

# **Garner Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**March 26, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Location: Garner Senior Center Zoom Meeting**

Attendance: John Bigliardi, Tony DeRico, Nancy Cope, Ann Morgan, Charlie Pierce, Sharon Verity, Tina Johnson. Town Staff: Matt Roylance, Asst Town Manager: Nancy Hulbert, Assist Manager for Adult and Senior Programs; Torrey Blackmar, Manager of Adult and Senior Programs.

John Bigliardi, GSCAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am. March 2021 minutes were approved with adopted changes.

A recreation center update was made by Matt Roylance. The Town of Garner is still working with contractors to correct some window leaks at the facility. There will be further tests with water hoses to ensure that the modifications made are working. This should be the final issue to correct before the architect review for project completion.

Matt Roylance updated the group on the hiring process for the PRCR Director position. There were 51 applicants, and the pool has been narrowed down to 2 candidates. Matt also made the announcement that he is taking a management position with Wake County Government and will be leaving the Town of Garner in early April.

Nancy Hulbert discussed GSC efforts with virtual programming and having the help from the GPAC to produce quality live broadcasts. Staff has now been vaccinated and are optimistic about bringing back some programs that are allowable with executive orders in May. Using largest spaces, distancing and wearing masks will be part of the protocol to offer programs such as: chair fitness, indoor walking and line dance classes. Staff will be hosting an outdoor party on April 27 to welcome participants back and introduce our new line dance instructor, Renee Hagan.

The Garner Senior Center was chosen as a location to offer an Equitable COVID Vaccination Clinic on February 20 (2<sup>nd</sup> vaccinations 3/13). This was part of an effort made by doctors at Wake Medical Practices to boost availability of vaccines in marginalized communities. Vaccinations were intended to target marginalized African American and Latin X citizens. The target group was well represented and there were enough appointments available to offer to anyone 65 or older. Anyone that met the age requirement was registered for an appointment. The response was extremely positive. PRCR Staff promoted and registered 200 people for vaccinations and staffed both clinics.

PRCR Advisory Committee Update- Torrey Blackmar. GRC Update made earlier in the meeting. Contracts to renew consulting work for the Meadowbrook and Yeorgan park plans are underway. The master plans have received public input and will be updated with recommendations.

GSC staff thanked the advisory board members who helped to make phone calls to folks that we lost touch with because of the pandemic.

Meet adjourned at 9:50am.

Respectfully submitted by Torrey Blackmar