

TOWN OF GARNER
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Date: December 19, 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 December 19, at 6pm at the Garner Senior Center.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Ernestine Durham called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. The committee members present were Chair Ernestine Durham, Tim Montgomery, Hope Webber, Mark Wood, and Mon Peng Yueh. Staff members present were Maria Muñoz-Blanco, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Director, Megan Young, Operations Superintendent, Todd Riddick, Recreation & Athletics Superintendent, Outdoor Education and Parks Manager, Colleen Bockhahn, and Parks and Nature Superintendent, Katie Lockhart.
2. Approval of the Agenda:
 - a. Ernestine Durham asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Tim motioned to approve the Agenda and Hope seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Approval of the September Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Chair Durham asked for any changes or a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21,2022 meeting. No changes were noted. Motion to approve made by Hope, seconded by Tim. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Petitions and Comments from the Public:
 - a. None.
5. Committee Members Concerns/Comments:
 - a. None.
6. Senior Advisory Committee:
 - a. Senior Advisory Committee member not present; updates included in Director's Report.
7. Reports/Discussion Items
 - a. Director's Reports: Director Muñoz-Blanco presented the monthly report.
 - i. Garner Senior Center was selected for 7th Annual Ann Johnson Senior Center of the Year Award for Excellence in the Field of Aging.
 - ii. Garner Recreation Center won Best Infill Building Project Award of Merit for 2022.
 - iii. Maria presented Yeargan Park shelter plan concepts for review and discussion.
 1. Jay asked if the shelter could be rented, and staff noted it would primarily be open for general and tournament use with potential for rentals.
 2. Ernestine stated preference of 'fan' concept.
 3. Tim asked if a farm-like concept could be considered given Yeargan's Peaks of Preservation theme.
 4. Mon Peng noted focusing on access of restrooms and said the mechanical building should be integrated into building form. Mon Peng also suggested avoiding the 'necklace' concept, which wouldn't provide as much shelter.

5. The committee prefers 'fan' concept first, 'branch' concept second.
- iv. Colleen Bockhahn, Outdoor Education and Parks Manager was introduced to the committee.
- v. Maria shared updates on park development, including contracting with SEPI Engineering for the Meadowbrook Park Dam project.
- vi. Maria shared two items on upcoming Council agenda including the approval of the contract with Surface678 for the design of the White Deer Park Inclusive Playground and Splash Pad and the approval of the contract with WithersRavenel for the design of the South Garner Greenway extension.
- b. Council Updates:
 - i. Council Member Dellinger not present.
- c. Announcements:
 - i. None.
8. Other Business
 - i. The standing meeting will fall on a holiday and the committee unanimously agreed to change the next meeting on Monday, January 23.
 - ii. Tim shared an update regarding a draft on what was prioritized for sidewalk projects. Tim noted connection to parks was a priority for him. Tim will share draft for the group to review and provide feedback.
- b. Adjournment
 - i. With no further business, Chair Durham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim made the motion, seconded by Jay. Motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.