

Village of Wesley Chapel Parks and Recreation committee meeting
March 15, 2010
Wesley Chapel Town Hall,
4107 New Town Rd, Wesley Chapel, NC. 28173

Committee members present: Mike Giaimo, Greg Miller, Julie Brown, Patricia Utlely

Committee members absent: Marnie Holland, John Lepke, Elaine Rossof

Others present: Councilwoman Sondra Bradford, Diana Bowler, Carol Mullis

- Meeting called to order at 7:20 by Sondra Bradford
- Additions to agenda:
 - Item 3 b. Discuss fall festival
 - Item 12 b. Ordinance updates
 - Item 13 b. Trash in the area
- Agenda unanimously adopted
- Minutes from February 15, 2010 approved
- Thank you note to Aston properties circulated for committee member signature
- Diana Bowler initiated fall festival discussion with review of the following:
 - Dates (after review of surrounding community events)
 - October 2, 2010 is free of conflicts
 - Themes were discussed
 - Fall /Harvest
 - Civic (continue tradition of Wesley chapel 10 year anniversary celebration)
 - Arts
 - Heritage
 - Budget considerations
 - Diana looked into Tent, table, chair rentals and obtained some sample pricing. A review of 10 year celebration will serve as a baseline.
 - Mike volunteered to assist and look into other vendors for additional pricing information
 - Festival project oversight
 - Sondra will approach council on Thursday for clarification on festival oversight
 - Parks and Recreation / subcommittee oversight
 - Alternative committee to manage
 - Resources (minimum of 2, preference of 4 volunteers) for following categories:
 - Program (vendors)
 - Sponsorships
 - Logistics (including legal) and operations
 - Marketing
 - Mike and Sondra each volunteered for Program and Logistics respectively
 - Activity ideas discussed include:
 - Possible gospel singing competition
 - Bluegrass music
 - Baked goods competition
- Roger Reynolds provided pictures of an example playground in Winter Park Fl. That his children and other enjoyed. Committee members commented on amenities, surface beneath as well as park equipment.

- Page Price park, Swim club, and Dogwood updates:
 - Page Price park
 - 3 different engineers scheduled to look at the Dam on Thursday at 1:30 with DENR.
 - It may be possible to have data in as little as 4 weeks
 - The dam has been classified as high risk since 2003
 - Determination will need to be made based upon findings
 - Where is the liability
 - What will the village need to do to mitigate in the event of a breach
 - Disaster plan also discussed
 - Dogwood Acres
 - Council looked at property again after ADVANCE.
 - Swim club
 - No further updates have been received from the swim club management so the P&R committee members agreed to shift focus on other projects in the meantime
- ADVANCE update:
 - A list of priorities for P&R focus suggested:
 - Public safety
 - Page price park progress
 - New town hall
 - Land acquisitions / connectivity and relationships to master plan
- 2010 – 2011 Budget
 - Discussions to begin with P&R committee list of requirements
- Build a Brick:
 - Sondra requested committee members to research different fundraising concepts for next meeting
- Houston House update and discussion:
 - Julie provided results of research she has done on the house to date
 - Previous owners
 - Historical significance
 - Andrew Jackson stayed at the house
 - Aaron Burr
 - Julie also recapped discussions with contractor regarding moving the house and estimated renovation inside and out.
 - Sondra pointed out that council needs to understand the project and its objectives as a whole before they will approve funding to move the house
 - Immediate/ short term requirements for saving the house - move it from the church property to Page Price Park. Focus has been to establish timeline requirements and what will be necessary to move the house.
 - Key dependencies on move:
 - Taking legal possession of Page Price property
 - Site preparation - Establishing the proper position/ correct elevation / grading etc

- Determine moving costs and timeline (landscape is dryer in the summer and better suited for move)
 - Committee members agreed upon the importance of community interest for saving the house. Preliminary research by Julie suggests it will be positive. Julie has scheduled an interview with the Union county news paper to feature the House and saving it. She has invited the church to participate. Julie has taken the action to work with the church to get more time for the P&R committee to work the plan
 - Additional community awareness ideas suggested by Julie:
 - Creative pursuit – ex. “This Old House” documentary on moving a house
 - Starting a blog
- Sondra motioned for agenda items 10 – 13 be deferred until April meeting due to time constraints
- Red Box update:
 - Julie located 6 sheds at Lowes
 - Aston property has not been leveled and seeded yet
 - Julie has received permission from Amherst NY parks and rec to use them as a model (schedules, activities, employment applications, etc)
 - Julie found a company and provided example background check information obtained for approx \$3.75 per applicant
- Meeting concluded at 10:15 pm