



September 21st, 2022 PRAB Minutes

Attending

Board Members: Shirin Jenkins; Lisa Sullivan; Ingrid Cobi; Terry Smith; Laura Abadom; Will Bordeaux; David Easton

City Staff: Sally Thigpen, Davina Bell; Amy Beatty; Mike Kozlosky; Marie Parker; Jerod Patterson; Margaret Isbell

Call to order-Shirin Jenkins 5:31pm

Approval of June & August 2022 minutes

Updated Board that June minutes were not approved due to not enough Board members being present for quorum. July minutes did not require approval due to special meeting.

Ingrid Cobi- Motion, Lisa Sullivan -Second - All Approved

Approval of August agenda

Lisa Sullivan -Motion, Terry Smith Second - All Approved

WMPO Presentation on Quarter Cent Sales Tax-Presented by Jerod Patterson, CIO

- If approved, Revenue Projections for the Referenda would be 144 million Dollars over 10 years.
- [- TrailsTransitNHC](#)
- Overview of Bikes & Pedestrians- Provide dedicated bike lanes, sidewalk/intersections/crosswalks & trails (potential funding intersections).
- 3 phases -1st phase Downtown to Archie Blue 2nd phase Wallace Park 3rd phase Forest Hills
 - *MPO already has funding designs for phase 1
 - *Also includes Oriole Dr, College Acre, Willshire, Medical Center Dr & Cardinal Dr*
- Wave Transit- Expanding hours of operations, increasing frequency of buses, adding benches/shelter at bus terminals, free youth passes (under 18 years old).
- Rail Realignment- relocating the rail line that crosses outside our busy streets-better connection to bus stops.
- Public Transit Related Funding (Great Opportunity for the local community to raise and contribute a certain portion of dollars this can allow other Federal agencies to contribute a much larger sum of money.

Accessibility for Parks Grant- (need vote of support)-Davina Bell, Recreation Program Manager

- Replace existing playground at Maides Park, universally ground playgrounds with accessibility for all people
- Installation of outdoor fitness equipment



- Replacing shelter behind the gym
- Matching Grant 1-5
- Budgeted at 175k but if awarded significant help would be welcomed and needed
- Letters of support from, Glow Academy, Wilmington Housing Authority, Child Development Ctr, Access to Wilmington, etc.

Lisa Sullivan Motion, Ingrid Corbi – All Approved

Old Business

Greenfield Lake Masterplan update

Consultant delivered 1st version to make updates, timeline next month or two-then a review period to come back to Parks Board

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Currently under review in City Manager's office

Wade Park

Open house with community-talked about vandalism and illegal activities, partnering with Wilmington Police with installing cameras, adding specific signage "see something say something" & vegetation mgmt.

- LifePoint Church Outreach helping community clean up park efforts 2nd & 4th Saturdays

New Business

Vote to appoint Chairperson

Terry Smith nominated for open chairperson

Zach Gilbert Motion to approve, Will Bordeaux Second- All Approved

Staff Notes

- Recognized Davina's positive impact as she steps away from PRAB staff liaison role
- 1 vacancy left for board member
- SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)-prevent idea for next meeting

Meeting was Adjourned at 6:30pm

Zach Gilbert Motion to adjourn, Ingrid Corbi Second – All Approved