

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
May 18, 2009

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the Village of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, met at the Village Office at 4107 New Town Road.

PRESENT: Sondra Bradford, Julie Brown, Mike Giaimo, Marnie Holland, John Lepke, Pat Utley

OTHERS PRESENT: Joshua Langen, Greg Miller

TIME CONVENED: Sondra Bradford called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of Agenda. Sondra Bradford stated that the Minutes of the Committee's meeting on April 20, 2009 were not yet available for review; therefore, the Agenda should be modified to reflect the deletion of Item 2 on the Agenda. A motion to approve the Agenda as amended was adopted unanimously.
2. Approve Minutes from April 20, 2009. This item was withdrawn from the Agenda as noted above. The Minutes will be approved at the next meeting of the Committee.
3. Presentation by Zoning Administrator on Progress of Downtown Committee. Joshua Langen reported that the Village's Downtown Committee has been meeting regularly, with the Committee members' first priority being to determine their true "mission" on behalf of the Village. He distributed and reviewed a "boundary map" upon which the Downtown Committee had identified areas (labeled I, II, III, IV and V) to focus upon for long-term planning purposes, a copy of which is included with these Minutes for additional reference. Mr. Langen presented six (6) diagrams he had prepared with various scenarios typical of a core downtown area including a park; open space; access paths; civic uses; townhomes, condominiums and patio homes; a senior/retirement facility; and a light office/medical campus. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding each diagram's relation to long-term issues such as zoning and planning ordinances that would render them compatible with the Village's master plan and citizen input. It was agreed that a joint meeting between members of the Downtown Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee should be pursued in the near future.
4. Update on Survey Results to Date. John Lepke reported that 334 surveys have been returned thus far, which is a good response rate for the amount of time that has passed since they were mailed with the Village's spring newsletter. However, Mr. Lepke expressed concern that no surveys have been received from citizens under 20 years old, which represents 30% of the Village's population and is an important factor when trying to balance the data appropriately. He reviewed drafts of charts and graphs he had processed and said that the preliminary data is "making sense" when compared to information received from the Village's master plan processes over the past two years. Some of the criteria being analyzed include gender, ethnicity, family size, subdivision/non-subdivision, travel to recreation and fitness/gym facilities outside of the Village, cultural events, park amenities, preferred location of parks, pedestrian/bike access, environmental/travel factors, and buy-

a-brick/memorial programs. Mr. Lepke suggested that the Committee needs to establish a final deadline for receiving citizen input on the surveys so all data presentations for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan can be completed in a reasonable time period.

5. Discussion on Youth Surveys. Julie Brown reported that she has communicated with William Breedlove, the Principal of Weddington High School, and that Mr. Breedlove pledged 100% support for assisting with the Village's survey by preparing a distribution method to students at the school according to the Committee's directives. After a short discussion, the Committee determined that 150 students should be surveyed, and Mrs. Brown agreed to work with Mr. Breedlove to ensure a representative sample of students would participate in the survey from various grade levels and geographic/social backgrounds.
6. Update on Properties Under Consideration. The Committee members discussed numerous aspects of local properties being considered for Parks & Recreation initiatives, including the Keels/Price property, the Rogers property, Dogwood Acres, the Wesley Chapel Swim Club, and the Billy Howey Road property. Committee members were assigned certain tasks to accomplish so the properties can be further evaluated with regard to location, specific uses, maintenance costs, legal issues and any other items that will have a bearing on the Village Council's consideration of the Committee's recommendations.
7. Next Steps. Sondra Bradford introduced Greg Miller, who has an interest in joining the Committee, and stated that Mr. Miller is a very accomplished architect whose work has been featured in Better Homes & Gardens and other trade magazines. The Committee members expressed their enthusiasm for having someone of Mr. Miller's background and expertise to join the Committee. It was noted that Mr. Miller's application will be submitted to the Village Council for approval. Finally, Mrs. Bradford requested that each Committee member continue to work on his/her assignments related to the "Parks and Recreation Master Plan" so the document can be finalized as soon as possible after the survey data analysis has been completed by Mr. Lepke.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. by Sondra Bradford. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Wesley Chapel Village Office on New Town Road.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Julie D. Brown, Acting Secretary for the Committee

Approved by:

Sondra Bradford, Village Council Member