

TOWN OF GARNER
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
Advisory Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016

1. Date and Time: Pursuant to the Bylaws governing the Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on Monday, January 25 at 6:00 PM.
2. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The committee members present were: Chair, Ms. Sonya Dwyer, Vice-Chair, Pamela Taylor, Ms. Aketa Emptage, Ms. Lisa Sullivan, Ms. Amaka Flynn, Mr. Bob Deaton and Mr. Elmo Vance Staff members present were: Ms. Sonya Shaw (Director of PR&CR), Mr. Rob Smith (Assistant Director of PR&CR), Mr. Marcelle Williams (Recreation Administrative Specialist) and Debbie Dunn (Cultural Arts and Events Manager). Mr. Ken Marshburn (Council Liaison) was also present.
3. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.
4. Approval of the January Meeting Minutes: The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.
5. Petitions and Comments from the Public:
 - None
6. Welcome New Member:
 - Ms. Parks will be representing the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.
7. Committee Members Concerns/Comments:
 - None
8. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee:
 - Discussed events at the Garner Senior Center, including the Christmas Party and Valentine's Day Dance sponsored by Platinum Bike Social Club.

9. Reports/Discussion Items:

- None

A. Department Updates

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B. 2016 Town Holiday Events

- Debbie Dunn, the Cultural Arts and Events Manager, reviewed PRCR events including Light-Up Main, Toys for Little Troops and Miss Garner Queens
- Christmas Parade had a record number of 1,500 participants and over 6,000 in attendance

C. It's Showtime Series

- In celebration of Black History Month, the Jones Family Singers (Bay City, Texas) will be performing
- Garner Showcase of Talent
- The Steel Wheels, an IBMA favorite

D. For Profit Use in the Parks

- Rough draft will be sent to sub-committee members and then brought to the PRCR Advisory Board
- View guidelines for the application and contract

E. Indoor Recreation Center Update

- Awaiting construction documents from consultants
- Operational Plan will be developed in upcoming months

F. Bond Project Update

- Progress has been made on Dog Park # 2 at Lake Benson Park
- Council approved to move forward with the Dog Park #2
- Parking Plan will be the final step to ensure the flow of traffic is convenient
- The Public Works Department will complete the work after relocating other departments from Town Hall

G. Director's Report

- Sneed will make his appearance on Feb. 2, 2016 for Groundhog Day
- Youth Basketball & Volleyball programs are in full swing.
- The Showcase of Talent brings rave reviews from people all

over.

- Fitness Passes are available and all Senior Fitness Classes will be \$20.00 year, which includes attending up to 15 classes a week
- John Rex Endowment has awarded the Town of Garner a mini grant that will help with a comprehensive master plan to include a health across the board perspective
- The master plan will be a requirement for Re-accreditation
- Use wellness component to integrate into various needs

H. Citizen Inbox

- Another For Profit group approached the department to request usage in the Parks

I. Miscellaneous

- CASL-Proposed a fee for the new contract amount
- \$25,000 over the last 10 years at Centennial Park. The Town is looking to increase \$45,000 to offset operations and maintenance
- Reviewing field usage for all field rentals
- The Town received the Big Sweep Award
- The Art Show is available for view at the Garner Performing Arts Center

J. Adjournment

- Committee members unanimously adjourned at 7:10 PM

