

TOWN OF GARNER  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Date: March 18, 2024

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 March 18, 2024 at the Garner Recreation Center.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Vice Chair Matt Davis started the meeting at 6:07pm. The committee members present were Matt Davis, Dr. LaPonda Edmondson, Tim Montgomery, and Mon Peng Yueh. Staff members present were Maria Muñoz-Blanco, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Director, Todd Riddick, Parks and Recreation Superintendent (Recreation & Athletics), and Megan Young, Parks and Recreation Superintendent (Operations). Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Liaison Jo Cicci was also in attendance. There was not a meeting quorum.
2. Approval of the Agenda:
  - a. There was not a quorum, but the committee reviewed and discussed agenda items that didn't require a vote.
3. Approval of the December Meeting Minutes:
  - a. There was not a quorum and therefore, minutes were not approved.
4. Petitions and Comments from the Public:
  - a. None.
5. Committee Members Concerns/Comments:
  - a. Matt inquired about the status of closing fields when inclement weather impacts playability. Maria and Todd noted they're working with Public Works on an ideal process to ensure fields and gates remained closed to prevent field damage.
  - b. Dr. LaPonda Edmondson inquired about security cameras and referenced City of Raleigh being approved for 80+ cameras for park sites. Maria noted IT is looking into Town-wide camera systems and consistency, including budget impacts.
6. Senior Advisory Committee:
  - a. Jo Cicci, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee liaison, shared Garner Senior Center updates:
    - i. Staff are preparing for Senior Center of Excellence recertification.
    - ii. Resources for Seniors will be publishing a smaller guide.
    - iii. Garner Senior Center is hosting a chartered bus trip to Ceasars Casino in Danville, Va.
    - iv. The next committee-led Garner Senior Center open house will be May 8, 4-6pm.
7. Reports/Discussion Items
  - a. Director and Department Reports:
    - i. Director Maria Muñoz-Blanco presented on the items reflected in the Director's Report, along with additional updates:

1. The department is hosting a public input session at White Deer Park on Monday, March 25, 4:30-6:00pm. The department will also be hosting pop-ups associated with this project.
  2. The department is working with WithersRavenel to update the Lake Benson Park Master Plan to determine the feasibility of relocating the boathouse.
  3. A request for proposals has been posted for two solar-powered track compactors to be piloted at Lake Benson Park.
  4. Spring Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 23, 10:00am-12:30pm.
  5. Upcoming Council agenda items include NCDOT resolution for road closures for July 3 and a presentation on the White Deer Park inclusive playground.
  6. Congressman Wiley earmark for the Meadowbrook Dam.
- ii. The committee reviewed the parkland dedication/fee in lieu options for Bryan Road Subdivision, Vail Assemblage, and Clifford Road Subdivision.
    1. The PRCR Committee agreed with staff recommendations.
    2. Tim inquired about the development on Garner Rd. Maria shared it was on the Council agenda for March 19.
    3. Tim also inquired about the difference in conversion and fee-in-lieu/land dedication process. Maria shared an overview and noted the Planning Director would be invited to the next meeting to provide additional insight into the overall process.
    4. Mon Peng inquired about the condition of no vinyl siding and Maria noted it was a condition set by the developer.
  - iii. Maria shared an overview of the department's National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) CAPRA reaccreditation efforts, noting staff would bring plan and policy revisions to the committee. Megan shared details regarding the reaccreditation timeline, including a January 15 self-assessment deadline with site visits likely to be next spring.
  - iv. The committee discussed the letter of support for the Environmental Enhancement Grant Program for Meadowbrook Park Dam and Stream Improvements. The committee supports the department's efforts to apply for the grant.
- b. Council Updates:
    1. Council Member Singleton was not in attendance.
  - c. Announcements:
    1. None.
8. Other Business
    - i. None.
    - b. Adjournment
      - i. The meeting ended at 6:50pm.