

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

## **June 15, 2022**

Call to order, Davina

### Draft Comprehensive Plan

The vote will be delayed till the end of June or early July due to there not being a quorum. Once done, it will go to Council on 8/2 followed by plan adoption on 8/16.

### New Staff

Mary Toffolon, Special Events Supervisor started in May of this year.

Sally Thigpen, Assistant Director will start on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming events/programs

The Juneteenth events will include an Urban Hike on 6/16 starting at MLK Center from 10am-11:30am. There will be a Sorority and Fraternity Step Show on 6/17 at the center. Also, a Juneteenth Festival will be held on 6/18 from 12-6pm at the MLK Center.

There will be a young driver/cyclist program held at Halyburton Park on 6/26 from 2:45pm-5pm.

July is Parks and Recreation month. The department will be having a social media campaign featuring our mascot “Honey” the Queen and her worker Bees. They will be placed in Maides, Greenfield, Robert Strange and Halyburton parks throughout the month with information pertaining to each park. There will be a contest where park goers can take pictures and post pictures with the bees to be entered into a contest to win prizes.

On 7/9 there will be a ‘Hero’s and Hoops’ event held at the Davis center from 10am-1pm. There will be several local groups including fire and police departments as well as others with activities for the public. The event will finish up with a basketball game between the Fire department and our Parks and Recreation staff.

## Old Business

The Greenfield Park Master Plan public input period will end June 30<sup>th</sup>.

NCino Sports Park. The project will have to be put out to re-bid due to not receiving any contractor bids. The bid opening is scheduled for 6/30.

Olsen Park Phase II. The scope and fee have been negotiated with the on-call consultant. The project kickoff meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

Bradley Creek Kayak Launch negotiations with the on-call consultant is currently taking place to finalize the scope and fee.

The Portia Hines project is hoped to be completed by October.

## New Business

A local investment group has announced they have purchased a USL1 team (soccer) to begin playing in 2024. There is no information yet on where they will play their games.

The recommended FY23 city budget will include 20,000 for the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra from the Civic Development Partnership Program. WSO and city staff are planning Wilmington Pops! for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year. The concert will be held at Live Oak Bank Pavilion. Doors will open at 4pm.

Community Services, Public Services, HR and Comms departments will host a job fair at Legion Stadium on June 29<sup>th</sup> for 9am-12pm to fill many vacant frontline positions.

The landscaped median on Eastwood rd. in front of St Mark's and Autumn Hall has not been accepted by the city from the contractor because punch list items haven't been addressed. The warranty will be voided if the City weeds the property. It is expected that the median will become overgrown and unsightly this summer because of it.

The next advisory board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the MLK Center.