



Parks Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Lawton Park 716 Prestwood Drive

Members Present: Tru Lawton, Nancy McGee, David McFarland

Members Absent: Julia Kilmer, Rose Williams

Staff Present: Craig Goodman, Beth Tripp, Jessica Cohen

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4 80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AND DULY POSTED AT COACH TB THOMAS SPORTS CENTER, 701 WEST WASHINGTON STREET.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Board Chair Nancy McGee.

MINUTES

MOTION TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS AUGUST 11, NOVEMBER 3, AND DECEMBER 6— Approved

Motion: David McFarland; Second: Tru Lawton

Parks & Recreation

The TB Thomas gymnasium will be the home location for Florence Wildcats, a semi-pro basketball team for their 2017 season. Will have information soon on kayak demonstrations, Be Outside initiative, and a men's basketball league. Developing an outreach program at the Boys & Girls club to offer programming. A new 4H Club will begin in March at Coach TB Thomas Sports Center and offer the year round program for youth ages 5-19. The adult co-ed kickball league will begin March 6 and all games played at Byerly Park. The Streets & Grounds department is now supervised by Craig Goodman.

Burly Park

Pull up bars will be installed later this month. The 2017 Screen on the Green dates are May 27, June 10, July 8, July 22, and August 5.

Byerly Park

Received Byerly Park grant for a new playground. USTA tennis is hosting matches at Byerly Park. Nancy McGee asked if the courts could have a message board to announce court reservations and promote other City programs. Craig Goodman will look into prices. Wilson & Associates is in the middle of a multi-phase project of improving the turf at Byerly Park. The topdressing and aeration is complete. Have ordered four batting cages for Byerly Park.

Piratesville

Committee is excited for the additions to Piratesville that will target older children. Expressed concern that the proposed design has one entrance and the younger children at Piratesville will have older children coming into the Splash Pad. Committee members are pleased the affordability of Piratesville can accommodate many families in our community but with the new additions, worried a single price for both areas, may exclude some families.

Lawton Park

There were twenty rentals this quarter. Caterers are pleased with the new commercial grade food warmer. An Eagle Scout wants to build a kayak/canoe ramp at Lawton for his service project and David Wilkes will be working with him.

Meeting was adjourned without objection at 11:35 a.m.