

TOWN OF GARNER
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Date: May 20, 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 May 20, 2024 at the Garner Recreation Center.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Autumn Beam started the meeting to order at 6:05pm. The committee members present were Autumn Beam, Hope Webber, Matt Davis, and Mon Peng Yueh. Town Council liaison Gra Singleton and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee liaison Jo Cicci were also in attendance. Staff members present were Maria Muñoz-Blanco, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Director and Megan Young, Parks and Recreation Superintendent (Operations).
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 April Meeting Minutes:
 - a. There was not a quorum and therefore, minutes were not approved.
4. Petitions and Comments from the Public:
 - a. Staff received 5-6 emails requesting sand volleyball courts. Ms. Muñoz-Blanco noted the request would be added to the community input list as future funding is available.
5. Committee Members Concerns/Comments:
 - a. None.
6. Senior Advisory Committee:
 - a. Ms. Cicci, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee liaison shared updates from the most recent Senior Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.
 - i. Resources for Seniors reported a new database being used to log requests and issues.
 - ii. The Center of Excellence recertification process is underway.
 - iii. Recent open house survey feedback is being gathered.
 - iv. Mayor Pro Tem Elmo Vance attended the committee on behalf of the Council's HR Committee, designed to appoint committee members.
 - v. The committee discussed holding a senior day cookout in the fall.
7. Reports/Discussion Items
 - a. Director and Department Reports:
 - i. Ms. Muñoz-Blanco shared updates from the department report:
 1. Penny for Parks funding will be utilized to replace playground structures at Avery Street Park and South Garner Park.
 2. Staff updates including:
 - a. Colleen Bockhahn was presented with Wake Audubon Society's John Connors Conservation & Environmental Education Award.

- b. Kayla Bender and Katie Lockhart were recognized at the 2024 NC Environmental Education Certification Recognition Ceremony.
 - c. Shelby Paustian earned her Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP).
 - 3. Update on staff feedback during the pre-application meeting for Rock Quarry Road Assemblage.
 - 4. Upcoming Council agenda items:
 - a. Bid award for solar-powered trash compactors RFP.
 - b. Design-build contract for White Deer Park.
 - 5. Provided an overview of performance objectives, along with May and June events.
 - b. Council Updates:
 - 1. Council Member Singleton shared a reminder Council will be holding a Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 23.
 - c. Announcements:
 - 1. None.
- 8. Other Business
 - 1. Mr. Davis asked if there is a policy for the high schools to borrow equipment to help get their fields in safe condition. Ms. Muñoz-Blanco suggested he reach out to Forrest Jones.
- b. Adjournment
 - i. The meeting ended at 6:26pm.