



## RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

June 28, 2010

**Members Present:** David Jerosé, LaCusia Green, Alicia Knowles, Doug Scott, Sandy Thomason, Lisa Curran, Tom Parmelee, Jim Thompson, and Tom Hodges.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Margaret Stinnett.

**Staff Present:** Susan Simpson

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sandy Thomason called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### MINUTES

**ACTION:** David Jerosé made a motion to approve the minutes. Alicia Knowles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **ITEMS FOR AGENDA FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

LaCusia Green asked that we add an item under New Business. The item has to do with her resignation from the board. It will be item 7.a.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Simpson gave an athletic update. Summer leagues of baseball and softball are coming to a close. Registration for the fall baseball and softball program is complete. A final number of participants will be available at the July meeting. Eighteen teams have registered for fall adult softball leagues. Those will get underway mid-July and early August. Swim lessons are also underway at the pool. Four sessions will be offered through the summer and the first one has 112 youngsters.

Director Simpson reported on the programs since our last meeting. Twelve classes have been offered with 112 participants. Thirteen summer camps have taken place with 122 youngsters involved in arts, sports, and other camps. The department hosted one special event, a concert in the park, with 272 enjoying the music. Ms. Simpson mentioned that because the temperature was high on the concert day that the sound guy moved the band and the patrons to under the pecan grove out of the sun. This worked great and may be done again for the August concert.

Maintenance crews have been working on the three soccer fields at Smith Creek. Aeration, seeding and fertilization is complete. The fields are closed for the summer months. Multi-purpose field # 1 has been seeded at Heritage High School. Mowing and fixing of fields continue for various leagues.

The attendance at the Flaherty Park Community Center for May was 2588.

It was mentioned by David Jerosé about fixing an area under the trees near the bathrooms at E. Carroll Joyner Park for patrons to sit during concerts in hot temperatures. Ms. Simpson stated that she would look at the area.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The first item of business was a tennis update from David Jerosé. He mentioned new leagues were forming for the fall and several teams were going to the State playoffs with USTA. Lisa Curran asked about tennis camps for the summer. Director Simpson mentioned that the Town offered a camp two weeks before with good attendance. Mr. Jerosé said that he was not sure if the Association offered any camps.

The next item of business was a follow-up discussion of the Technology Free weekend that the board would like to host. Sandy Thomason gave a recap of the sub-committee meetings. All the groups met and a number of activities were mentioned for the weekend. Several groups asked about a budget and about getting sponsorships. Ms. Simpson mentioned that no money was budgeted for an event, since this came up after the budget process. If money is needed for any activity, then sponsorships will need to be acquired. Sandy Thomason came up with a last part to our potential theme: "Wake Forest Unplugged ..... Get Connected." She asked if the group was OK with that name. All members thought it was good. She talked about a brochure for the event with date, purpose, and activities/ideas for getting away from the technology. Several members asked if the Greenway board would want to participate. Ms. Simpson will check and see if they are interested. Ms. Thomason mentioned that she had followed up with Bill Crabtree and he will help get the word out through the papers, flyers, brochure, and any other means available. He will also help with the pledge form. Several members asked about using July's meeting as a work session. The group agreed and moved the date up one week to July 19. Ms. Simpson will check on the availability of Flaherty or the new Town Hall.

The last item of business was a brief discussion of the CBM Forum. The following members indicated that they would like to attend: Tom Hodges, David Jerosé, Tom Parmelee, Jim Thompson, and Susan Simpson. Ms. Simpson will check with Commissioner Stinnett to see if she is interested in going again this year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of business was the resignation of LaCusia Green. Ms. Green told the board that her husband would be working in Denmark for a year and that the family would be moving there in late July. She said that she had thoroughly enjoyed working with the board and hoped to get re-appointed when she returns.

Ms. Simpson suggested that the board vote on the change in the July meeting date. Tom Hodges made a motion to move the July meeting to the 19<sup>th</sup> and make it a work session for the "Wake Forest Unplugged..." event. Tom Parmelee seconded the motion which carried 8-1.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Susan Simpson, Secretary

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Sandy Thomason, Chairperson