

## **Parks and Recreation Committee meeting December 6, 2011**

**Attendees:** Emily Jaeckli, Kirsten Barrington-Hughes, Justin Tamerlano, Molly Gassel, Jennifer Miles, Jim Arnold, George Fiegel

**Additional Attendees:** Mayor George Sheppard, Charlie Funderburk, Joey Blethen, Walker Brown, Kim Brown, Melissa Ippolito

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Emily called the meeting to order.

#### **2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes**

Kirsten made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting and Molly seconded it. It passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **3. Living Memorial Gardens**

Walker Brown outlined an effort to raise money for the naming rights for the "Noah Mayberry Butterfly Gardens" at the Living Memorial Gardens. In addition he is also attempting to raise money for a water fountain or decorative fountain. The total price is estimated to be about \$4000. The Parks & Recreation committee had already collected funds for the gardens and Charlie asked if we should move it to this effort. Everyone agreed. Other suggestions were given to Walker to raise money. George Sheppard suggested that Walker come and talk at the City Council Meeting on January 17, 2012.

#### **4. AD HOC for Catawba Park**

The recent efforts of the Facilities Study Group were presented at the December 21 council meeting. It was well received. It was suggested that the AD HOC Group continue as a group under the Parks & Recreation Committee. It was also suggested that the group focus on funding and design. The size of the group would be about 7. Jennifer expects that 4 people in the present group will continue on. The group would look at grants, partnerships, naming rights, and would work to have concrete commitments.

Jennifer made the following about the people who would join:

- How are the members identified
- Need an outline of how to get others to join in
- Don't want to exclude anyone.

It was suggested that a job description be drawn up for the group's positions. It should contain sections for skills, connections, and background.

Kirsten made a motion that the AD HOC committee develop a job description and distribute it to the committee via e-mail for final approval in February. Molly seconded the motion. The staff liaisons will be Charlie and Joey.

## **Old Business**

### **5. Concerts**

The Parks & Rec committee discussed the role of the committee and how it fits in with events and programs. The subject of Concerts was of concern because of the character of the work. No one in the room wanted the concerts to discontinue. Emily summarized the conversation with a statement that the concerts will in fact continue. The character of future work done by the Parks & Rec was discussed.

Jennifer made a motion that we request the City Council to review the Master Plan and give direction to the Park & Rec committee about which items should be addressed, both now and beyond; by our February meeting. Emily seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Charlie explained his understanding of the structure under which the Parks & Rec Committee operates. The City Council provides the vision. It works with the City Manager to build a Parks & Rec charter. Staff develops the goals for operation and the staff implements the goals.

Jim thought that the AD HOC Committee for Catawba Park is one of our short term goals. We need to emphasize who we need to serve and get Catawba Park on line.

### **6. Staff Comments**

The sports registration has started and the money is rolling in.

### **7. Committee Comments**

None

### **8. Public Comments**

None

### **9. Adjourn**

Emily adjourned the meeting