

GSCAC Meeting Minutes

May 17,2024

Attendance: Sharon Verity, John Bigliardi, Ernestine Durham, Tony DeRico, Ernestine Ledbetter, Jo Cicci

Council Members: Kathy Behringer and Elmo Vance

Town Staff: Todd Riddick, Megan Young, Erica Arrington, Torrey Blackmar

Guest: Joan Jackson (approved for committee appointment 7/1/2024)

Call to Order: Tony DeRico, Chairperson called to order at 9:05am

Approval of Minutes- Approved with corrections.

Resources For Seniors Update: Jennifer Murray, Service Coordinator

There is no news about the publication of the Wake County Directory of Resources. Citizens are asked to contact RFS directly for assistance, utilize the RFS website or talk to Jennifer regarding any specific requests. RFS Service coordinators will become Certified Options Counselors. Staff is being trained on I CAROL. This is the platform to track inquiries for Medicare calls, housing, legal, prescriptions, in home aid, housing and home improvement.

PRCR Committee Report- Jo Cicci, Committee Liaison

The committee was taken on a tour of all of the parks and planned park development sites. Playground structures are being replaced at two playgrounds using "Pennies for Parks" funding. Updates given on park projects.

Review of Open House:

It was agreed that the open house did not produce the feedback we had hoped for. It wasn't well attended. We only collected 15 surveys during the event. It is likely that the major road construction in front of our entrances may have affected attendance. This did kick off the 2-3 week in-house evaluation period, where staff will distribute surveys to participants.

Town Council Report- Kathy Behringer

Council will be conducting budget workdays to review the proposed budget. Ms. Behringer discussed the importance of the work taking place on Garner Rd to replace old sewer and waterlines. Although it is a long process, lasting until the end of the summer, it is much needed and long overdue. Asks that we remain patient with the project.

Todd Riddick, Youth and Athletics Superintendent announced that he has taken a position with Clayton as Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Elmo Vance, attended the meeting to discuss council selections for GSCAC to appoint new committee members. He wanted to attend the meeting to get a feel for appropriate candidates.

Old Business:

Erica Arrington reviewed monthly reports and program numbers.

Announcements/ Concerns:

Committee chair Tony DeRico recommended that the committee host a community cookout at one of the parks. They decided that they would like to offer a free event offering food and drinks and an opportunity to 'meet and greet' committee members about concerns or wishes older adults in the community. Suggested to do this at Lake Benson. Day and time discussed: September 19, 11am-1pm. Discussion will be added to the July committee agenda.

John Bigliardi was acknowledged for his service to the committee. He will not seek reappointment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am

Respectfully submitted: Torrey Blackmar, staff (Approved 7/19/24)