



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 18th, 2025, 5:30PM

Skyline Center 929 N. Front St Room 269

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Call to Order Chair: Terry Smith
Vice Chair: Ron Woodruff

Call to order 5:31PM

Staff Liaison: Amy Beatty, Parks & Recreation Director,
Sally Thigpen: Parks & Recreation Assistant Director

Public comment period (3 minutes)
No comments

Approval of May 2025 Minutes

Alexa Fritz motioned to approve the May 2025 minutes, Franklin Boney provided a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Guest staff speakers:
N/A

Old Business

PRAB Annual Plan Workshop- Sally Thigpen

Facilitated exercise for Board members to pick their top three choices for goals that will be accomplished over the next 12 to 24 months. Members picked the top five that are marked below.

- Maximize assets and resources
 - Creating more "Friends of" groups
 - Commercial sponsorships
- 1.) UNCW and CFCC student involvement
- Engage differently
 - Plant giveaways
 - Bike tune up and education
 - Youth representation on the board



2.) Invite all new city council members as guests

- Focus on pathways to the parks like bike lanes and multi-purpose paths
- Connect parks with schools. Invite students to parks near their school, make them more aware, immersed in local park

3.) Riverfront- how can it be used by kids more?

- Greenfield Amphitheater and LOBP free programming for youth and getting youth involved and aware.
- Booth/ Tabeling at concerts by the Parks Board members to share information and raise awareness about P&R programs
- Visit more parks, individually or as a group

4.) Hosting PRAB meetings at park facilities, opportunity to hear more from the public that use the parks.

- NRPA Accreditation

5.) Use news outlets to raise awareness about Parks and Recreation

- Podcast

New Business

Elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

No new nominations were given. Sally Thigpen notified the Board that Terry Smith and Ron Woodruff expressed interest in serving as Chair and Vice Chair again. Terry Smith called for a vote. Board members voted unanimously to re-elect the current Chair, Terry Smith and current Vice Chair, Ronald Woodruff.

Staff Updates

None

Committee Reports

None

Chair's Report

No report

Staff Report

No report



Board Member Round Table

None

Adjournment 6:30pm

David Eason motioned to adjourn, Ingrid Corbi provided a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 20, 5:30PM Skyline Center Room 269

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
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