantageous for the Holden Beach Park Project. Laura asked if Aaron would call him and Aaron said yes.

Aaron said we had received a \$250,000 Grant for Holden Beach Park. We are working with Operation Services to do parking, electrical, picnic, restrooms and dock.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mike. The meeting was adjourned.

IX. Meeting Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mike Allocco, Danny Sellers, Dale Rabon, Leander Mosley and Laura Botto

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2017