

CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION June 1, 2015

Present – Daniel Siler, Will Potter, Susan Barry, Kendra Van Pelt, Lisa Smith, Tamara Sanders, Barbara Cudmore, Ben Kittleson and William Thompson – Commission members, Jacquelyn Gist - Board Liaison, and Anita Jones-McNair – staff.

Called the meeting to order - Siler called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor – Siler called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. There were no speakers or communications from the floor during this meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Siler called for corrections or questions concerning the minutes of the last meeting, 5/4/2015. There were no corrections or questions, therefore the minutes stand as approved.

New Business – Siler called for new business. No new business was presented during this meeting.

Old Business – Siler called for old business. There was a brief conversation about the Books in the Park Program. Tamara will make contact with teachers/students to see if they can create art work and signage for the bins. The commission also discussed the possibility of adding another book bin.

Van Pelt proposed a tutoring program called Blaze. The program includes a partnership with the Literacy Council. The idea includes reading books and coming together to discuss the story lines.

Next the commission discussed feedback from the Martin Luther King Jr. Neighborhood meeting scheduled on May 30th. Feedback from the community included a natural playground including intergenerational components, opportunities for learning, a trail, rain collection barrels, no wetlands, unstructured areas, bathrooms, pavilion, a small pump track for children, bicycle facilities optimized for all youth, less is more theme, respect the wishes of the neighborhoods, have more active amenities in the front, low impact simple path/trail for bikes, strollers and wheel chairs, behind the garden include the bathroom, and playground, other side in the front include small pump track for 2-6, consider bigger space for a pump track in Wilson and/or Anderson Park. Some commission members believe the community felt heard at the meeting. Cudmore would like to see something honoring Martin Luther King Jr at the entrance of the park. Maybe a plaque saying something likeI have a dream, come to park and gaze at the stars and dream.

Based on the discussion, the commission would like to see a design that includes:

- Maximizing tranquility
- Develop active amenities in the front of the park
- Community garden
- Intergenerational natural playground
- Bathroom, trail and multipurpose pavilion
- Rain barrels for the community garden
- Biking facilities optimized for youth
- Limiting parking

Report by Chair and Director – Siler called for reports. Jones-McNair reminded the commissioners volunteers are need for the 4th of July event. She also announced summer camps and other activities begin soon.

Considerations for next and future meetings – Discuss next steps for the Books in the Park Program, tutoring program and Martin Luther King Jr. Park, larger pump track location and presentation from Earth and Sky Discovery Train.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.