

Wesley Chapel Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2009

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Wesley Chapel Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:05 on 4/20/09 in Wesley Chapel Town Hall by Sondra Bradford.

Present:

Sondra Bradford, Mike Giaimo, Marnie Holland, Julie Brown, John Lepke, Patricia Utley

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 3/16/09 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Discuss Presentation/Graphs of survey results

- Surveys have been mailed and results expected any day. John has the action of compiling the data and his survey tool has tremendous functionality with the ability to slice/present the data in many ways. The discussion was focused on the purpose of the survey. Since it is to show need for parks and recreation facilities, presentation of the data should begin with the responses to a prioritized list or "top 10" criteria identified. Such as:
 - What are the demographics of residents surveyed
 - What are desired amenities for the parks
 - How much money is being used outside of Wesley chapel for recreation?
 - What is the Green/Environmental impact of keeping residents local for recreation?
 - Julie identified the importance of feedback from teens (she further suggested an also reach out to churches and youth ministries. Home owner association events are also an option

D. Report on Wesley Chapel Swim club

- Julie and Mike provided a report on their visit to the Wesley Chapel Swim club. Julie provided pictures and overall description of property and existing membership operations. It consists of 10 acres with pool, tennis and basketball courts. The nearby Houston family home was also described and whether or not there is any historical significance. It was agreed by the committee that additional research was needed on how the membership is governed and John agreed to take the action.

E. Report on Indian Trail parks and recreation public meeting

- Not much new or unique information was provided during the session. Indian trail does not have a parks and recreation plan available as this time

F. New business

- Dog Parks – Julie provided the committee with the results of her research on area dog parks (Mecklenburg county) Key observations included necessary things to consider. For example:
 - Rules – such as no children under 12 allowed
 - Access (Davies park has a very steep hill)
 - Animal waste disposal
 - Availability of clean water
 - Rest rooms
 - Shelter/shade/seating
 - Maintenance such as mowing
 - Smoke free
 - Ordinances
- Property under consideration (Sondra Bradford)
 - 22 acre property on Lester Davis and 84 - 1.8 million (2.2 million county tax value). It includes a 4600 square foot home. It warrants further investigation as the area is attractive as a “natural recreation setting”. Sondra to contact the owners and arrange for herself, Marnie, and John to walk the property. Possible next steps

would be to contact the Catawba land conservancy for additional guidance and meet with an attorney.

- o Additional property next to Price Mill pond potential donation - 4.35 acres / 600k.

G. Status on Parks and Recreation Plan

- Work activities continue with the expectation survey results will provide key feedback necessary to move forward with plan development. Sondra to reach out to Joshua regarding budgeting and costing for amenities.

H. Agenda for Next Meeting

Discuss Survey results

Update on properties under consideration

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm by Sondra Bradford. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on 5/18/09 the Wesley Chapel Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Patricia Utley

Approved by:
