



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 15th, 2024

Call to order:

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held on May 15th, 2024, at the Belle Johnston Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Christine Turner and seconded by Lorraine Haynes.

Attendees

Matthew Jakubowski (Staff)	Randy Brantley	Yvette Isaacs
Erin Hamilton (Staff)	James Dinkler	Stacy Shatterly
Christine Turner (Chair)	Lorraine Haynes	Amy Smith

Public Comment: None

New Business

Approval of minutes:

- i. Christine made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29th, 2024 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Yvette Isaacs, ayes by all.

Director Updates:

- i. McCullough Greenway: The bridge will hopefully be delivered in the next 8-10 days. We are currently ahead of schedule. They put gravel down and the boardwalk will be here soon. The weather has been a bit of a delay but still ahead of schedule.
- ii. Fitness Court: Construction starts May 20th. The board voted on the back wall design that Matt had emailed to them. Design D received the most votes. We hope it will be done in 3 weeks so hopefully finished by June 6th. They will pour concrete and install the court.
- iii. Playground Pour-N-Play Construction: Pour-N-Play started the week of May 6th. All the mulch has been removed for the two playgrounds receiving the pour-n-play. The barriers and pour-n-play will be installed next. We hope it will be finished in two weeks. Town Council approved this Federal Covid money (200K) which must be used for infrastructure.
- iv. Pollinator Garden: Christine Turner's (Chair) daughter, Mabel, created a project at the Belle Johnston Center. She has planted several plants that are all pollinators. Mabel did a presentation in front of Mattew and then her and her mom planted them behind the Belle Johnston Community Center. Hopefully the garden continues to grow. Christine asked if we could relocate a fig tree from her neighbor. Matt is going to confer with Scott to see if we relocate and plant at the center.
- v. Covid Money Discussion: There is 505K left of Federal covid-19 money. Ryan has presented Town Council with I several different options for the funds. The Cone mill site is an option, pour-n-play more playgrounds, or construct a brand-new playground beside the medium shelter. Matt recommended building this new playground since there are not any on that side of the park. Matt

also recommends continuing the pour-n-play with the current playgrounds. Whichever items that are not chosen, Matt plans to put in next year's budget as capital projects.

- Randy asked what would be the dimensions of the new playground? Matt isn't sure but we could match the splash pad with colors and features.
 - Lorraine asked about outdoor pickleball courts. Ryan doesn't want the courts anymore because of the threat of the sound of pickleballs. Apparently, many HOAs complain about the sound of pickleball play. Also, Lorraine asked about bringing in shade structures for people to sit under, maybe behind the center in the open grass.
 - Randy asked about building another shelter. Matt believes the need for a playground is greater than another shelter. It could cause more parking issues with not adding more parking.
 - An outdoor Basketball court was recommended by some board members.
 - Yvette says if we can only choose one option, she would vote for playground pour-n-play since the other playgrounds are still not ADA compliant with the mulch.
 - Amy asked about using the stage for some seating and shade for people to relax under instead of building a new shelter.
- vi. August Board Meeting Discussion: Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation Commission will be hosting their quarterly Southern Towns meeting at the Belle Johnston Center on August 14th. These towns in Mint Hill, Matthews, and Pineville. We would like the Pineville PPRAB to attend. The Commission will run the meeting. Our board will be able to ask questions about future projects, land acquisition and other topics. We are the only municipality that doesn't have a Mecklenburg County funded park. Because of the commission meeting we will move our 3rd meeting to September 11th.
- vii. Athletic Recap:
- Youth Spring Soccer: registration finished with 323 players and 33 teams. I had 70 more players than spring 2023. The season was a success despite all the rain we had.
 - Adult Basketball registration ended with 5 teams. The season will wrap up next week.
 - The Park Maintenance staff cleared out more land at Jack Hughes for parking.

PPRAB Vacancies and Appointments:

- i. The PPRAB currently has 9 of 9 positions filled! The board is currently at full membership.

PPRAB Member Reports

- i. Community Engagements:
- ii. Resident concerns/suggestions:

Park and Recreation Department: Upcoming Events/Programs

- i. Rock'N & Reel'N Lineup: We handed out the lineup with dates and bands/movies.
- ii. Charlotte Symphony: will be on Thursday, June 27th with fireworks following the performance.
- iii. Summer Camp: starts on June 17th for eight weeks. We have been full since the 2nd week of February.
- iv. Fall Fest: Save the dates – October 17-19.

Old Business - None

Open Discussion/Suggestions/Future Initiatives

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Schedule of Upcoming PPRAB Meetings: Next Meetings: September 11th, November 13th

Adjourn – Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.



SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

Pineville Arts in the Park

Saturday, May 18th 10:00a-6:00p (Vendor set-up 7a-9a)

Rockn' & Reeln' Movie and Concert Series

Friday, June 14th: Captain Mike & The Shipwrecked

Friday, June 21st: Barbie Movie

Thursday, June 27th: Charlotte Symphony & Fireworks

Pre-show: 5:30p – 7:30p; Symphony Performance: Warm up 8; Show: 8:30p

Friday, July 12th: Bourbon Sons

Friday, July 19th: Mario Brothers Movie

Friday, August 9th: Slippery When Wet

Friday, August 16th: Top Gun: Maverick Movie

Music on Main All Acoustic shows are on THURSDAY'S 6:00pm – 8:00pm

September 5th

September 12th

September 19th

September 26th

October 3rd

October 10th

Fall Fest

Thursday, October 17th (6p-10p)

Friday, October 18th (6p-10p)

Saturday, October 19th (10a-10p – Fireworks at 10:00pm)

Entertainment schedule TBD