TOWN OF GARNER

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

Advisory Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2022

Date and Time: Pursuant to the Bylaws governing the Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on May 16, at 6pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Ms. Durham called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. The committee members present were Ernestine Durham-Chair, Mon Peng Yueh, Tim Montgomery, Jay Ditenhafer, Matt Davis, Autumn Beam, Tina Johnson- Senior Advisory Committee Liaison and Demian Dellinger- Council Liaison. Committee members absent were Chris O’Connor- Vice Chair, Cassondra Liles, Hope Weber. Staff members present were Maria Muñoz-Blanco- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Director, and Megan Young- Operations Superintendent.
2. Approval of the April Agenda:
   1. Mr. Ditenhafer motioned to approve the Agenda and Ms. Beam seconded.
3. Approval of the March Meeting Minutes:
   1. Mr. Montgomery motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Davis seconded.
4. Petitions and Comments from the Public:
   1. Ms. Muñoz-Blanco shared concern from a citizen regarding dogs on athletic fields.
5. Committee Members Concerns/Comments:
   1. None
6. Senior Advisory Committee:
   1. Ms. Johnson had no updates from the Advisory Committee since their meeting is later this week. She will provide a more detailed report at next meeting.
7. Reports/Discussion Items
   1. Director’s Reports
      1. Town Council Agenda – ByLaw Amendments: No longer on May 17th Council agenda due to differences in chapter 12 and Town practices. Staff will bring updated information back to the committee later.
      2. New Staff Announcements: Marketing Coordinator begins Monday, May 23 and Sara Shaw will be stepping away from Advisory Board responsibilities due to recent promotion.
   2. Council Updates:
      1. Mr. Dellinger reported on budget, including Council requests of budget committee from last week’s work session. There will be further updates shared at the next Council meeting. He shared focus on revenue model and diversification, including likely tax increases. Ms. Muñoz-Blanco shared budget impacts to Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources with hopes to limit service impacts despite likely budget cuts.
      2. Mr. Dellinger announced plans for a Juneteenth celebration at the Garner Performing Arts Center. More information to be shared soon.
   3. Announcements:
      1. Ms. Muñoz-Blanco shared the Garner Senior Center will be hosting the volunteer banquet.
      2. Mr. Montgomery shared updates from Transportation Committee. Noted data was shared, including speed limits, and committee members were tasked with sharing feedback. Mr. Montgomery shared importance of connectivity to parks and pedestrian safety at committee meeting.
   4. Other Business
      1. Appointment of Nominating Committee
         1. Mr. Dellinger nominated Ms. Durham for Chair and Mr. Ditenhafer seconded.
         2. Mr. Dellinger nominated Ms. Beam for Vice Chair and Mr. Ditenhafer seconded.
         3. Mr. Dellinger updated the board on candidate process to fill vacant committee seats.
         4. Nominating committee discussed at meeting and official voting will occur at June’s meeting and the committee will break for July and August.
   5. Adjournment
      1. Mr. Montgomery motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Dellinger seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.