

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS: Wayne Wheeler, Barry Mundt, Mildred Nance-Carson, Hutch Kerns, Josh O’Conner, Todd Dunnuck

COUNCIL: Chris Pelly

STAFF: Roderick Simmons, Director; Judith Scott, Administrative Assistant; Sandra Travis, Program Supervisor; Amy Rickman, Recreation Superintendent

Wayne opened the meeting at 12:34PM.

1. Approval of April Minutes

Wayne called for a motion to approve the April Minutes. Barry commented that on page 3, item 6, second paragraph that “relay” needs to be changed to “rely.” With change, Mildred motioned to approve. Todd seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

2. Buncombe County Charters of Freedom Monument

Ed Sherry, Transition Manager for the Buncombe County Library, Recreation & Culture Authority, presented the proposal for The Charters of Freedom Monument, which is a gift from Vance Patterson. The monument will be located in Pack Square Park to the left of the Veteran’s Memorial. It is a replica of the three charters at the National Archives that includes the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Vance Patterson showed an image of what the six panels and materials look like that will be enclosed in glass. Asked if it will be graffiti protected? It will be cleanable.

Hutch asked if city is responsible for the cost of maintenance. Roderick explained maintenance cost will be split between the city and the county. What is the process of design and approval? Permitting will follow the normal process and architects will look at the concept.

Looking at the future of how parks grow, how does the city make sure the park will not be a lot of little memorials? Roderick explained the county is the city’s partner in the park, and it is the county who wishes to do this memorial. If it was an independent group, it would be a whole different process. This is an internal decision to add the memorial to the park and sharing information with the board.

To proceed, Vance will need an exchange of letters of intent.

3. RAB 2014 Goals Approval

No comments were made on the individual goals. Hutch had an overall comment about not biting off too much. We have four focus areas. Do we want to assign a focus area to each board member so we don't get six months down the road and it doesn't happen? Wayne was hoping there would be a full board to see who's interested which goal. He sent an email asking members to indicate their interest but only received one response.

Wayne asked for approval of the goals. Josh approved with the caveat that we sequentially number the goals. Todd seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

4. RAB 2014 Goals Assignments

Josh stated focus goal areas are nebulous until we get into the action steps so we should assign the action steps. Hutch thinks the first three are the same in getting the word out. Josh doesn't feel that Goals 1 and 2 needs to be assigned but feels the last three goals can be tracked and need to be assigned.

Wayne asked Chris how he sees it going with individual council members. Chris and Wayne will meet to talk about meeting goals.

Barry is interested in Communications Goal 1.

Hutch is interested in Communications Goal 2 step 1 for cultural arts authority and would like a meeting with Jay Davis.

Asheville Parks and Greenway Foundation in Communications Goals 2 Step 2 would like a representative. Josh volunteered to represent.

Wayne is putting Bob Pierce on the goal with the Friends of the Nature Center because he already has a relationship with them.

Community Outreach and Public Engagement – Roderick said an appointed board member will work with Debbie. Wayne volunteered.

Partnerships – Todd will be on the partnership Expo with Josh.

Finance and Budget – Not assigned.

Wayne will send another email to all board members to review and add their names to a goal.

5. Director's Report

Roderick presented the Director's Report.

Swimming Pools – Due to the cold winter, and trying to find and repair cracks in the swimming pools, Walton Street Pool will open later. There are also delays in hiring lifeguards. If we don't get enough lifeguards, we may have to post and limit capacity at the pools.

Work on the Shiloh Center gym floor started two weeks ago, and should be done before summer camp starts. The remainder of the renovations will occur after summer camp. Work on the Stephens Lee Center gym renovations to start in July.

We are working through the budget process. There are no major changes. The Parks and Recreation budget should stay the same at \$9 million.

6. Reports: Asheville Area Riverfront Redevelopment Commission

No report.

7. Other Business

Debbie sent out a list of upcoming events. Wayne would like to see more RAB members at the events if they are able to attend to show support.

Wayne commented that at the next meeting we will be talking about Chair/Vice Chair position. We need to tighten up on the goal assignments and make a decision on the new board members.

Josh commented that as a board we should not review the new applicants. He feels the Council should choose the board and that it might provide more diversity if the Council selects the RAB member.

Todd suggested if there are many applicants, the board streamlines the applicant pool. If there are 20, we will whittle it down to two.

Chris said if a board needs specific skills they will query the board to weigh in. Whatever the board decides to do, the council will do what they want to do. Council knows diversity is important.

Josh motioned that the board refrain from selecting preferred applicant. Mildred seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

8. Adjournment

Wayne called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mildred motioned to adjourn. Josh seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Adjourned at 1:10 PM.