



The Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met at the Administrative Office Building, 5641 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte, NC at 6 p.m.

PRC MINUTES
August 14, 2012

ATTENDANCE

PRC Present:

Rob Brisley, Chair
Kendel Bryant, Vice-Chair
Elaine Powell, Executive Secretary
Jim Garges, Park and Recreation Director (*Proxy: Kirschman*)
Ed Barnhart
Doug Burnett
Brenda McMoore
Charlie McRee
Norman Mitchell
Joe Pata
Sheryl Smith
Jeff Tarte

PRC Absent:

Kristen Shaben

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Rob Brisley, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance and introductions of each commissioner.

Welcome and Introductions:

Lola Massad, Community and Recreation Center Services Division Director introduced and welcomed Michael Daly, Facility Manager II, with **Community and Recreation Center Services - Youth Athletics Programs**. Michael Daly introduced key CRCS Youth Athletics Programs staff, which included introducing MCPRD staff Bryan Joyner, Marquisha Clayburn, and Anthony James. Michael Daly also introduced the CRCS youth citizen participants in the **2012 Hershey Track and Field Games**. A brief presentation and acknowledgements were provided for the Hershey Track and Field Games participants, who were recognized and congratulated individually by the Park and Recreation Commission members.

James Alsop, Enterprise Services Division Director introduced members of the **Golf Advisory Council**. In attendance and recognized were GAC members Hong Liang, Dennis Dixon, Everett

Taylor, Dennis Shanahan, Raymond Canteay, Marvin Pond, Samuel Lomax, Carol Clarke, Richard Van Dyke, Chris Eichstaedt, Mike Nedrow, Mike Pilo and Bob Reardon.

Proclamations and Awards: None

Public Appearance - None

Program Presentation --:

Enterprise Services Division

Chair Rob Brisley **recognized** MCPRD Enterprise Services Division Director James Alsop, who serves as the Park and Recreation **Senior Leadership Team Liaison** for the Park and Recreation Commission – **Golf Advisory Council**. James Alsop provided a **Special Facility Projects** update on MCPRD Public Golf courses. The overview included Public Golf course usage, facility management challenges and opportunities, and upcoming capital funds use. A brief update was also provided on the reconstructive efforts at American Legion Memorial Stadium.

Questions and answers followed from the Commissioners.

Reference Documents:

[4a.1](#) Enterprise Services Division – Special Facility Projects Presentation

Commissioner Powell, **requested** to know the role of **Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA)** in maintaining golf courses on old landfills in regards to settling and methane control. James Alsop

Commissioner Smith **requested** and a brief definition of **Golf Etiquette** as it related to the new program mentioned by the same name.

Deputy Director Kirschman and Commissioner Barnhart **commended** the **Golf Advisory Council** members on their input and participation in providing key citizen input as it related to Public Golf Courses.

Commissioner Barnhart specifically **acknowledged** the **Cadillac Golf Ranch** facility and its pleasurable atmosphere as a hidden gem.

Chair Rob Brisley **requested** information on any **event constraints at American Legion Memorial Stadium** due to construction; Chair Brisley also requested information on **sponsorship and naming rights** plans to facilitate the renovation of the Grady Cole Center. James Alsop indicated that CMS High School football games had resumed and were scheduled into September. Additionally, the construction is nearing the closure date for Phase 1 or the sites reconstruction. Per James, weather permitting the reconstruction efforts will go gently over into the Spring. MCPRD Enterprise Services is currently seeking funding to replace field lights (for field and light safety)

Appointments –Advisory Councils – Applicants

Greenway: Motion was made by Commissioner Pata to appoint **Mark Loftin (SPD South), **Kevin Walsh** (NPD North) and **Dick Winters** (SPD East) to a second term on the Greenway Advisory Council, expiring 6/2015, which was seconded and approved unanimously.**

Greenway: Motion was made by Commissioner Pata to appoint **Aubin Guinness (North)** to an unexpired term on the Greenway Advisory Council, expiring 6/2015, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Stewardship: Motion was made by Commissioner Powell to appoint **Alisha Roberts** to an unexpired term on the Stewardship Advisory Council, expiring 6/2015, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Golf Advisory Council Chair: Motion was made by Chairman Rob Brisley to accept the recommendation for appointment of Commissioner Norman Mitchell, Sr. to the vacant position of PRC Liaison Chair of the Golf Advisory Council. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Park and Recreation Deputy Director Michael Kirschman, proxy for Jim Garges, provided the Park and Recreation Commission with a summary presentation on Crime in Parks, as requested by Mecklenburg County Commissioner Harold Cogdell as part of the August 14, 2012 BOCC Meeting Agenda – Commissioner Reports.

Questions and answers followed from the Commissioners.

Reference Documents:

8.1 Crime In Parks Presentation

Chairman Rob Brisley **inquired** whether **appropriate signage to indicate closed circuit monitoring** was in use at parks where this technology is implored. Deputy Kirschman replied that is was.

Commissioner Smith **requested** information on established CMPD priority during the DNC and how it may impact safety in parks. Deputy Kirschman advised the PRC to defer their questions to Peter Cook who would likely answer them in his DNC presentation.

Commissioner Barnhart **requested** any information relating to Greenways as it relates to answering concerns and discussions on crime and home values for current and future greenway plans. Commissioner Barnhart advocated that crime data will be important in providing support for greenways and their future development. Deputy Kirschman suggestion that all PRC members access the Park Region Manager, who can be leveraged to provide presentations and information to address citizen concerns.

Park and Recreation Deputy Director Michael Kirschman, advised the Park and Recreation Commission of the August 20, 2012 “Community Conversation” on Whittington Field at Freedom Park.

Reference Documents:

8.2 Commission Action Item to Dissolve the Therapeutic Recreation Advisory Council

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnhart that following the Whittington Field Community Conversation on August 20, 2012, that a motion and vote be made by the Central

Park Advisory Council to either approve or disapprove the plans, so that the Park and Recreation Commission can move on the item if they choose in September. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.

At the request of the Director, Peter Cook, Park Superintendent provided a brief update on the DNC planning and staff and resource contribution from MCPRD.

PRC Chair Report/Commissioner Updates

Chairman Rob Brisley requests the following items be given attention and/or response:

- PRC website on Charmeck.org updated
- Nametags ordered for the PRC members
- Annual information relating to revenue from the Film Industry and their use of parks and facilities to support advocacy.

Chairman Rob Brisley **acknowledged** the **2012 Disc Golf Tournament** and the work of MCPRD staff in hosting this nationwide tournament.

Consent Items:

(10) ***Motion was made** by Commissioner Smith to approve the June 12, 2012 PRC Minutes. This motion was seconded by Commissioner McCree and approved unanimously.*

(11) *Dissolution of the Therapeutic Recreation Advisory Council*

Lola Massad, Division Director for Community Recreation Center Services presented the request for PRC Action on the request to dissolve the Therapeutic Recreation Advisory Council.

***Motion was made** by Commissioner Powell to dissolve the Therapeutic Recreation Advisory Council with the following opportunities for citizen input: at least one yearly event/forum, highlighted feedback link. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.*

Staff Reports and Requests

None

PRC Reports and Requests

***Motion was made** by Commissioner McCree to reappoint **Commissioner Rob Brisley** (Chairman), **Commissioner Kendal Bryant** (Vice-Chair) and **Commissioner Elaine Powell** (Executive Secretary) as the PRC Executive Team Members, which was seconded by Commissioners Mitchell and Barnhart and approved unanimously.*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.