



GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 13 at 5:00 pm
Griffin Recreation Center

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Chair ChesKesha Cunningham Dockery, Scott Neely, Anthony Izzard, Blake Odum, Robert Nudelman, Sue Henshall

STAFF PRESENT

Phil Fleischmann, Kobe Riley, Shawna Tillery, Charles Jackson, Haley Wilson, Chamreece Diggs, Gail Scott, Lindsey Lee, MJ Hines, Douglas Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Rachel Nielson. Project Manager for CPL

WELCOME

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:06 pm by Chair Emily Linden. Douglas Williams, welcomed those attending to Griffin Recreation Center.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes from the August Commission Meeting- Commissioner Izzard made a motion to approve the August Commission meeting minutes and Commissioner Crawford seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

RECOGNITIONS

- A. Recognitions- Phil Fleischmann, Director, recognized the City's Special Events team coming back under the Parks and Recreation Department. This team consists of William Brown, Right of Way Management Division Manager, Jacob Apple
- B. Charles Jackson, Community Recreation Services Division Manager, recognized Khalil Chapman on his promotion to Craft Recreation Center Supervisor. Khalil is responsible for the daily operations and programming over Craft Recreation Center and his first official day in his new role was July 26th.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Parks and Recreation Online Registration; User Experience and Data- Kali Griggs, System Support Specialist, gave a staff report on Parks and Recreation Online Registration; User Experience and Data. An updated on-line user interface was published on January 1, 2020, helping to increase patron engagement with the site and re-shape how we receive enrollments. The report outlined user's on-line experience and dove into relative data from FY 22-23. The role of Systems Support Specialist supports the software applications and technology used throughout the department. Roles include technology leadership on common and specialized projects, associated policies and procedures, training development, data analysis, and IT liaison.
- B. Community Engagement Update- Jennifer Hance, Community Engagement Coordinator, reviewed data results from a Parks and Recreation Engagement Survey that was taken in 2022 and compared the results with a similar survey given in 2018 so that the department can best understand the trends, needs, and wants of our community.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Phil Fleischmann listed out upcoming programs and events.

Events worth note:

Gillespie Golf Course will be awarded a NC Civil Rights Trail Marker on Wednesday August 23rd. This marker is to signify and honor the Greensboro Six (Phillip Cooke, Samuel Murray, Elijah Herring, Joseph Studivent, Dr. George Simkins and Leon Wolfe) a group of black men who were arrested for trespassing after they played at a whites-only Gillespie Golf Course in 1955. This dedication was made possible by the NC African American Heritage Commission and the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Back to School events will be held including the Family Fun Day Carnival at Lewis Recreation Center and the Back to School Block Party at Brown Recreation Center.

Smith Active Adult Center will be celebrating serving Greensboro's for 25 years on August 31st with an Open House.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Izzard: Thanked staff for a great summer and their continued hard work

Neeley: Thought seeing community feedback from the survey was very enlightening

Odum: Stated how important it is that processes are being put in place to look at needs in the community, and that is important for Commissioners to stay involved, an example being the Aquatics Master Plan.

Henshall:

Nudelman: Commented on

Cunningham-Dockery: Thanked staff for a busy and successful summer as it is coming to close.

With no further business, Commission Vice Chair Cunningham-Dockery adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Haley Wilson, Executive Assistant

Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department